



Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper

Highland Springs Country Club | Springfield, Missouri | July 25 – July 28, 2019

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Quick Facts

Golf Course: Highland Springs Country Club (Par 72, 7,115 yards)

Course Designer: Robert Trent Jones Jr. (1987)

Purse: \$700,000 (Winner: \$126,000 / 500 points)

Field Overview (as of July 23)

- 34 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 53 victories
- Seven PGA TOUR winners with 10 victories
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Tournament History

The Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper is one of four original events still on the Korn Ferry Tour schedule since the inaugural season in 1990. All 30 editions of the event have been played at Highland Springs Country Club. Many distinguished Korn Ferry Tour alumni have played in Springfield on their way to the PGA TOUR. Players such as Tom Lehman, Jim Furyk, David Duval, Jason Dufner, Justin Thomas, Tony Finau and Xander Schauffele all competed at the Price Cutter Charity Championship before earning their spot on TOUR. The tournament has had many notable past champions including Stewart Cink (1996), Chris DiMarco (1997), Pat Perez (2000) and Mackenzie Hughes (2016).

Each of the last six winners in Springfield have gone on to earn their PGA TOUR card for the following season. Last year, Martin Trainer emerged victorious after topping Henrik Norlander by one stroke. Trainer would go on to earn his PGA TOUR card after finishing fourth in The 25. Earlier this season, Trainer captured his maiden PGA TOUR title with a victory at the Puerto Rico Open.

Past Champions

Year	Champion	Scores	To Par	Margin
2018	Martin Trainer	62-68-65-68 – 263	-25	1
2017	Ben Silverman	70-63-63-67 – 263	-25	1
2016	Mackenzie Hughes	67-67-64-66 – 264	-24	1
2015	Dawie van der Walt	63-65-65-72 – 265	-23	2
2014	Cameron Percy	64-68-68-67 – 267	-21	1
2013	Andrew Svoboda	64-72-66-64 – 266	-22	3

2012	Chris Wilson*	68-67-65-67 – 267	-21	Playoff
2011	Steve Friesen	62-68-68-64 – 262	-26	5
2010	Hunter Haas	65-66-66-65 – 262	-26	6
2009	Justin Bolli	65-67-69-66 – 267	-21	1
2008	Colt Knost	64-67-69-62 – 262	-26	4
2007	Tom Scherrer	66-63-66-67 – 262	-26	4
2006	Doug LaBelle II	63-67-67-64 – 261	-27	2
2005	Roger Tambellini	65-70-67-65 – 267	-21	1
2004	Brad Ott	65-66-68-64 – 263	-25	1
2003	Tom Carter	66-68-68-65 – 267	-21	1
2002	Patrick Sheehan	63-68-66-72 – 269	-19	2
2001	Steve Haskins	66-65 – 131	-13	1
2000	Pat Perez*	66-69-66-69 – 270	-18	Playoff
1999	Ryan Howison*	67-68-69-66 – 270	-18	Playoff
1998	Anthony Painter	67-63-68-69 – 267	-21	1
1997	Chris DiMarco	66-70-68 – 204	-12	1
1996	Stewart Cink*	68-67-69-68 – 272	-16	Playoff
1995	Mike Schuchart*	69-70-65-67 – 271	-17	Playoff
1994	Jerry Haas	69-65-69-69 – 272	-16	1
1993	Tommy Tolles	68-68-69-66 – 271	-17	2
1992	Lennie Clements*	72-66-67 – 205	-11	Playoff
1991	Rick Dalpos	70-66-65 – 201	-15	4
1990	Jeff Cook*	69-70-68 – 207	-9	Playoff

*Playoff Victory

Local Players in the Field

Chase Hanna and Chris Naegel lead the local contingent of players in the field this week. Hanna was born in Kansas City, Missouri, and attended the University of Kansas. As a Jayhawk, Hanna led the team with a scoring average of 70.17 during his senior campaign. Hanna has made three cuts in five starts this season and is in search of his first top-25 this week. Naegel earned a place in the field after Monday qualifying. The Wildwood, Missouri, resident will be making his sixth Korn Ferry Tour start of the season this week. Earlier this year, Naegel finished in a tie for 10th at the KC Golf Classic. Ryan Wallen of Joplin, Missouri, and Nick Arman of Ellisville, Missouri, also earned spots in the field this week through Monday qualifying.

Course History

Highland Springs Country Club provides players plenty of opportunities to go low. Each winner since 2003 has recorded a score of 21-under or better en route to victory. Martin Trainer and Ben Silverman posted four-day totals of 25-under each of the last two seasons. The Robert Trent Jones Jr. design measures 7,115 yards from the tournament tees and features water hazards that come into play on seven holes. Last season, the par-72 layout ranked as the second-easiest track on the Korn Ferry Tour with a scoring average of 69.227. The course surrendered the most eagles on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2018 with players converting 101 throughout the week. The par-5 18th was responsible for 28 of those eagles made. In 2017 and 2016, Highland Springs Country Club was voted ‘Best Golf Course’ by the Best of the Ozarks Awards.

By the Numbers: Highland Springs Country Club

Hardest hole (2018): No. 4 (par 3, 211 yards) – 3.140 average, 92 bogeys, 5 double bogeys

Easiest hole (2018): No. 11 (par 5, 535 yards) – 4.379 average, 26 eagles, 250 birdies

Tournament Record (18 holes): 60 (-12), 2004 – Tyler Williamson – Final Round

Tournament Record (72 holes): 261 (-27), 2006 – Doug LaBelle II

Top Five to Watch

- **Zac Blair** – Blair continued his strong play last week with a T9 in Omaha. The 28-year-old has found his game as of late, recording three top-15s in his last four starts.
- **Byron Meth** – Meth earned his second top-10 of the season with a T9 at the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Chevrolet. The 26-year-old is currently 72nd in The 25 and is looking to secure a spot in the Korn Ferry Tour Finals.
- **MJ Daffue** – Daffue earned his best finish of the season with a T16 in Omaha last week. The 30-year-old has successfully Monday qualified for five events this season and earned a spot in the field this week after a top-25 finish in Omaha.
- **Tyler McCumber** – The 27-year-old is currently ranked 20th in The 25 and could secure his PGA TOUR card with a good finish this week. McCumber has recorded four top-10s so far this season.
- **Andres Gonzales** – Gonzales earned his best finish of the season with a T2 in Omaha. At No. 67 in The 25, the veteran is looking to secure his spot in the Korn Ferry Tour Finals.

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	1,667
4.	Lanto Griffin	1,228
5.	Nelson Ledesma	1,188

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.
21. *Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Chevrolet* – Kristoffer Ventura outlasted Chad Ramey and Andres Gonzales to win the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Chevrolet by two strokes. The win, Ventura's second in four weeks, secured the 24-year-old his PGA TOUR card for 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).