



Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS

Le Triomphe Golf & Country Club | Broussard, Louisiana | March 21-24, 2019

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Quick Facts

Golf Course: Le Triomphe G&CC (Par 71 / 7,061 yards)

Course Designer: Robert Trent Jones, Jr. (1985)

Purse: \$550,000 (Winner: \$99,000)

Field Overview (as of March 18)

- 42 Web.com Tour winners with 56 career victories
- 12 PGA TOUR winners with 30 career victories
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Tournament History

Entering its 28th year, the Chitimacha Louisiana Open is the fifth-longest running tournament on the Web.com Tour, while Le Triomphe shares honors as the third-longest host course on Tour. On Tuesday, the Web.com Tour announced a five-year extension with the tournament through 2024. The Chitimacha Louisiana Open is one of only two PGA TOUR-sanctioned events in the state, along with the Zurich Classic of New Orleans. Winning scores have fluctuated, including 19-under and 21-under the last two years, respectively, after the three previous years each yielded a champion at 14-under. The cut has come at 1-under in each of the last two years. The course ranked as the 14th-toughest (out of 29) on the Web.com Tour in 2018 and included two of the top-five toughest holes on the entire Web.com Tour (by scoring average). The par-4 13th (446 yards, 4.430 average) and the par-4 14th (513 yards, 4.409 average) ranked as the fourth- and fifth-toughest holes on Tour last year, respectively. The course played as a par-72 venue through the 2005 tournament and has played at par-71 since.

Local Players

Several players with local ties will compete at Le Triomphe. Matt Gilchrest, who lived in Broussard from ages 9-12, will return to his former hometown course to make his Web.com Tour debut. Gilchrest was the walking scorer for the final group in 2007 and got a signed ball from 2007 champion Skip Kendall. Brian Rowell, who lives behind the eighth tee, will compete in the event for the seventh time. Hammond-native Grady Brame Jr. made his Web.com Tour debut at this tournament a year ago, earning a T36 finish. Brame Jr., a Southeastern Louisiana University alum, carded a 63 at the Monday qualifier to get into the field again this week. LSU alumni Ben Taylor and Zach Wright will compete as well as former Tiger Jacob Bergeron, who Monday qualified.

Past Champions

Throughout the tournament's extensive history, many players have won the Chitimacha Louisiana Open and gone on to reach success at the PGA TOUR level. Jimmy Walker claimed a one-stroke victory at the tournament in 2004 and has since become a six-time PGA TOUR champion, including the 2016 PGA Championship. Casey Wittenberg, who will compete again this week, became the second two-time winner of the event in 2017. Wittenberg previously set the tournament record at 24-under 260 with his win in 2012. The only other two-time champion of the event is Brett

Wetterich, a member of the 2006 U.S. Ryder Cup Team and champion of the 2006 AT&T Byron Nelson on the PGA TOUR. Last year's champion, Julián Etulain, has made seven of 10 cuts on the PGA TOUR this season.

Year	Champion	Scores	To Par	Margin
2018	Julián Etulain	62-70-66-67 — 265	-19	2
2017	Casey Wittenberg	65-64-65-69 — 263	21	3
2016	Wesley Bryan	66-65-71-68 — 270	-14	1
2015	Kelly Kraft	67-70-68-65 — 270	-14	1
2014	Kris Blanks*	71-66-71-62 — 270	-14	Playoff
2013	Edward Loar	68-66-64-69 — 267	-17	2
2012	Casey Wittenberg	66-66-63-65 — 260	-24	8
2011	Brett Wetterich	67-65-70-69 — 271	-13	1
2010	Fabián Gómez	70-68-67-64 — 269	-15	6
2009	Bubba Dickerson*	71-64-69-70 — 274	-10	Playoff
2008	Gavin Coles	70-66-66-70 — 272	-12	1
2007	Skip Kendall*	66-66-66-70 — 268	-16	Playoff
2006	Johnson Wagner	67-69-69-67 — 272	-12	1
2005	Ryan Hietala	66-71-65-68 — 270	-18	1
2004	Jimmy Walker	69-64-74-65 — 272	-16	1
2003	Brett Wetterich	62-68-64-70 — 264	-24	3
2002	Steven Alker*	65-66-69-64 — 264	-24	Playoff
2001	Paul Claxton	68-66-70-67 — 271	-17	1
2000	Rob McKelvey	66-68-72-68 — 274	-14	1
1999	Matt Gogel	69-71-68-69 — 277	-11	1
1998	John Wilson	73-65-67-69 — 274	-14	5
1997	Joe Daley	62-67-69 — 198	-18	3
1996	Paul Stankowski	69-66-64-67 — 266	-22	4
1995	Stan Utley	70-70-66-62 — 268	-20	2
1994	Bill Porter	68-67-71-70 — 276	-12	2
1993	R.W. Eaks	67-63-72-71 — 273	-15	2
1992	Sean Murphy	64-69-67 — 200	-16	1

*Playoff Victory

By the Numbers: Le Triomphe Golf & Country Club

Hardest hole (2018): No. 13 (par 4, 446 yards) – 4.430 average, 108 bogeys, 49 double bogeys or worse

Easiest hole (2018): No. 7 (par 5, 548 yards) – 4.507 average, 20 eagles, 230 birdies

Tournament Record (18 holes): 60 (-11), 2007 – Brenden Pappas – First Round

Tournament Record (72 holes): 260 (-24), 2012 – Casey Wittenberg

Top Five to Watch

- **Mark Hubbard** – Hubbard is coming off an emotional win at the LECOM Suncoast Classic last month, the first of his career. With the win, the San Jose State alum jumped to fourth on the Web.com Tour points list.
- **Maverick McNealy** – McNealy has enjoyed a strong start to the Web.com Tour season, making the first five cuts and finishing runner-up at the LECOM Suncoast Classic. McNealy is a former world No. 1 amateur.
- **Casey Wittenberg** – Wittenberg, along with Ed Loar and Fabián Gómez, is one of three past champions in the field. Wittenberg is one of two players who have won this event twice and holds the tournament record at 24-under.
- **Justin Lower** – Lower finished third in this event last year and won an All-Pro Tour event while the Web.com Tour was off the last four weeks.

- **Michael Johnson** – Johnson is coming off his first top-25 finish of the year at the LECOM Suncoast Classic and finished T4 at this event last year.

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 point 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.	Mark Anderson	582
2.	Michael Gligic	567
3.	Rafael Campos	556
4.	Mark Hubbard	539
5.	Zecheng Dou	518

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 open up an insurmountable lead.

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), Facebook (facebook.com/WebDotComTour) and Instagram (Instagram.com/WebDotComTour).