



# Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Championship

The Senator Course | Prattville, Alabama | April 18-21, 2019

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## Quick Facts

**Golf Course:** The Senator Course (Par 72 / 7,654 yards)

**Course Designer:** Robert Trent Jones (1999)

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

## Field Overview (as of April 16)

- 47 Web.com Tour winners with 68 career victories
- 10 PGA TOUR winners with 25 career victories
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## Course History

The par-72 Senator Course at Capitol Hill is one of many courses throughout Alabama on the famous Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. The Senator Course previously hosted the Web.com Tour from 2001-2005 as the site of the season-ending Web.com Tour Championship. Notables players who went on to have long PGA TOUR careers competed at The Senator Course over those years, such as Zach Johnson (third, 2003) and Brandt Snedeker (T5, 2004). The course hosted the LPGA nine times from 2007-2016 and the Symetra Tour's Guardian Championship each of the last two years. Top LPGA players have won at The Senator Course, including Lexi Thompson (2011) and Ariya Jutanugarn (2016) each winning their first LPGA tournament at the course. In 2019, The Senator Course will be the only course in North America to host a professional men's and women's golf tournament at the same course from the Web.com Tour and Symetra Tour, respectively. The low tournament score (72-hole) in the Web.com Tour's history at The Senator Course came via Chris Couch with an 18-under 270 in 2003.

## Local Players

Many players with Alabama ties will compete this week in Prattville. The Alabama-Auburn rivalry will gain some footing with Tide alums Jason Bohn, Lee Hodges, Tom Lovelady, Robby Shelton and Davis Riley competing alongside former Tigers Blayne Barber, Michael Hebert and Michael Johnson. The University of Alabama-Birmingham will also be strongly represented in the field with Will Cannon, Sam Love, Zach Sucher and Willy Wilcox all competing. Riley and Birmingham native Garrett Osborn were two of the 12 Monday qualifiers.

## By the Numbers: The Senator Course

**Longest hole:** No. 10 (par 5, 616 yards)

**Shortest hole:** No. 13 (par 3, 203 yards)

**Competitive Course Record (18 holes):** 63 (-9), 2002 – Jay Delsing – Second Round of Web.com Tour Championship (seven LPGA players have also carded a 63, including Lexi Thompson in 2012).

### Top Five to Watch

- **Dan McCarthy** – In his third season (second full season) on the Web.com Tour, 33-year-old McCarthy broke through with his first victory at the Savannah Golf Championship in his last time out. A first-round 65 set him up for success as he became the second champion this year (out of seven total) to lead or co-lead after the first round.
- **Scottie Scheffler** – Scheffler, the top rookie in the Web.com Tour points list, sits ninth with 517 points through seven events. The 22-year-old and low amateur at the 2017 U.S. Open is coming off his best result on the Web.com Tour, a runner-up finish in Savannah.
- **Jason Bohn** – While Bohn, a 45-year-old and PGA TOUR veteran, has only played in three events this season, the University of Alabama alum has a history at The Senator Course. Bohn earned his PGA TOUR card at the Web.com Tour Championship in 2003 with a T5 finish at The Senator Course.
- **Akshay Bhatia** – Competing as a 17-year-old amateur, Akshay Bhatia will make his Web.com Tour debut after earning his way in through the Monday qualifier. Bhatia made his PGA TOUR debut at the Valspar Championship in March and is the former top-ranked junior golfer in the world.
- **Robby Shelton** – The University of Alabama alum grew up playing junior golf on the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail and has two top-25 finishes in his last three starts.

### 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.	Rafael Campos	610
2.	Michael Gligic	600
3.	Mark Anderson	582
4.	Vince Covello	565
5.	Mark Hubbard	562

### 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 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.

### ***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)).