



Wichita Open Supporting Wichita's Youth

Crestview Country Club | Wichita, Kansas | June 20 – June 23, 2019

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Quick Facts

Golf Course: Crestview Country Club (Par 70, 6,910 yards)

Course Designer: Robert Trent Jones, Jr., Robert Trent Jones, Sr. (1969)

Purse: \$625,000 (Winner: \$112,500 / 500 points)

Field Overview (as of June 18)

- 50 Web.com Tour winners with 70 victories
- 11 PGA TOUR winners with 14 victories
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Tournament History

The Wichita Open Supporting Wichita's Youth is one of the four original tournaments from 1990 that are still on the Web.com Tour schedule. This year will mark the 30th playing of the event and the 18th consecutive year at Crestview Country Club. Many distinguished Web.com Tour alumni have played in Wichita on their way to the PGA TOUR. Former No. 1 ranked player in the world and 1996 Open Championship winner, Tom Lehman, took home the inaugural title in 1990. Lehman is the only golfer to win player of the year honors on the Web.com Tour, PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions circuit. Major championship winners David Duval (1993), David Toms (1995) and Jason Dufner (2001) each earned victories in Wichita en route to the PGA TOUR as well. Gary Woodland, who won his first major at the U.S. Open last week, competed in Wichita in 2008. Woodland was born in Topeka, Kansas, and attended the University of Kansas.

In 2017, Aaron Wise set the tournament scoring record at Crestview Country Club winning by five strokes. A year later, he went on to win PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year honors and the PGA TOUR's AT&T Byron Nelson. His victory was good for the 500th PGA TOUR win by Web.com Tour alumni. In the event's 29-year history, the tournament has gone to extra hole seven times with the most recent playoff coming last season. Past Wichita Open champions Rob Oppenheim (2015) and Sebastian Cappelén (2014) will compete in the field this week.

Past Champions

Year	Champion	Scores	To Par	Margin
2018	Brady Schnell*	72-64-64-66 – 266	-14	Playoff
2017	Aaron Wise	62-62-67-68 – 259	-21	5
2016	Ollie Schniederjans*	68-67-61-67 – 263	-17	Playoff
2015	Rob Oppenheim	67-67-69-64 – 267	-13	1

2014	Sebastian Cappelen	66-65-65-66 – 262	-18	1
2013	Scott Parel	69-66-67-64 – 266	-18	3
2012	Casey Wittenberg	63-70-67-66 – 266	-18	2
2011	Mathew Goggin	66-65-66-69 – 266	-18	1
2010	Jhonattan Vegas	65-68-67-64 – 264	-20	1
2009	Chris Tidland	67-68-68-65 – 268	-16	1
2008	Scott Piercy	64-62-65-71 – 262	-22	2
2007	Brad Elder	65-64-71-65 – 265	-19	4
2006	Kevin Johnson	65-68-67-66 – 266	-18	1
2005	Joe Daley*	71-67-65-65 – 268	-16	Playoff
2004	Bradley Hughes*	71-65-69-65 – 270	-14	Playoff
2003	Jeff Klauk	66-69-64-66 – 265	-19	1
2002	Tyler Williamson	68-67-71-66 – 272	-8	1
2001	Jason Dufner	67-67-64-68 – 266	-22	3
2000	Ben Crane	67-63-66-67 – 263	-25	3
1999	Brad Elder	66-65-66-71 – 268	-20	2
1998	Emlyn Aubrey	66-61-71-67 – 265	-23	1
1997	Ben Bates*	67-72-64-66 – 269	-19	Playoff
1996	Rick Cramer	68-68-66-67 – 269	-19	1
1995	David Toms*	67-67-68-67 – 269	-19	Playoff
1994	Dennis Postlewait	66-66-69-70 – 271	-17	1
1993	David Duval	62-70-69-70 – 271	-17	1
1992	Jeff Woodland*	70-65-69 – 204	-12	Playoff
1991	Eric Hoos	61-66-72 – 199	-17	1
1990	Tom Lehman	66-69-67 – 202	-14	1

*Playoff Victory

Local Players in the Field

Chase Hanna, Harry Higgs and Joseph Winslow will represent the local contingent of golfers, each hailing from the state of Kansas. Higgs is currently ranked No. 19 in The 25 and has three top-10s in 14 starts this season. Higgs, who is originally from Kansas City, earned his best finish of the season with a T2 at the KC Golf Classic in May. The 27-year-old, who has seven top-25s in 2019, is looking to secure his first PGA TOUR card. Hanna, who was born in Kansas City, will make his third Web.com Tour start of the year this week. Earlier this season, the former University of Kansas star competed in the KC Golf Classic, eventually missing the cut. Hanna also earned a spot in the Evans Scholars Invitational through Monday qualifying, where he finished 63rd. Winslow, originally from Overland Park, Kansas, has made seven of 13 cuts this season. He earned his best finish of the season with a T26 at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Championship and is ranked 115th in The 25. Each of Winslow, his sister Baile and his brother Michael have won the Kansas 5A state championship, his brother most recently as a freshman in 2018. Winslow won three state titles at St. Thomas Aquinas High School.

Course History

Crestview Country Club is the only 36-hole club in the state of Kansas and features two dramatic parkland style golf courses. The club has been home to the Wichita Open since 2001. Winning scores have ranged from 21-under (2017) to 8-under (2002). Last season, Crestview Country Club ranked as the seventh most difficult course on the Web.com Tour with a scoring average of 70.127. The par-4 sixth hole ranked as the 11th most difficult hole on Tour in 2018 and boasted a scoring average of 4.369. The par-70 layout is one of the shorter courses on Tour at 6,910 yards, but still provides players a stern test with water coming into play on 11 different holes.

By the Numbers: Crestview Country Club

Hardest hole (2018): No. 6 (par 4, 495 yards) – 4.369 average, 135 bogeys, 32 double bogeys or worse

Easiest hole (2018): No. 14 (par 5, 501 yards) – 4.302 average, 41 eagles, 264 birdies

Tournament Record (18 holes): 61 (-11), 1991 – Eric Hoos – First Round, Greg Fleischer – Second Round, 1998 – Emlyn Aubrey – Second Round

Tournament Record (72 holes): 259 (-21), 2017 – Aaron Wise

Top Five to Watch

- **Xinjun Zhang** – The 32-year-old took home his second victory of the season last week at the Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS. Zhang now looks for his third victory of 2019 and the elusive battlefield promotion to the PGA TOUR.
- **Harry Higgs** – The Kansas City native returns to his home state in search of his first Web.com Tour title. Higgs finished T2 at the KC Golf Classic earlier this season.
- **Vincent Whaley** – The rookie earned his third top-10 of the season last week in Springfield. With 737 points, he is closing in on his PGA TOUR card.
- **Dylan Wu** – With a solo-second last week, Wu jumped 178 spots in The 25 to 55th. The 22-year-old looks to keep his momentum going with a strong week in Wichita.
- **Sebastian Cappelen** – Cappelen earned his first victory in his first Web.com Tour start at the 2014 Wichita Open. The former University of Arkansas standout is ranked 13th in The 25 and could secure a PGA TOUR card with a good showing this week.

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 points 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	1,880
2.	Robby Shelton	1,638
3.	Scottie Scheffler	1,515
4.	Lanto Griffin	1,029
5.	Mark Hubbard	951

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 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 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 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.
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 Web.com Tour title. With the win, Shelton jumped to second in the Web.com 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 Web.com 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 Web.com 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.

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

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