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2018 QBE Challenge Tournament Notes

Dates: December 5-9, 2018

Where: Tiburon Golf Club (Naples, Fla.)

Par/Yards: 72/7,382 yards

Field: 24 players (12 two-person teams)

2017 champions: Steve Stricker/Sean O'Hair

2018 purse: \$3.4 million

Format: Scramble (Friday), Modified Alternate Shot (Saturday), Better Ball (Sunday)

A look back at the 2017 QBE Shootout

Sean O'Hair and Steve Stricker, who led after 18 holes with a 15-under 57 and shared the 36-hole lead at 18-under 126 last year, posted an 8-under 64 Sunday to claim a two-stroke victory at 26-under 190.

O'Hair and Stricker became the second team of past champions paired together for the first time to win. The first was Brad Faxon and Scott McCarron in 2000.

O'Hair was making his seventh appearance in the QBE Shootout, having won with Kenny Perry in 2012. Stricker was playing for a 10th consecutive time and was a part of the 2009 winning team with Jerry Kelly.

Tournament Notes

- Founded by World Golf Hall of Fame Member Greg Norman in 1989, this week's QBE Shootout marks the 30th anniversary of the event.
- Tiburon Golf Club at The Ritz-Carlton Resort in Naples, Fla. hosts the 24-player event for an 18th consecutive year.
- Criteria for the 24-person field: Defending champions (playing as a team), top 12 players available from the 2018 FedExCup points list through the TOUR Championship, 10 special exemptions (a minimum of four to be selected from the top 40 on the PGA TOUR career money list).
- Competitors in the 2018 QBE Shootout have combined for 110 victories (100 on the PGA TOUR and 10 by Lexi Thompson on the LPGA Tour).
- Ten of the top 50 in the Official World Golf Ranking are in this week's QBE Shootout, highlighted by Bryson DeChambeau at No. 5.
- With a win this week, defending champions Steve Stricker and Sean O'Hair would become the third team to successfully defend their QBE Shootout title; Brad Faxon/Scott McCarron (2000, 2001) and Jeff Sluman/Hank Kuehne (2003, 2004).

- Paired again this year with Tony Finau, Lexi Thompson is just the second woman to compete in the QBE Shootout. Annika Sorenstam teamed with Fred Couples in 2006. Last month, Thompson claimed her 10th LPGA title, by four strokes, at the CME Group Tour Championship at Tiburon Golf Club (Gold Course).
- Two former FedExCup champions are in the field and playing together: Brandt Snedeker (2012) and Billy Horschel (2014).
- The distinction for most individual top-5 finishes in the QBE Shootout (nine) is a three-way tie between tournament founder Greg Norman, Kenny Perry and Mark O'Meara.
- The team with the most top-five finishes in tournament history is Mark O'Meara and Curtis Strange. The pair collected five such finishes between 1989 and 1996, including a victory in the inaugural Shootout of 1989.
- Players making their first start in the QBE Shootout: Cameron Champ (with Kevin Kisner), Kevin Na (with Bryson DeChambeau), Andrew Landry (with Luke Donald), Emiliano Grillo (with Graeme McDowell), Luke List (with Charles Howell III), Patton Kizzire (with Davis Love III) and Harold Varner III (with Bubba Watson)
- Eleven players have won the QBE Shootout in their first attempt: Mark O'Meara (1989), Curtis Strange (1989), Fred Couples (1990), Scott McCarron (1997), Hank Kuehne (2003), Rod Pampling (2006), Woody Austin (2007), Keegan Bradley (2011), Brendan Steele (2011), Harris English (2013) and Cameron Tringale (2014).