



Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Chevrolet

The Club at Indian Creek | Omaha, Nebraska | July 18 – 21, 2019

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Quick Facts

Golf Course: The Club at Indian Creek (Par 71, 7,581 yards)

Course Designers: Frank Hummel (1991) & Mark Rathert (1997)

Lohmann Quitno Golf Course Architects (Renovation, 2009)

Purse: \$600,000 (Winner: \$108,000 / 500 points)

Field Overview (as of July 16)

- 47 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 70 victories
- Three PGA TOUR winners with four victories
- [Power Rankings](#)
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Tournament History

In 2017, Sam Ryder took home the inaugural Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Chevrolet in dominating fashion. Ryder's eight-stroke victory was the largest on Tour since the 2012 Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS. The Stetson University alum set the 18- and 72-hole tournament record en route to his maiden Korn Ferry Tour victory. Ryder would go on to earn his PGA TOUR card after finishing second in the Regular Season 25. He enjoyed success in his first season on TOUR, finishing 101st in the FedExCup standings. Ryder also recorded a T2 at the John Deere Classic during his rookie campaign. This season, Ryder currently ranks 92nd in the FedExCup standings and has recorded two top-10s on the year.

David Skinns took home the second edition of the Pinnacle Bank Championship in 2018. Skinns birdied his 72nd hole to hold off Sungjae Im and take home his first Korn Ferry Tour title. Im would go on to earn Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year honors and is currently ranked 21st in the FedExCup standings. After his victory, Skinns jumped from No. 132 to 33 in The 25 but ultimately failed to secure his PGA TOUR card.

The Korn Ferry Tour previously played in Omaha from 1996 to 2013 before returning in 2017. The Pinnacle Bank Championship is the only tournament on the schedule in the state of Nebraska. In 2017, the Tour made its return to Omaha official with a five-year agreement, keeping the event on the schedule through the 2021 season.

Past Champions

Year	Champion	Scores	To Par	Margin
2018	David Skinns	68-66-69-65 — 268	-16	2
2017	Sam Ryder	67-67-62-67 — 263	-21	8

Course History

The Club at Indian Creek will host the Pinnacle Bank Championship for the third consecutive season. In 2018, the course ranked as the 13th most difficult on the Korn Ferry Tour and the 12th hardest in 2017. Last season, the par-4 11th and the par-4 third ranked in the top-50 hardest holes on the Korn Ferry Tour. The 11th hole finished as the 30th most difficult hole on Tour and played to an average of 4.26. The third hole ranked as the 37th toughest and played to an average of 4.238. The Club at Indian Creek provides players plenty of birdie opportunities with the previous winners finishing 16- and 21-under, respectively. The 27-hole property features three nine-hole courses and was renovated by Lohmann Quinto Golf Course Architects in 2009. In addition to the Korn Ferry Tour, the club hosts the Indian Creek Invitational, one of Nebraska's most prestigious amateur tournaments.

By the Numbers: The Club at Indian Creek

Hardest hole (2018): No. 11 (par 4, 533 yards) – 4.260 average, 136 bogeys, 10 double bogeys

Easiest hole (2018): No. 4 (par 5, 576 yards) – 4.470 average, 26 eagles, 232 birdies

Tournament Record (18 holes): 62 (-9), 2017 – Sam Ryder – Third Round

Tournament Record (72 holes): 263 (-21), 2017 – Sam Ryder

Local Players in the Field

Omaha native Scott Gutschewski leads the local contingent of players in the field this week. The 42-year-old was born in Omaha and attended the University of Nebraska. In 2017, Gutschewski finished in a tie for second at the inaugural Pinnacle Bank Championship. Joining Gutschewski will be McCook, Nebraska, native Brandon Crick. Like his counterpart, Crick also attended the University of Nebraska before turning professional in 2010. Also in the field this week is Omaha's own Ryan Vermeer, who was awarded a sponsor exemption into the event. In 2018, Vermeer became the first player from the Nebraska PGA Section to win the PGA Professional Championship. At the 2019 PGA Championship at Bethpage Black, Vermeer made the cut and finished T80.

Top Five to Watch

- **Nelson Ledesma** – The 28-year-old captured his second Korn Ferry Tour title last week at the inaugural TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes. With the victory, Ledesma secured his 2019-20 PGA TOUR card.
- **Dawie van der Walt** – The South African recorded his best Korn Ferry Tour finish of 2019 with a T3 in Colorado. He returns to Omaha where he finished in a tie for fourth last season.
- **Harry Higgs** – Higgs continued his strong play with a T3 at the TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes. The 27-year-old is now 16th in The 25 and is closing in on a PGA TOUR card.
- **Michael Gellerman** – Gellerman recorded his second top-10 of the season with a T3 in Colorado. With 797 points so far this year, the 26-year-old can secure his PGA TOUR card with another solid week.
- **Scott Gutschewski** – The former University of Nebraska standout returns to Omaha for his hometown event. Gutschewski has made the cut in both editions of the Pinnacle Bank Championship and finished in a tie for second in 2017.

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 Korn Ferry Tour points (plus ties) will be eligible to play in the Korn Ferry Tour Finals.

Rank	Name	Points
1.	Xinjun Zhang	1,950
2.	Robby Shelton	1,718
3.	Scottie Scheffler	1,636
4.	Nelson Ledesma	1,188

5.	Lanto Griffin	1,124
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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 Korn Ferry 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 Korn Ferry 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 Korn Ferry 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 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 Korn Ferry 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 18th 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 Korn Ferry Tour title.
9. *Dormie Network Classic at Briggs Ranch* – Xinjun Zhang dominated the field to earn his first Korn Ferry 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 Korn Ferry Tour title. With the win, Shelton jumped to second in the Korn Ferry 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 Korn Ferry 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.
13. *Evans Scholars Invitational* – Scottie Scheffler rallied from a six-shot deficit to claim his first Korn Ferry Tour title at the Evans Scholars Invitational. Scheffler posted a final-round 9-under 63 to force a playoff and drained a 15-foot birdie putt on the second extra hole to capture his first professional win.

14. *REX Hospital Open* – Sebastian Cappelen entered the final round four strokes off the lead but posted a 7-under 64 on Sunday for his second career victory at the REX Hospital Open. Cappelen bogeyed his first two holes on Sunday, but the Dane tallied seven birdies and an eagle over his next 16 holes to earn the win.
15. *BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNEX Corporation* – Rhein Gibson carded a final-round 8-under 63 for a come-from-behind win at 21-under 193. He posted a bogey-free final round and only collected one bogey (against 20 birdies and an eagle) on the tournament. The tournament was shortened to 54 holes due to inclement weather.
16. *Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS* – Xinjun Zhang birdied the third hole of a sudden-death playoff to top Dylan Wu for his second victory of the season at the Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS. Zhang carded a final-round 6-under 65 on Sunday to reach 15-under for the tournament before eventually closing out the win.
17. *Wichita Open Supporting Wichita's Youth* – Henrik Norlander defeated Bryan Bigley on the third playoff hole to take home the Wichita Open Supporting Wichita's Youth. Norlander carded a final-round 4-under 66 before eventually closing out the win by surviving a five-man playoff.
18. *Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank* – In just his fifth career Korn Ferry Tour start, rookie Kristoffer Ventura topped Joshua Creel with a par on the third hole of a playoff to win the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank. The Oklahoma State University alum posted a final-round 65 to finish at 14-under.
19. *LECOM Health Challenge* – Ryan Brehm topped Tim Wilkinson in a one-hole playoff (after double-bogeying the final hole in regulation) to earn his second career Korn Ferry Tour title. The win earned him his PGA TOUR card for the 2019-20 season, which will mark Brehm's second full season on TOUR.
20. *TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes* – Nelson Ledesma won the inaugural TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes in dramatic fashion, sinking a 20-foot birdie putt at the 72nd hole to edge playing partner Brett Coletta by one stroke. With the win, Ledesma earned his first PGA TOUR card and will be a rookie on TOUR during the 2019-20 season.

About Korn Ferry Tour

Founded (1990), owned and operated by the PGA TOUR, the Korn Ferry Tour identifies and develops those players who are ready to compete and win on golf's biggest stage. In 2013, the Korn Ferry Tour became The Path to the PGA TOUR with all 50 available PGA TOUR cards coming through the Tour and the season culminating at the Korn Ferry Tour Finals. This season marks the 30th year of competition on the Korn Ferry Tour. Three out of four PGA TOUR members are Korn Ferry Tour alumni. Tour alumni have won more than 500 PGA TOUR titles, including 24 major championships and eight PLAYERS Championships. To learn more about the PGA TOUR, the Korn Ferry Tour and to follow the season-long quest for a PGA TOUR card, visit PGATOUR.COM, or follow the Tour on social media via Instagram (@KornFerryTour), Twitter (@KornFerryTour) and Facebook (facebook.com/KornFerryTour).