



## LECOM Suncoast Classic

Lakewood National Golf Club | Lakewood Ranch, Florida | February 14-17, 2019

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### Quick Facts

**Golf Course:** Lakewood National Golf Club

Par-72, 7,161 yards

**Course Designer:** Arnold Palmer (2017)

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

### Field Overview (as of February 12)

- 40 Web.com Tour winners with 57 victories
- 12 PGA TOUR winners with 30 victories
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### Web.com Tour in Florida

The LECOM Suncoast Classic will make its debut in Lakewood Ranch, Florida, as the only Web.com Tour tournament in Florida in 2019. The season-ending Web.com Tour Championship has been hosted in Florida since 2013, but in 2019 will be contested in Evansville, Indiana. At least one Web.com Tour event has been hosted in Florida each year since 2002, with the exception of 2016 when the Web.com Tour Championship was cancelled due to Hurricane Matthew.

### Local Players in the Field

While many players in the field call Florida home, a few have roots in the greater Tampa area. Florida Southern alum Brian Richey returns to the area after growing up in nearby Lakeland where he attended Lakeland High School. Former University of Virginia teammates Danny Walker (originally from Bradenton) and Jimmy Stanger (Tampa) will also tee it up this week. St. Petersburg native and Florida State alum Jack Maguire will also compete this week looking to add a second top-25 finish after a T24 at The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay.

### Top Five to Watch

- **Michael Gligic** – Gligic is coming off his first Web.com Tour victory last week at the Panamá Championship, an emotional one-stroke win after a final-round 65. Gligic, an Ontario native, leaped to No. 2 in the Web.com Tour's points standings thus far.
- **Xinjun Zhang** – Zhang bookended his tournament last week with two 66s, good enough for a runner-up finish in Panamá, the third runner-up finish of his career. Zhang also posted an opening-round 61 the week before in Bogotá.
- **Albin Choi** – Canadian Albin Choi posted back-to-back top-20 finishes to start the year and finished T34 last week in Panamá. The 26-year-old currently sits 19<sup>th</sup> in The 25.

- **Danny Walker** – Local Danny Walker said in January that this is the event he is most looking forward to on the schedule. As a Bradenton native, the Q-School medalist will be sleeping in his own bed this week and playing a golf course he is very familiar with.
- **Rhein Gibson** – Gibson has posted back-to-back top-10 finishes over the last two weeks and earned another top-20 finish the week before. The 33-year-old is No. 14 in the Web.com Tour points standings.

### **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.

| <b>Rank</b> | <b>Name</b>    | <b>Points</b> |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|
| 1.          | Mark Anderson  | 582           |
| 2.          | Michael Gligic | 563           |
| 3.          | Rafael Campos  | 556           |
| 4.          | Zecheng Dou    | 500           |
| 5.          | Tyler McCumber | 375           |

### **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 caddy he had met six days prior and a different driver after cracking it 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.

### ***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).