



Savannah Golf Championship

The Landings Club – Deer Creek Course | Savannah, Georgia | March 28 - 31, 2019

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Quick Facts

Golf Courses: The Landings Club – Deer Creek Course (Par 72 / 7,128 yards)

Course Designer: Tom Fazio (1991)

Purse: \$550,000 (Winner: \$99,000 / 500 points)

Field Overview (as of March 25)

- 42 Web.com Tour winners with 57 victories
- Five PGA TOUR winners with 15 victories
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Tournament History

The Web.com Tour returns to Savannah for the second edition of the Savannah Golf Championship. The inaugural event proved to be one of the most exciting of the 2018 season as Sam Burns edged out Roberto Castro by one stroke. The Landings Club – Deer Creek Course has become a player and fan favorite on the Web.com Tour and provides plenty of scoring opportunities. Last year, players made over 1800 birdies at the Savannah Golf Championship, the fourth most on Tour. The Savannah Golf Championship is currently the only event on the Web.com Tour schedule played in Georgia. The last event held in the Peach State was the South Georgia Classic presented by First State Bank and Trust Company which was last played in Valdosta in 2014.

Local Players in the Field

Several players with Georgia ties will compete at this year's Savannah Golf Championship. Former University of Georgia Bulldogs Erik Compton and Lee McCoy are in the field along with Georgia Tech's Paul Haley, Nicholas Thompson and Vincent Whaley. Current Georgia residents Michael Hebert (Atlanta), Rick Lamb (St. Simons Island), Henrik Norlander (Augusta), David Skinns (Suwanee) and Drew Weaver (Atlanta) will also compete at The Landings Club – Deer Creek Course. Savannah native Mark Silvers will also be in the field after being awarded a sponsor's exemption into the event earlier this year.

Past Champion

Sam Burns fired three consecutive rounds of 65 to capture the inaugural Savannah Golf Championship in 2018. Burns found himself T74 after opening the tournament with a first-round 72 but quickly rebounded with a Friday 65 to sit T17 and four shots back heading into the weekend. He continued his solid play on Saturday using another 7-under 65 to gain the lead heading into the final round. On Sunday, Burns fired his third consecutive 65 that included birdies on his final three holes. The 21-under total was good enough to claim the first Savannah Golf Championship by one stroke over Roberto Castro. Burns went on to finish second in The 25 standings behind Web.com Tour Player of the Year Sungjae Im.

This season as a PGA TOUR rookie, Burns has made seven cuts in 13 starts and his best finish was a T3 at the Sanderson Farms Championship.

Year	Champion	Scores	To Par	Margin
2018	Sam Burns	72-65-65-65 – 267	-21	1

Loar Back for More

Edward Loar finished T5 here in 2018 and he is the top player from last year's field to return to Savannah. His made-cut streak is five and he is currently No. 68 in The 25 standings. Also returning are four players that finished T15 last year: Mark Anderson, Kevin Dougherty, Michael Hebert and Ben Taylor.

By the Numbers: The Landings Club – Deer Creek Course

Hardest hole (2018): No. 9 (par 4, 446 yards) – 4.185 average, 78 bogeys, 21 double bogeys or worse

Easiest hole (2018): No. 14 (par 5, 525 yards) – 4.575 average, 27 eagles, 203 birdies

Tournament Record (18 holes): 64 (-8), 2018 – Stuart Macdonald – Second Round, Brady Schnell & Roberto Castro – Final Round

Tournament Record (72 holes): 267 (-21), 2018 – Sam Burns

Top Five to Watch

- **Vince Covello** – The 36-year-old earned his first career Web.com Tour title last week in Louisiana and moved up 64 spots to fourth in The 25.
- **Ben Taylor** – Taylor has made every cut so far this season and finished T24 last week. He returns to Savannah where he finished T15 last season.
- **Justin Lower** – After a T35 at the LECOM Suncoast Classic, Lower used a runner-up finish in Louisiana to jump 67 spots to 13th in The 25 standings.
- **Xinjun Zhang** – Zhang continued his strong play with a T3 finish last week, good for his third consecutive top-15 finish.
- **Steve Marino** – Marino earned his best finish this season and third consecutive top-20 with a T3 last week in Louisiana.

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.	Mark Anderson	582
3.	Michael Gligic	567
4.	Vince Covello	563
5.	Mark Hubbard	539

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 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 open up 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.

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](https://twitter.com/WebDotComTour)), Facebook (facebook.com/WebDotComTour) and Instagram (Instagram.com/WebDotComTour).