

# The Bear Trap (Holes 15-17 at PGA National) According to ShotLink



## Holes 15 through 17 Combined

Since 2007, the Bear Trap (Holes 15, 16 & 17 has been among the toughest 3-hole stretches on TOUR (non-majors).

### Toughest 3-Hole Stretches PGA TOUR Since 2007-2018

	Holes	Avg Over Par
Quail Hollow Club	16-17-18	+0.884
Pebble Beach GL	8-9-10	+0.684
<b>PGA National (Champion)</b>	<b>15-16-17</b>	<b>+0.671</b>
Muirfield Village GC	16-17-18	+0.633
Torrey Pines GC (South)	10-11-12	+0.619
PGA National (Champion)	5-6-7	+0.618

\*Non-Majors

These three holes at PGA National (Champion) rank as the third-toughest stretch on TOUR of courses that have been played in each of the last 10 years.

**5,196 Rds:** Since 2007, there have been 5,196 total rounds played at PGA National during the Honda Classic. Here's a breakdown of how players do on holes 1 through 14 and 18 versus the bear trap (15 through 17).

### The Bear Trap vs. The Rest of the Course PGA National Since 2007

	Holes 1-14,18	Holes 15-17
Birdies or Better	12,944	<b>1,694</b>
Bogeys	13,296	<b>2,857</b>
Doubles	1,857	<b>921</b>
Triples or Worse	244	<b>147</b>
Total Balls in Water	2,221	<b>1,310</b>
Total Score to Par	+4,629	<b>+3,489</b>

The Bear Trap accounts for 18% of all bogeys, 33% of all doubles, and 38% of all triples or worse at PGA National Champion Course.

The field is a combined +3,489 over par on holes 15 thru 17 since 2007 (+4,629 on all other holes).

**1,310 Balls in the Water:** Since 2007, there have been 1,310 balls in the water on the 3-hole stretch of the Bear Trap. 511 different players have played at least 1 competitive round on the Bear Trap in the Honda Classic.

**78%:** Since 2007, 397 of 511 (78%) players have hit at least one ball in the water on the Bear Trap.

**114:** There are currently 114 players that have played the Bear Trap at least once in competition without hitting a ball in the water. However, 13 of those players have played right or more rounds at PGA National (listed to the left).

2013 Honda Classic champion Michael Thompson currently has the most rounds played (24) without recording a ball in the water on the Bear Trap.

### Most Rounds Played on Bear Trap Without a Ball in the Water 2007-2018

	Water	Rds
Michael Thompson	<b>0</b>	24
John Huh	<b>0</b>	20
Michael Bradley	<b>0</b>	12
Jim Furyk	<b>0</b>	10
Peter Lonard	<b>0</b>	10
Phil Mickelson	<b>0</b>	10
Bud Cauley	<b>0</b>	9
Zac Blair	<b>0</b>	8
Derek Ernst	<b>0</b>	8
Martin Laird	<b>0</b>	8
Arron Oberholser	<b>0</b>	8
C.T. Pan	<b>0</b>	8
Darron Stiles	<b>0</b>	8

Since 2007, 49 players (55 times) have managed to play holes 15-17 bogey-free in the same week at PGA National.

**Most Times Playing the Bear Trap Bogey-Free in a Week Since 2007**

	# of Times
<b>Keegan Bradley</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Graeme McDowell</b>	<b>3</b>
Daniel Summerhays	2
Russell Knox	2

Graeme McDowell and Keegan Bradley are the only 2 players to accomplish this feat three times (Daniel Summerhays & Russell Knox 2 times). Last season, Andrew Novak was the only player to play the Bear Trap bogey-free in all four rounds. Since 2007, the most players who were bogey-free on holes 15 through 17 was nine back in 2013

**Players Bogey-Free on the Bear Trap by Year PGA National Since 2007**

Last Season	# of Players
2017	4
2016	8
2015	7
2014	6
<b>2013</b>	<b>9</b>
2012	8
2011	2
2010	3
2009	2
2008	2
2007	3

**Playing the Bear Trap Bogey-Free in all 4 Rds (Since 2007)**

	Year	Birdies	Pars
Andrew Novak	2018	2	10
Brian Stuard	2017	1	11
Harris English	2017	2	10
Chad Collins	2017	3	9
Paul Casey	2017	1	11
Daniel Summerhays	2016	2	10
Brett Stegmaier	2016	1	11
Phil Mickelson	2016	3	9
Graeme McDowell	2016	2	10
Luke List	2016	2	10
Russell Knox	2016	3	9
Tom Hoge	2016	1	11
Rickie Fowler	2016	2	10
Nick Watney	2015	0	12
Daniel Summerhays	2015	2	10
Joost Luiten	2015	3	9
Adam Hadwin	2015	2	10
Zac Blair	2015	0	12
Daniel Berger	2015	5	7
Blayne Barber	2015	1	11
Troy Merritt	2014	1	11
Brooks Koepka	2014	2	10
Russell Knox	2014	3	9
Zach Johnson	2014	3	9
Sergio Garcia	2014	1	11
Keegan Bradley	2014	0	12
Mark Wilson	2013	2	10

	Year	Birdies	Pars
Chris Stroud	2013	0	12
Brendan Steele	2013	0	12
Justin Rose	2013	3	9
Graeme McDowell	2013	1	11
Steve Marino	2013	3	9
Bob Estes	2013	2	10
Erik Compton	2013	0	12
Keegan Bradley	2013	1	11
Vaughn Taylor	2012	2	10
Jeff Overton	2012	2	10
Rory McIlroy	2012	3	9
Tim Herron	2012	5	7
Brian Harman	2012	3	9
Ben Crane	2012	1	11
Keegan Bradley	2012	2	10
Stuart Appleby	2012	1	11
Graeme McDowell	2011	1	11
Matt Kuchar	2011	2	10
Joe Ogilvie	2010	1	11
Steve Lowery	2010	2	10
Matt Jones	2010	1	11
Miguel Angel Jiménez	2009	0	12
Freddie Jacobson	2009	2	10
Jesper Parnevik	2008	2	10
Luke Donald	2008	5	7
Camilo Villegas	2007	4	8
Frank Lickliter II	2007	2	10
Rich Barcelo	2007	2	10

### Most Rounds Played without a Birdie on The Bear Trap 2007-2018

	Pars	Bogeys	Dbls or Worse	Rds
<b>Eric Axley</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Robert Gamez</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Peter Malnati</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>
Brad Faxon	11	5	2	6
James Nitties	14	2	2	6
Ted Purdy	13	3	2	6
Shawn Stefani	14	1	3	6
Charles Warren	9	6	3	6

Peter Malnati is one of three players who have played eight rounds at PGA National without making a birdie on the Bear Trap (holes 15-17). In his career on the Bear Trap, he's made 20 pars, three bogeys and one double bogey or worse on this three-hole stretch. Peter Malnati, Eric Axley & Robert Gamez hold the record for most rounds played without recording a birdie on this 3-hole stretch (8 rds).

### Scoring Leaders The Bear Trap - 2007-2018

	Score to Par	Rds
<b>Russell Knox</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Adam Hadwin</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>6</b>
Scott Pinckney	-5	6
Alex Noren	-5	6
Henrik Bjornstad	-4	6

**-6 on the Bear Trap:** No one (of players with at least 5 competitive rounds) has a better history on holes 15 thru 17 than Russell Knox & Adam Hadwin (-6) since 2007.

**5.7%:** Since 2007, 511 different players have at least one competitive round on PGA National during the Honda Classic. Just 29 of these players are under par for their careers on these three holes (5.7% of all players).

*\*Min 5 Rds*

### Highest Career Scoring The Bear Trap - 2007-2018

	Score to Par	Rds
Ryan Palmer	+41	34
Adam Scott	+32	18
Briny Baird	+29	20
John Senden	+28	30
Robert Garrigus	+26	26
Stewart Cink	+25	32
Woody Austin	+24	18
Chris DiMarco	+24	13
Ken Duke	+24	24
Greg Chalmers	+23	28
Brendan Steele	+23	28
Ben Martin	+23	12
David Duval	+23	14
Chris Kirk	+22	24
Anthony Kim	+22	18
Carl Pettersson	+21	34
Ben Curtis	+21	18
Johnson Wagner	+21	26
Alan Morin	+21	18
Sergio Garcia	+20	32
Chris Couch	+20	14

**+41:** Ryan Palmer has played the Bear Trap at a combined 41-over par in his 34 rounds at PGA National Champion Course.

**89.6%:** Since 2007, 458 of 511 players (89.6%) are over par on the Bear Trap in their respective careers.

**29.4%:** Since 2007, 150 of 511 players are a combined 10-over par or worse on this three-hole stretch, accounting for 29.4% of all players.

### Breakdown of Career Scoring on the Bear Trap Since 2007

	# of Players	PCT.
Over Par	458	89.6
Even Par	24	4.7
Under Par	29	5.7
Total	511	

**Scoring Leaders**  
**15th hole - PGA National - 2007-2018**

	Score to Par	Rds
<b>Padraig Harrington</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>26</b>
Daniel Summerhays	-5	24
Brendon Todd	-3	10
John Huh	-3	20
Adam Hadwin	-3	6
Scott Pinckney	-3	6
Chad Campbell	-3	24
Kyle Stanley	-3	18
Michael Thompson	-3	24
Stephen Gallacher	-3	6

**-6:** At 6-under in 26 rounds, Padraig Harrington is the scoring leader on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole at PGA National.

**4 Balls in the Water:** Since 2007, Gavin Coles is the only player to hit four balls in the water on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole at PGA National in the same round (2007, 3<sup>rd</sup> Rd).

**26:** Number of players who have hit multiple balls in the water on this hole in at least one round in this timeframe.

Adam Scott (2016, 3<sup>rd</sup> Rd & 2011, 1<sup>st</sup> Rd) and Joe Ogilvie (2008, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rd & 2008, 1<sup>st</sup>) are the only two players to hit multiple balls in the water on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole in more than one round.

**Players With Multiple Balls in the Water in Same Rd**  
**15th Hole PGA National Since 2007**

	Year	Rd	Total
Gavin Coles	2007	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4
Chris Stroud	2008	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3
Robert Garrigus	2007	Final	3
Stephan Jaeger	2018	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2
Lanto Griffin	2018	1 <sup>st</sup>	2
<b>Adam Scott</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>2</b>
Si Woo Kim	2016	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2
Rory Sabbatini	2016	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2
Patrick Rodgers	2016	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2
Charl Schwartzel	2015	1 <sup>st</sup>	2
Jerry Kelly	2013	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2
David Mathis	2013	1 <sup>st</sup>	2
John Mallinger	2013	1 <sup>st</sup>	2
Steven Bowditch	2013	1 <sup>st</sup>	2
Colt Knost	2012	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2
Adam Scott	2011	1 <sup>st</sup>	2
Rory Mclroy	2010	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2
Chris Couch	2010	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2
Jeff Overton	2010	1 <sup>st</sup>	2
Ben Curtis	2010	1 <sup>st</sup>	2
Tim Petrovic	2009	1 <sup>st</sup>	2
Briny Baird	2008	Final	2
David Toms	2008	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2
Joe Ogilvie	2008	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2
Joe Ogilvie	2008	1 <sup>st</sup>	2
Chris DiMarco	2008	1 <sup>st</sup>	2
Johnson Wagner	2007	Final	2
Cliff Kresge	2007	3 <sup>rd</sup>	2

**627 Balls in the Water:** Since 2007, there has been 627 total balls hit in the water on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole at PGA National. Last season, 55 balls were hit in the water, marking the fourth-most at this hole. There were only 37 balls in the water on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole in 2007 marking the fewest at this event since 2007.

**5:** Five players have hit seven total balls in the water on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole at PGA National (Garrigus, Els, Wagner, Baird and Walker).

**Two Aces:** From 2007 until 2016 there were 4,340 rounds played on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole without an Ace. In 2017 there were 421 rounds played and two aces were recorded by Scott Stallings & Jhonattan Vegas.

**Balls in the Water  
15<sup>th</sup> Hole Since 2007**

Year	Water
2018	55
2017	50
2016	54
2015	48
2014	45
2013	48
2012	38
2011	60
2010	77
2009	49
2008	66
<b>2007</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>627</b>

**Most Balls in Water  
15<sup>th</sup> Hole Since 2007**

	Total
<b>Robert Garrigus</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Ernie Els</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Johnson Wagner</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Briny Baird</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Jimmy Walker</b>	<b>7</b>
Ryan Palmer	6
John Mallinger	6
Adam Scott	6
Jason Dufner	6
Woody Austin	6

**Closest to the Pin  
15<sup>th</sup> Hole PGA National Since 2007**

	Year	Rd	Distance
<b>Vegas, Jhonattan</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Ace</b>
<b>Stallings, Scott</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Ace</b>
Wilson, Mark	2012	1	3"
Couch, Chris	2007	2	7"
Horschel, Billy	2015	2	9"
Karlsson, Robert	2012	1	11"
Casey, Paul	2010	2	11"
Blaum, Ryan	2017	3	12"
Perry, Kenny	2012	1	13"
McIlroy, Rory	2009	4	13"
Grace, Branden	2013	1	15"
Kuehne, Hank	2012	1	16"
Weekley, Boo	2015	1	17"
Herron, Tim	2012	4	18"

**Most Rounds without a Bogey on 15<sup>th</sup> Hole**

	Birdies	Pars	Rds
Darren Clarke	1	7	8
Arron Oberholser	2	6	8
Brice Garnett	1	6	7
Bronson Burgoon	1	5	6
Stephen Gallacher	3	3	6
Adam Hadwin	3	3	6
Tom Hoge	1	5	6
Mark Hubbard	2	4	6
Kelly Kraft	1	5	6
Andrew Loupe	2	4	6
David Lynn	1	5	6
James Nitties	0	6	6
Alex Noren	1	5	6
Scott Pinckney	3	3	6
Aron Price	0	6	6
J.J. Spaun	1	5	6
Brett Stegmaier	0	6	6

**Bogey-Free on 15<sup>th</sup> Hole:** Since 2007, 17 players have played the 15<sup>th</sup> hole at least six times and have yet to record a bogey or worse.

**Holes with the Most 3-Putts  
PGA National Since 2007**

Hole	3-Putts	4-Putts	Total 3-Putts or Worse
16 <sup>th</sup>	225	6	231
5 <sup>th</sup>	170	2	172
14 <sup>th</sup>	160		160
15 <sup>th</sup>	157	1	158
6 <sup>th</sup>	156	2	158

**Most 3-Putts or Worse on 16<sup>th</sup> Hole:** Since 2007, there have been 231 three-putts or worse on the 16<sup>th</sup> hole at PGA National (most on any hole at this course). The 16<sup>th</sup> is also the only hole on PGA National with more than five 4-putts or worse since 2007.

**-6:** Vaughn Taylor is a combined six-under par on the 16<sup>th</sup> hole in 28 career rounds played at PGA National, marking the best score to par on this hole of any player.

**Scoring Leaders  
16th Hole Since 2007**

	Score to Par	Rds
<b>Vaughn Taylor</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>28</b>
Ernie Els	-5	32
James Driscoll	-5	14
Luke Donald	-3	30
Daniel Chopra	-3	4
Bill Haas	-3	10
Gary Christian	-3	4
Ben Kohles	-3	4

**Most Over Par  
16th Hole Since 2007**

	Score to Par	Rds
<b>Ryan Palmer</b>	<b>+17</b>	<b>34</b>
Jesper Parnevik	+13	16
Matt Every	+11	23
Chris Kirk	+11	24
George McNeill	+10	32
Billy Andrade	+10	8
D.A. Points	+10	24
Robert Garrigus	+10	26
Boo Weekley	+10	34
Michael Thompson	+9	24
Sean O'Hair	+9	32
Chris DiMarco	+8	13
Freddie Jacobson	+8	32
Charles Howell III	+8	32
John Senden	+8	30
Ben Curtis	+8	18
Spencer Levin	+8	24

Since 2007, Ryan Palmer has the highest combined score to par of any player on the 16<sup>th</sup> hole at PGA National. Palmer is a combined 17-over par in 34 career rounds on this hole.

**422:** Since 2007, there have been 422 total balls in the water on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole.

**74:** Last season, there were 74 total balls in the water on the par-3 17<sup>th</sup> hole, marking the most on this hole in a single season since 2007.

#### Total Balls in Water - 17th Hole Since 2007

Year	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Final Rd	Total
<b>2018</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>74</b>
2017	9	8	4	6	27
2016	3	5	5	8	21
2015	8	17	3	4	32
2014	5	7	2	8	22
2013	2	3	3	2	10
2012	7	7	5	1	20
2011	32	23	9	1	65
2010	8	9	11	10	38
2009	26	19	7	1	53
2008	5	12	6	12	35
2007	15	5	3	2	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>422</b>

#### Scoring Leaders 17th Hole Since 2007

	Score to Par	Rds
<b>Freddie Jacobson</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>32</b>
Russell Knox	-4	16
Gavin Coles	-2	4
Carlos Franco	-2	4
Rich Barcelo	-2	8
Adam Hadwin	-2	6
Bart Bryant	-2	8
Derek Lamely	-2	8
Henrik Bjornstad	-2	6
David Lingmerth	-2	18
Pat Perez	-2	4
Alex Noren	-2	6

**Five-Under Par:** Since 2007, Freddie Jacobson has the best cumulative score to par of any player on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole at PGA National. In 32 career rounds on this hole, Jacobson is a combined five-under par making nine birdies, 20 pars, two bogeys and one double bogey.

**15-Over Par:** Since 2007, J.J Henry has the highest combined score to par of any player on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole at PGA National. Henry is a combined 15-over par in 25 career rounds on this hole.

#### Most Over Par 17th Hole Since 2007

	Score to Par	Rds
<b>J.J. Henry</b>	<b>+15</b>	<b>25</b>
Anthony Kim	+14	18
Stewart Cink	+14	32
Brendon de Jonge	+14	30
Martin Flores	+13	22
Ben Martin	+13	12
Rory McIlroy	+13	29
Ryan Palmer	+13	34

### Highest Scores on the Bear Trap Since 2007

	Year	Rd	Hole	Par	Score	Score to Par
Gavin Coles	2007	3 <sup>rd</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	3	11	+8
Chris Stroud	2008	2 <sup>nd</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	3	9	+6
Robert Garrigus	2007	Final	15 <sup>th</sup>	3	9	+6
Martin Flores	2018	Final	17 <sup>th</sup>	3	8	+5
Adam Scott	2011	1 <sup>st</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	3	8	+5
Stephan Jaeger	2018	2 <sup>nd</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
John Mallinger	2013	1 <sup>st</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
J.B. Holmes	2018	2 <sup>nd</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
Michael Kim	2018	2 <sup>nd</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
Chris Couch	2010	2 <sup>nd</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
Rory McIlroy	2018	Final	17 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
Adam Scott	2016	3 <sup>rd</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
Steve Marino	2016	1 <sup>st</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
Jeff Overton	2010	1 <sup>st</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
Colt Knost	2012	3 <sup>rd</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
Rory Sabbatini	2016	2 <sup>nd</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
Sangmoon Bae	2015	2 <sup>nd</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	4	8	+4
Wes Homan	2015	2 <sup>nd</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	4	8	+4
David Mathis	2013	1 <sup>st</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
Patrick Rodgers	2016	2 <sup>nd</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
Si Woo Kim	2016	3 <sup>rd</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
Tim Petrovic	2009	1 <sup>st</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
Miguel Angel Carballo	2012	1 <sup>st</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
Chris DiMarco	2011	1 <sup>st</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	4	8	+4
Tag Ridings	2011	2 <sup>nd</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
Adam Scott	2011	2 <sup>nd</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
Chris DiMarco	2008	1 <sup>st</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
Jonathan Byrd	2010	2 <sup>nd</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
Graeme McDowell	2010	Final	17 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
Jonathan Byrd	2009	1 <sup>st</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
Johnson Wagner	2007	Final	15 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
Cliff Kresge	2007	3 <sup>rd</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
Y.E. Yang	2008	3 <sup>rd</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	4	8	+4
Joey Sindelar	2007	1 <sup>st</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
Jeff Overton	2008	1 <sup>st</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4
Anthony Kim	2007	Final	17 <sup>th</sup>	3	7	+4