



**BMW
Charity Pro-Am**
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Final-Round Leaderboard

Pos.	Name	Scores
1	Michael Arnaud	69-60-65-63—257 (-27)
T2	Kyoung-Hoon Lee	68-66-64-64—262 (-22)
	Robby Shelton	65-63-65-69—262 (-22)
T4	Joseph Bramlett	65-70-66-62—263 (-21)
	Bhavik Patel	66-64-63-70—263 (-21)

Michael Arnaud wins first career Web.com Tour title at BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNEX Corporation

GREENVILLE, S.C. – After posting a course-record-tying 60 in round two at Thornblade Club, Michael Arnaud returned to the host course for the final round of the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNEX Corporation and continued his torrid pace on the Tom Fazio-design, rattling off a 7-under 28 on the front nine en route to an 8-under 63 for a five-stroke win and his first career Web.com Tour victory. His 27-under 257 winning total is the lowest 72-hole mark through 11 events this season. South Korea's Kyoung-Hoon Lee carded a final-round 64 to finish in a tie for second with former University of Alabama standout Robby Shelton, who recorded a 2-under 69 after holding a share of the 54-hole lead.

Beginning the 2018 season with conditional status, Arnaud was making just his second start of the season and was the last man in the field after Kent Bulle withdrew. It turned out to be a career week for the Covington, Louisiana native, who was a combined 19-under in two trips around Thornblade and 15-under on the front nine alone.

"There's a huge relief taken off my shoulders. Just to know that I've accomplished this and won out here," Arnaud said. "It validates the years and the hard work I've put in. A lot of people kept pushing me when I wanted to step away from it. My wife was one of those that told me to take the chance and go. Low and behold it really paid off."

Arnaud, whose friends ironically call him "The BMW" because they think he's the 'Ultimate Driving Machine', began the final round one stroke off the 54-hole lead shared by Shelton and Bhavik Patel but was three ahead as he made the turn thanks to a front-nine 28 that was made up of five birdies and an eagle on the par-5 fifth hole.

"To shoot the scores that I did was just amazing," Arnaud said. "It's kind of hard to explain but I just went with it and kept the pedal down. I tried not to let it creep in, but I have to say once I got off No. 9 at 7-under it was starting to creep in, and I thought 'If I have another 59 watch the Golf Channel is going to have to kick me off the network for a while.'"

Arnaud dropped his first shot of the day at the short par-4 10th hole but was able to take advantage of the back-to-back par 5s with birdies at Nos. 15 and 16 to see his lead swell to five strokes where it remained.

The 36-year-old competed with a heavy heart this week after his aunt passed away just three weeks ago. Following his course-record 60 on Friday, Arnaud mentioned that his aunt was one of his biggest fans.

“People don’t realize how lonely this game can be and it’s great to have a support system,” he said. “The weather has kind of turned but I have a feeling that’s my aunt who just passed away two weeks ago. I have a feeling she’s celebrating up there with my grandparents, uncle and my dad. They’ve all been huge supports for me and I have a feeling they had a lot to do with this week.”

The win moves Arnaud to No. 13 on the Web.com Tour Regular Season money list and grants him full status for the remainder of the season as he continues his quest to earn a full-time job on the PGA TOUR. Since turning professional in 2004, the 2011 Valero Texas Open is Arnaud’s lone PGA TOUR start.

“This gives me a place to play for the next two, three, four years and it definitely gives me an inside track to get my PGA TOUR card, which is what I’ve been working for,” Arnaud said. “If I can just play good for the rest of the year or decent, I should be out there on the big tour next year.”

Shelton, 22, came close to capturing his first Web.com Tour victory in just his ninth career start. The Wilmer, Alabama native and former No. 1-ranked junior golfer jumped to No. 26 on the Regular Season money list with his runner-up result.

Kyoung-Hoon Lee quietly carded weekend rounds of 64-64 and birdied three of his last four holes in the final round for his third runner-up result of the season and fourth top-5 finish. Now No. 2 on the money list, Lee remains in search of his first career Web.com Tour victory.

Sunday Notes:

* Sunday weather: Partly cloudy, High: 83 Winds S/SW 5-10 mph.

* This week’s purse was \$700,000, with \$126,000 going to the champion.

* With the win, Arnaud jumps to No. 13 on the Regular Season money list. He missed the cut in his only other start on the Web.com Tour this season.

* Entering the week, Arnaud’s previous best finish on the Web.com Tour was a T5 at the 2015 Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco. It was one of just two top-10 performances in 49 career starts on the Web.com Tour.

* Arnaud’s 27-under 257 is the lowest 72-hole total on the Web.com Tour this season:

257 (-27), Michael Arnaud, BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNEX Corporation

265 (-19), Julian Etulain, Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by NACHER

267 (-21), Sam Burns, Savannah Golf Championship

267 (-17), Taylor Moore, Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by NACHER

* Arnaud became the ninth consecutive player to win on the Web.com Tour after reaching 20-under through 54 holes. The last time a player in that scenario failed to win was in 2014 when Steven Alker reached 20-under par at the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco before losing in a playoff to Steve Wheatcroft the next day.

* In two trips around the front nine at Thornblade Club, Arnaud was a combined 15-under par (-8/R2, -7/R4). Arnaud now owns the two lowest nine-hole performances on the Web.com Tour this season.

* Arnaud’s 27-under 257 total tied the record for the lowest winning mark in relation to par in BMW Charity Pro-Am history:

2018: Michael Arnaud (27-under 257)

2013: Mark Anderson (27-under 259)

2015: Rod Pampling (25-under 261)

2002: Charles Warren (23-under 264)

* Arnaud became the ninth player in the 18-year history of the BMW Charity Pro-Am to come from behind to win: Jonathan Byrd (2001), Ken Duke (2006), Nick Flanagan (2007, 2012), Justin Hicks (2010), Garth Mulroy (2011), Max Homa (2014) and Richy Werenski (2016).

* Arnaud last had full status on the Web.com Tour in 2015 and 2016, where he finished 75th and 127th, respectively, on the Regular Season money list. He added two top-20 finishes in just five starts in 2017.

* With a final-round 8-under 63, Sungjae Im finished T9 to remain atop the Regular Season money list for the 11th-consecutive week. He leads new No. 2 Kyoung-Hoon Lee (T2) by \$84,093.

* The Web.com Tour has produced nine first-time winners through 11 events this season.

* Dating back to the end of the 2017 season, the Web.com Tour has gone 13 events without a playoff.

Scoring Averages at the par-71 Thornblade Club (host):

	Front 9	Back 9	Total	Cumulative
R1:	33.125	34.696	68.821	
R2:	33.328	34.964	68.250	
R3:	33.518	35.286	68.804	
R4:	32.986	34.288	67.274	68.037

* NEXT WEEK: The Web.com Tour travels to Nashville, Tennessee, for the Nashville Golf Open Benefitting the Brandt Snedeker Foundation.

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