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### 2018 Barracuda Championship Tournament Notes

**Dates:** July 30-August 6, 2018

**Where:** Montreux Golf & CC, Reno, Nev.

**Par/Yards:** 36-36--72/7,472 yards

**Field:** 132

**2017 champion:** Chris Stroud

**Purse:** \$3,400,000/\$612,000 (winner)

**FedExCup:** 300 points to the winner

**Format:** 72-hole Modified Stableford

**Website:** barracudachampionship.com; **Twitter:** @cudachamp

### Four things to know about the 2018 Barracuda Championship

- 1. Celebrating 20 years** – The 2018 Barracuda Championship marks the 20<sup>th</sup> playing of the event, dating back to 1999, conducted annually at one of the most scenic courses on TOUR, Montreux G&CC. Recent winners of the event have included Geoff Ogilvy and Gary Woodland, with invites to the stars of tomorrow being a staple of the event each year. The 2017 Barracuda Championship won an award at the PGA TOUR's annual meetings for "Best Ad Campaign/Promotional Idea".
- 2. Final weeks before FedExCup Playoffs** -- Notables needing a strong finish to the Regular Season to qualify for the first Playoffs event, THE NORTHERN TRUST include defending champion Chris Stroud (160), Harris English (131), Ben Crane (141), Graeme McDowell (143), Bill Haas (145), Wesley Bryan (154). Haas is one of only 13 players to qualify for the FedExCup Playoffs every year since the inception of the FedExCup in 2007.
- 3. Stars in the making** – Sponsor exemptions include 2018 Hogan Award winner Doug Ghim (University of Texas), 2018 Nicklaus Award winner Norman Xiong (University of Oregon), Nick Hardy (University of Illinois), Dylan Meyer (University of Illinois) and local favorite Grant Booth (University of Nevada). Booth, a native of Australia, was an All-Mountain West selection as a senior and set the school record for season-long scoring average in both his junior and senior seasons.
- 4. Former UNLV golfer, A.J. McInerney** who survived the horrific shootings on October 1 last year in Las Vegas, will compete. He has played in three events in 2017-18, finishing T10 at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

### A look at the 2017 Barracuda Championship

In a playoff between three players who had never won on the PGA TOUR, Chris Stroud defeated PGA TOUR rookie Richy Werenski with a birdie-4 on the second extra hole (No. 18), with Greg Owen having been eliminated on the first playoff hole. Stroud eagled the final hole of regulation to become the first of the three players in the clubhouse with 44 points. He then waited more than two hours, including two weather delays, before it was determined he would be in a playoff with Werenski and Owen. Stroud's final round included nine birdies and one eagle (and three bogeys) for a final-round +20, two short of the tournament record for most points in a round (Kyle Reifers/2015/R4).

### More on Chris Stroud

- Stroud won his first PGA TOUR title in his 290<sup>th</sup> career start on TOUR. Prior to his victory, he finished runner-up at the 2013 Travelers Championship. Stroud won at the age of 35 years, 6 months, 3 days.

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- The playoff in 2017 marked the fifth playoff in tournament history and first since 2015 when J.J. Henry defeated Kyle Reifers on the second hole of sudden death.
- 2017 was the second playoff in tournament history to feature more than two players. The most was in 2004 when Vaughn Taylor defeated Steve Allan, Hunter Mahan and Scott McCarron.
- Improved playoff record to 1-1 during his TOUR career, falling to Ken Duke in the 2013 Travelers Championship.
- Became the first player since Matt Bettencourt (2010) to come from behind to win the event.
- Earned 13 points while playing the par-5 18<sup>th</sup> six times (four in regulation and two in sudden death).
- Ninth player to make the Barracuda Championship their first PGA TOUR victory: Notah Begay III (1999), Chris Riley (2002), Vaughn Taylor (2004), Will MacKenzie (2006), Parker McLachlin (2008), Matt Bettencourt (2009), Scott Piercy (2011), Greg Chalmers (2016) and Chris Stroud (2017).
- Won in his fourth Barracuda Championship start (missed the cut in three previous appearances: 2007, 2009, 2016).

### **Barracuda Championship and the Modified Stableford scoring format**

The Barracuda Championship changed its format from stroke play to Modified Stableford in 2012, a format not utilized on the PGA TOUR since The INTERNATIONAL ended after 2006. The Modified Stableford scoring system allocates points based on the number of strokes taken at each hole, with the goal of achieving the highest overall number of points. The tournament includes a traditional 36-hole cut of low 70 and ties. The following is a breakdown of how points are awarded in a Modified Stableford scoring system:

<b>Score</b>	<b>Points</b>
Double eagle	+8 points
Eagle	+5 points
Birdie	+2 points
Par	0 points
Bogey	-1 point
Double bogey or worse	-3 points

### **FedExCup and the Barracuda Championship**

With just three weeks remaining before the start of the FedExCup Playoffs, the Barracuda Championship will again play a key role in determining who qualifies for THE NORTHERN TRUST, the first event in the FedExCup Playoffs. Following their wins in 2013 and 2014, Gary Woodland and Geoff Ogilvy, respectively, earned berths into all four Playoffs events. J.J. Henry (2015) and Chris Stroud (2017) made it through the first two Playoffs events.

- Top-ranked players in the current FedExCup standings: Beau Hossler (No. 33), J.J. Spaun (No. 53), Andrew Putnam (No. 55), Kevin Streelman (No. 59).
- Past FedExCup champions in the field: Bill Haas (2011)

### **A glance at the field**

- Players in the field with six or more PGA TOUR wins: David Duval (13), Stuart Appleby (9), Geoff Ogilvy (8), Mike Weir (8), Retief Goosen (7), Bill Haas (6), Padraig Harrington (6), Hunter Mahan (6).
- Six past champions of the Barracuda Championship (eight wins): Chris Stroud (2017), Geoff Ogilvy (2014), J.J. Henry (2012, 2015), John Rollins (2009), Parker McLachlin (2008), Vaughn Taylor (2004, 2005).

### **Barracuda Bonus**

- For the third-consecutive season, the Barracuda Bonus is a \$50,000 charitable donation given in the name of the player who collects the most Modified Stableford points on the par-5 18<sup>th</sup> hole at Montreux

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G&CC over the course of the four competitive rounds. One-half of the \$50,000 will go to charity or charities in the Reno-Tahoe area while the other \$25,000 will go to a charity of the player's choice. Additionally, \$100,000 will be donated to charity for the first player to record a double-eagle at No. 18.

- In 2017, Seamus Power won the Bonus w/11 points, two clear of Vaughn Taylor, Daniel Summerhays and Chris Stroud.
- In 2016, Sam Saunders and Greg Chalmers split the Barracuda Bonus via the fact that both had eagles at the last, the best of the five players tied at 11 points. In Sunday's final round, Rhein Gibson sank his second shot on the par-5 18<sup>th</sup> from 176 yards, picking up 8 points and the \$100,000 charity bonus. The only other albatross recorded in tournament history was by Shiv Kapur in the second round in 2010, when the hole was actually played as No. 9. The nines were reversed one year later.

#### **Barracuda Championship Notes**

- The International (1986-2006) was the only other event in modern PGA TOUR history to employ the Modified Stableford scoring format.
- Nine players have made the Barracuda Championship their first TOUR win: Notah Begay III (1999), Chris Riley (2002), Vaughn Taylor (2004), Will MacKenzie (2006), Parker McLachlin (2008), Matt Bettencourt (2009), Scott Piercy (2011), Greg Chalmers (2016) and Chris Stroud (2017).
- Since its 1999 inception, U.S.-born players had won every Barracuda Championship, with the exception of Australians Geoff Ogilvy (2014) and Greg Chalmers (2016).
- Two-time winners of the Barracuda Championship; Vaughn Taylor (2004, 2005), J.J. Henry (2012, 2015).
- There have been five playoffs in Barracuda Championship history (2000, 2002, 2004, 2015, 2017).
- The 54-hole leader/co-leader of the Barracuda Championship has gone on to victory 12 times in the 19-year history of the event, most recently Greg Chalmers in 2016.

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