



## KC Golf Classic

Blue Hills Country Club | Kansas City, Missouri | May 9-12, 2019

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### Quick Facts

**Golf Course:** Blue Hills Country Club (Par 72 / 7,347 yards)

**Course Designer:** Robert Dunning (1963)

**Purse:** \$675,000 (Winner: \$121,500)

### Field Overview (as of May 6)

- 47 Web.com Tour winners with 65 career victories
- Eight PGA TOUR winners with 18 career victories
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### Course History

The par-72, 7,347-yard layout at Blue Hills Country Club is renowned as one of the top courses in Kansas City. Blue Hills was founded in 1912 and relocated to its current location in 1963 with the help of course designer Robert Dunning. The course has hosted numerous state, USGA and U.S. Open local and sectional qualifiers. Most notably, Blue Hills hosted Tom Watson's Children's Mercy Hospital Golf Classic for 25 years. Along with Watson, a local resident, some of the game's greatest legends competed at Blue Hills including Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Gary Player and Lee Trevino. The event raised more than \$12 million over the years for the hospital and is considered to be one of the largest grossing charity events of its kind. Watson, an honorary member at Blue Hills, retired the event in 2005.

### Local Players

Chase Hanna, Harry Higgs and Joseph Winslow will represent the local contingent of golfers, each hailing from the greater-Kansas City area. Hanna, who was born in Kansas City and lives in nearby Leawood, will make his first Web.com Tour start of the year. Hanna starred as a member of the men's golf team at the University of Kansas and competed on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica last year. Winslow, originally from Overland Park, Kansas, has made four of six cuts this season and is coming off of a T27 finish in Nashville. Each of Winslow, his sister Baile and his brother Michael have won the Kansas 5A state championship, his brother most recently as a freshman in 2018. Winslow won three state titles at St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Higgs grew up competing with Winslow and qualified for the first KC Golf Classic in 2009 as a high schooler. Higgs topped the money list on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica last year to earn full status this year.

### By the Numbers: Blue Hills Country Club

**Longest hole:** No. 18 (par 5, 627 yards)

**Shortest hole:** No. 14 (par 3, 187 yards)

**Tournament Record (72 holes):** 26-under (Martin Piller – 2015, James Nitties – 2011)

### Top Five to Watch

- **Joseph Winslow** – The Kansas City product (and former Kansas state high school champion) will compete in his hometown looking for his first top-10 of the season. The rookie has finished top-30 in each of his past three tournaments.
- **Henrik Norlander** – After missing the first five cuts of the season, Norlander has made his last five cuts and went 66-69 on the weekend last week to finish solo-third. Norlander finished 27<sup>th</sup> on the Finals money list last year to miss out on his PGA TOUR card by less than \$800.
- **Harry Higgs** – Higgs grew up competing at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Overland Park, Kansas and has made six consecutive cuts. Two weeks ago Higgs carded a career-best T9 finish at the Dormie Network Classic at Briggs Ranch.
- **Chase Seiffert** – Coming off of back-to-back top-five finishes, Seiffert is one of the hottest golfers on Tour. The Florida State University alum's T2 and T4 finishes are the two highest of his career.
- **Chris Baker** – Baker added a third top-10 to his season total last week in Nashville and with it his highest finish since 2017 (T4). The finish helped him jump to 22<sup>nd</sup> on the Web.com Tour points list, his highest mark of the season.

### 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.	Xinjun Zhang	1,180
2.	Robby Shelton	1,058
3.	Scottie Scheffler	1,015
4.	Lanto Griffin	861
5.	Tyler McCumber	643

### 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 Imondí 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 open 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 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 season 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.

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