



BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNEX Corporation

Thornblade Club & The Cliffs Valley | Greenville, South Carolina | June 6-9, 2019

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Quick Facts

Golf Courses: Thornblade Club (Par 71, 7,024) & The Cliffs Valley (Par 72, 7,029 yards)

Course Designer: Tom Fazio (1990/Thornblade) & Ben Wright (1995/Cliffs Valley)

Purse: \$700,000 (Winner: \$126,000 / 500 points)

Field Overview (as of June 3)

- 49 Web.com Tour winners with 75 victories
- Seven PGA TOUR winners with 10 victories
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Tournament History

This year will mark the 27th playing of the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNEX Corporation and the 12th year that Thornblade Club will serve as the host course. The Cliffs Valley will serve as the second course for the second year in a row and ninth time overall. Russell Beiersdorf won the inaugural event in 1992 and has been followed through the years by many accomplished pros. Major winner and 13-time PGA TOUR champion David Toms won the 1995 edition in a playoff, while future two-time Masters champion Bubba Watson finished runner-up in 2003 (tied with four-time PGA TOUR champion Charley Hoffman). Max Homa, who broke through with his maiden PGA TOUR victory in May, won his first of two Web.com Tour titles at the BMW Charity Pro-Am in 2014. Last year Michael Arnaud tied a tournament record at 27-under 257, the lowest score in relation to par of the season.

Past Champions

In addition to the accomplished champions above, several others have gone on to PGA TOUR success. The tournament has had 24 winners in 26 years, won twice by Shane Bertsch (2000, 2005) and Nick Flanagan (2007, 2012). Of the 24 champions, eight have gone on to win on the PGA TOUR, highlighted by Toms' 13 wins and Jonathan Byrd's five. Other players with PGA TOUR wins and a win at the BMW Charity Pro-Am include Homa, Ken Duke, Rod Pampling, Ryuji Imada, Tom Scherrer and Chris Smith.

Year	Champion	Scores	To Par	Margin
2018	Michael Arnaud	69-60-65-63 – 257	-27	5
2017	Stephan Jaeger	64-66-65 – 196	-19	1
2016	Richy Werenski	68-67-65-65 – 265	-21	2
2015	Rod Pampling	63-63-69-66 – 261	-25	2
2014	Max Homa	68-65-70-63 – 266	-20	1
2013	Mark Anderson	63-67-64-65 – 259	-27	5
2012	Nick Flanagan*	67-70-67-67 – 271	-15	Playoff
2011	Garth Mulroy*	65-66-70-67 – 268	-18	Playoff

2010	Justin Hicks	66-65-69-66 – 266	-20	2
2009	Michael Sim*	68-65-62-69 – 264	-22	Playoff
2008	David Mathis	65-65-68-68 – 266	-20	3
2007	Nick Flanagan	68-72-66-65 – 271	-15	1
2006	Ken Duke	69-68-68-68 – 273	-13	1
2005	Shane Bertsch	69-68-65 – 202	-12	1
2004	Ryuji Imada*	70-66-65-69 – 270	-17	Playoff
2003	Tripp Isenhour	64-70-66-69 – 269	-18	2
2002	Charles Warren	67-65-64-68 – 264	-23	4
2001	Jonathan Byrd	67-70-66-66 – 269	-18	1
2000	Shane Bertsch	69-68-64-68 – 269	-19	4
1999	Steve Gotsche	71-68-69 – 208	-8	2
1998	Tom Scherrer	67-67-66 – 200	-16	1
1997	Chris Smith	66-64-67-70 – 267	-21	3
1996	Michael Christie	68-65-69-63 – 265	-23	6
1995	David Toms*	67-66-68-66 – 267	-21	Playoff
1994	Scott Gump	71-67-66-68 – 272	-16	1
1993	Sean Murphy	72-65-67-67 – 271	-17	1
1992	Russell Beiersdorf	64-69 – 133	-11	2

*Playoff Victory

Local Players in the Field

Several players with South Carolina ties are in the field this week. Four former University of South Carolina players will compete in their home state, including Brett Quigley, Matt NeSmith, Kyle Thompson and Mark Anderson, who has already locked up his return to the PGA TOUR for the 2019-20 season. Anderson sits fifth in The 25 this year. Clemson alum Billy Kennerly will represent the other side of the Tigers/Gamecocks rivalry, while Andrew Novak (Wofford) and Matt Atkins (USC – Aiken) fill out the in-state contingent.

Course History

Both Thornblade Club and The Cliffs Valley have hosted the BMW Charity Pro-Am many times over the tournament's 26-year history. The Thornblade Club has hosted the Web.com Tour in each of the past 11 years, while The Cliffs Valley served as one of the tournament's courses each year from 2001-07 before returning in 2018. Last year was the first year that the tournament was played at both Thornblade Club and The Cliffs Valley in the same year. Both courses served as two of the four easiest courses on the Web.com Tour's schedule (in relation to par). Thornblade Club (67.983, -3.017) was the only event with a scoring average more than three strokes under par all season, while The Cliffs Valley followed closely behind (69.512, -2.488). Thornblade Club is east of Greenville, while The Cliffs Valley is north.

By the Numbers: Thornblade Club & The Cliffs Valley

Hardest hole (Thornblade Club – 2018): No. 11 (par 3, 207 yards) – 3.158 average

Easiest hole (Thornblade Club – 2018): No. 5 (par 5, 531 yards) – 4.261 average

Hardest hole (The Cliffs Valley – 2018): No. 15 (par 3, 225 yards) – 3.101 average

Easiest hole (The Cliffs Valley – 2018): No. 6 (par 5, 499 yards) – 4.399 average

Tournament Record (18 holes): 60, Travis Hampshire (2011), Roland Thatcher (2015), Michael Arnaud (2018)

Tournament Record (72 holes): 257 (-27), 2018 – Michael Arnaud

Top Five to Watch

- **Michael Arnaud** – Arnaud is one of two former champions in the field (Mark Anderson) and tied the tournament record at 27-under at this event last year. His second-round 60 also tied the tournament 18-hole record.
- **Chris Baker** – Baker led after 54 holes last week before stumbling down the stretch to finish T4. Still, the Iowa State alum has posted four top-10s this year, including two T4 finishes in his last four starts.

- **Luke Guthrie** – After beginning the year with conditional status, Guthrie has rounded into form of late with three top-10s in his last four starts. Last week he posted four rounds in the 60s to finish solo-sixth.
- **Andrew Novak** – Novak has made three consecutive cuts entering the week and is returning to his home state. He played collegiately at nearby Wofford (about 30 minutes from the course).
- **Kyle Thompson** – Thompson is a member at Thornblade Club and shook off the rust last week in Raleigh. He posted three consecutive top-10s (including a runner-up) when this event was at The Cliffs Valley from 2003-05.

Chase for The 25

- A new points system has been put in place to replace the Regular Season money list as the way to earn one of the 25 PGA TOUR cards awarded at the end of the Regular Season in Portland. At the conclusion of the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz, the top 25 points earners will earn their PGA TOUR cards. Additionally, the top-75 players in Web.com Tour points (plus ties) will be eligible to play in the Web.com Tour Finals.

Rank	Name	Points
1.	Robby Shelton	1,558
2.	Scottie Scheffler	1,515
3.	Xinjun Zhang	1,375
4.	Lanto Griffin	982
5.	Mark Anderson	931

Season Recap

1. *The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay* – Zecheng “Marty” Dou hit a 50-foot birdie putt on the final hole to slam the door on a potential playoff and earn the first title of the 2019 season. It was the 21-year-old’s first win in nearly a year and a half, and second overall, by two strokes over Steve LeBrun and Ben Kohles. Dou was using a caddie he had met six days prior and a different driver after cracking his early in the week.
2. *The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club* – Rafael Campos earned his first career Web.com Tour victory battling windy conditions all week. Campos used a final-round 70 to hold off rookies Vincent Whaley and Paul Imondi who finished in second and third. Players battled the weather all week as gusts of winds hit 38 miles per hour during the final round.
3. *Country Club de Bogotá Championship* – Mark Anderson captured the Country Club de Bogotá Championship for his second career Web.com Tour victory and first title in nearly six years. Anderson held a two-stroke lead entering the final round and ran away from the field with a Sunday 67 to finish at 17-under. This year marked the first time that both the Fundadores and Pacos y Fabios courses were played in the event.
4. *Panamá Championship* – Canadian Michael Gligic carded a final-round 5-under 65 to come from behind for his first Web.com Tour victory. Gligic began the final round T7 and three strokes off the lead, but three straight birdies on Nos. 9-11 vaulted him up the leaderboard before adding birdies at the 14th and 16th to clinch the one-stroke win at 8-under for the week in windy conditions.
5. *LECOM Suncoast Classic* – Mark Hubbard converted a 54-hole lead to win the LECOM Suncoast Classic by two strokes at 26-under 262. Hubbard carded four rounds in the 60s – including a final-round 67 – to outlast Maverick McNealy. The 29-year-old made five birdies on the front nine to make the turn at 5-under 31 during the final round and opened an insurmountable lead.
6. *Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS* – Vince Covello birdied the final hole in regulation and the third playoff hole to earn his first Web.com Tour title at the Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS. Covello topped 54-hole leader Justin Lower in the playoff with a birdie after both players made pars on the first two holes.
7. *Savannah Golf Championship* – Dan McCarthy, a 33-year-old Le Moyne College graduate, held off a late charge from Scottie Scheffler to win the second-annual Savannah Golf Championship. McCarthy built a three-stroke lead at one point on the back nine but needed to sink a short par putt at the 18th to win by one.
8. *Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Championship* – Trailing by a stroke on the 72nd hole of the tournament, Lanto Griffin stuck his approach to five feet before converting a tying birdie and reach a playoff with Robby Shelton at

15-under 273. After both players made pars on the first three holes of the playoff (18-18-9), Griffin stuck it to two feet for a tap-in birdie and his second career Web.com Tour title.

9. *Dormie Network Classic at Briggs Ranch* – Xinjun Zhang dominated the field to earn his first Web.com Tour title at Briggs Ranch Golf by five strokes. The former PGA TOUR member used rounds of 63-64-65-70 to finish 26-under 262 for the week. Zhang led or co-led after every round of the tournament and became the first player of the year to mathematically guarantee a PGA TOUR card next season.
10. *Nashville Golf Open Benefitting the Snedeker Foundation* – Two weeks after falling in a playoff at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Championship, Robby Shelton won with a birdie in a one-hole playoff over Scottie Scheffler to win his first Web.com Tour title. With the win, Shelton jumped to second in the Web.com Tour points list and earned his first PGA TOUR card for next season.
11. *KC Golf Classic* – Michael Gellerman outlasted three final-round weather delays to earn his first Web.com Tour title with an 11-under total at Blue Hills Country Club. Gellerman posted a bogey-free 69 during the final round to top Nelson Ledesma and Harry Higgs by one stroke.
12. *Knoxville Open* – For the second time in three weeks, Robby Shelton came out on top in the state of Tennessee, as the 23-year-old posted a final-round 71 to claim the Knoxville Open title with a 15-under total. Shelton edged out Mark Anderson who finished in solo-second at 14-under.
13. *Evans Scholars Invitational* – Scottie Scheffler rallied from a six-shot deficit to claim his first Web.com Tour title at the Evans Scholars Invitational. Scheffler posted a final-round 9-under 63 to force the playoff and drained a 15-foot birdie putt on the second extra hole to capture his first professional win.
14. *REX Hospital Open* – Sebastian Cappelen entered the final round four strokes off the lead but posted a 7-under 64 on Sunday for his second career victory at the REX Hospital Open. Cappelen bogeyed his first two holes on Sunday, but the Dane tallied seven birdies and an eagle over his next 16 holes to earn the win.

About the Web.com Tour

Founded (1990), owned and operated by the PGA TOUR, the Web.com Tour continues to identify those players who are ready to compete and win on golf's biggest stage. Web.com became the Tour's umbrella sponsor on June 27, 2012, with a 10-year agreement in place through 2021. In 2013, the Web.com Tour became The Path to the PGA TOUR with all 50 available PGA TOUR cards coming through the Web.com Tour and the season culminating at the three-event Web.com Tour Finals. This season marks the 30th year of competition on the Web.com Tour. Three out of four PGA TOUR members are Web.com Tour alumni. Tour alumni have won more than 500 PGA TOUR titles, including 23 major championships and eight PLAYERS Championships. To learn more about the PGA TOUR, the Web.com Tour and to follow the season-long quest for a PGA TOUR card, visit PGATOUR.COM, or follow the Tour on social media via Twitter ([@WebDotComTour](https://twitter.com/WebDotComTour)), Facebook (facebook.com/WebDotComTour) and Instagram (Instagram.com/WebDotComTour).