



# **Evans Scholars Invitational**

The Glen Club | Glenview, Illinois | May 23 - 26, 2019

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Quick Facts Golf Course: The Glen Club (Par 72, 7,225 yards) Course Designer: Tom Fazio (2001) Purse: \$550,000 (Winner: \$99,000)

### Field Overview (as of May 20)

- 53 Web.com Tour winners with 71 victories
- 11 PGA TOUR winners with 19 victories
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# **Course History**

The Web.com Tour heads back to the Chicago area this week for the inaugural Evans Scholars Invitational as the Tour returns to The Glen Club, which previously hosted the Bank of America Open from 2003-2008. Past participants include PGA TOUR champions such as Jason Day, Marc Leishman, Matt Kuchar, Jason Dufner and Brandt Snedeker. Dufner, who won the 2013 PGA Championship, outlasted the field to win at The Glen Club in 2006. Renowned architect Tom Fazio designed the course in 2001 on the site of the old Glenview Naval Air Station. The club features rolling terrain, dramatic elevation changes and stunning views, including the Chicago skyline in the distance. Players will have to finish on the picturesque 589-yard par-5 18<sup>th</sup> that features two water hazards and strategically placed bunkers throughout. The par-72, 7,225-yard layout was ranked as the No. 2 public course in the state of Illinois by Golf Magazine and the only course in the U.S. to be named to all three Top 10 New Course lists published by Golf Digest, Golf Magazine and Sports Illustrated.

# Local Favorites in the Field

Chicago golf fans will have plenty of local players to cheer for this week at The Glen Club. Illinois native Vince India (Deerfield) will be in the field this week. India attended the University of Iowa and earned Big Ten Player of the Year honors in 2011. Joining him will be University of Illinois alumni Nick Hardy (2019), Dylan Meyer (2018), Brian Campbell (2015) and Luke Guthrie (2012). Hardy, who was awarded a sponsor exemption into the field, will be making his eighth career start on the Web.com Tour. The Northbrook, Illinois, native played in both the 2015 and 2016 U.S. Opens. Campbell is in search of a return to the PGA TOUR and has two top-10 finishes on the Web.com Tour this season. Guthrie, who has made only five Web.com Tour starts in 2019, has made three cuts and finished T6 at the KC Golf Classic, while Meyer is coming off his first made cut of the season last week at the Knoxville Open. Also in the field this week is Northwestern University alum Chris Wilson, who will be making his third Web.com Tour start of the season.

# By the Numbers: The Glen Club

Longest hole (2019): No. 5 (par 5, 599 yards) Shortest hole (2019): No. 4 (par 3, 156 yards) Tournament Record (18 holes): 62 (-9), 2004 – D.A. Points – Second Round, 2005 – Jim Rutledge – Final Round (Bank of America Open) Tournament Record (72 holes): 268 (-16), 2004 – Brendan Jones (Bank of America Open)

#### **Top Five to Watch**

- **Robby Shelton** Shelton took home his second victory of the season last week at the Knoxville Open. The former University of Alabama standout is now No. 1 in The 25.
- **Brian Campbell** The University of Illinois product has made eight cuts in 11 starts with two top-10s this season. Campbell is currently No. 30 in The 25 and is looking for a return to the PGA TOUR.
- Mark Hubbard Hubbard inched closer to a PGA TOUR card with a T3 in Knoxville last week. The San Jose State University alum is now less than 100 points away from securing his spot on TOUR.
- **Chase Seiffert** Seiffert earned his third consecutive top-10 finish with a T7 in Knoxville and moved to No. 13 in The 25.
- Scottie Scheffler Scheffler has been one of the most consistent players on the Web.com Tour this season. With two solo-second-place finishes in his last five starts, it seems like it's only a matter of time before he claims his first title.

### 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.	Xinjun Zhang	1,375
3.	Scottie Scheffler	1,015
4.	Mark Anderson	931
5.	Lanto Griffin	899

#### 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-yearold'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 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

# 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).