



# Nashville Golf Open Benefitting the Snedeker Foundation

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## Quick Facts

**Golf Course:** Nashville Golf & Athletic Club (Par 72, 7,600 yards)

**Course Designer:** Bruce Devlin (1970)

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

## Field Overview (as of April 29)

- 41 Web.com Tour winners with 58 victories
- Seven PGA TOUR winners with nine victories
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## Past Champions

Australia's Cameron Davis took home his first Web.com Tour title last season at the Nashville Golf Open Benefitting the Snedeker Foundation. On his 72<sup>nd</sup> hole of the tournament, Davis stuck his approach to three feet and drained the birdie putt for the win. He began his final round six strokes off the lead and used a 7-under 65 on Sunday to finish one better than Kevin Dougherty, Josh Teater and Lanto Griffin. Davis went on to earn his PGA TOUR card through the 2018 Web.com Tour Finals where he finished fifth. In 2017, Lanto Griffin emerged victorious in Nashville with a win over Abraham Ancer in the only playoff in tournament history. Griffin birdied the first extra hole to earn his first Web.com Tour title after making the cut on the number. In his third round, Griffin tied the single-round tournament scoring record with a 10-under 62 and fired a final-round 68 to earn a spot in the playoff. He went on to finish 22<sup>nd</sup> in The 25 standings to earn his PGA TOUR card but failed to retain his card at the 2018 Web.com Tour Finals. James Driscoll earned his second Web.com Tour title at the inaugural Nashville Golf Open Benefitting the Snedeker Foundation in 2016. Driscoll pulled away from the field on Sunday after a 160-yard hole-out for eagle on the par-4 12<sup>th</sup>. He went on to finish the event at 19-under 269, setting the tournament scoring record in the process. Driscoll will return to Nashville this week after missing the cut in the event last season.

## Tournament History

The Web.com Tour returns to the Music City for the fourth playing of the Nashville Golf Open Benefitting the Snedeker Foundation. Nashville Golf & Athletic Club provides players a chance to go low with each of the previous winners recording four-day scores of 16-under or better. Last season, the par-72 course ranked as the 16<sup>th</sup> most difficult on Tour with players making 1791 birdies and 50 eagles throughout the week. The tournament has provided plenty of drama on Sunday as no player has won the event by more than three strokes. James Driscoll used a hole-out eagle to pull away from the field in 2016 and went on to win by three shots. In 2017, the event went to a playoff while the 2018 event was decided by only one stroke with the winning birdie converted on the 72<sup>nd</sup> hole. Nashville Golf & Athletic Club will be one of the longest courses on the Web.com Tour this season and will play to 7,600 yards.

Year	Champion	Scores	To Par	Margin
2018	Cameron Davis	67-71-67-65 — 270	-18	1
2017	Lanto Griffin*	72-70-62-68 — 272	-16	1
2016	James Driscoll	65-68-69-67 — 269	-19	3

\*Playoff Victory

### **Return to the Volunteer State**

Many players with Tennessee ties will be competing this week at Nashville Golf & Athletic Club. Tennessee natives Braden Thornberry (Germantown) and Eric Axley (Athens) are all in the field. Joining them will be former University of Tennessee standout Rick Lamb as well as current Ardmore resident Lee Hodges. Dawson Armstrong will be making his second appearance at Nashville Golf & Athletic Club. The former Lipscomb University standout and Brentwood resident finished T30 in his tournament debut last year. Also in the field this week is former Vanderbilt University star Theo Humphrey. The 2018 SEC Player of the Year played on the Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada circuit after graduating and will make his Web.com Tour debut in his return to the Music City. The Nashville Golf Open Benefitting the Snedeker Foundation is one of two events played in the state of Tennessee in 2019. The Knoxville Open will be played later this summer and has been on the schedule since the Tour's inaugural season in 1990.

### **Griffin Returning to Form**

Past champion Lanto Griffin seems to have found his game just in time for the Web.com Tour's return to Nashville. After a slow start to the season with just one top-25 in seven events, Griffin captured the inaugural Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Championship in a playoff over Robby Shelton. He followed up his win with a T2 last week at the Dormie Network Classic at Briggs Ranch, moving him to No. 2 in The 25 standings. In his two previous starts at Nashville Golf & Athletic Club, Griffin has a T2 finish and a victory.

### **By the Numbers: Nashville Golf & Athletic Club**

**Hardest hole (2018):** No. 1 (par 4, 437 yards) – 4.372 average, 131 bogeys, 31 double bogeys or worse

**Easiest hole (2018):** No. 13 (par 5, 573 yards) – 4.395 average, 22 eagles, 253 birdies

**Tournament Record (18 holes):** 62 (-10), 2017 – Conrad Shindler – First Round, Lanto Griffin – Third Round

**Tournament Record (72 holes):** 269 (-19), 2016 – James Driscoll

### **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	1,135
2.	Lanto Griffin	807
3.	Scottie Scheffler	715
4.	Tyler McCumber	643
5.	Rafael Campos	635

### **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 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.
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 year to mathematically guarantee a PGA TOUR card next season.

### ***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](http://PGATOUR.COM), or follow the Tour on social media via Twitter ([@WebDotComTour](https://twitter.com/WebDotComTour)), Facebook ([facebook.com/WebDotComTour](https://facebook.com/WebDotComTour)) and Instagram ([Instagram.com/WebDotComTour](https://Instagram.com/WebDotComTour)).