



Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco

Hillcrest Country Club | Boise, Idaho | August 13-16, 2020

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Quick Facts

Golf Course: Hillcrest Country Club (Par 71, 6,880 yards)

Course Designer: A. Vernon Macan (1940), Redesign: Robert Muir Graves (1968)

Purse: \$1,000,000 (Winner: \$180,000 / 1,000 points)

2019 Champion: Matthew NeSmith

Field Overview (as of August 11)

- 49 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 70 victories
- Five PGA TOUR winners with six victories
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Korn Ferry Tour Championship Series

The Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco has traditionally served as one of the Korn Ferry Tour Finals events, one of three tournaments at the conclusion of each Korn Ferry Tour season that awards the top-25 players within the Finals their PGA TOUR cards. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 season has been combined with the 2021 season, postponing PGA TOUR promotion until the end of the 2021 season. In 2020, the three-event Korn Ferry Tour Finals has been replaced by the Korn Ferry Tour Championship Series.

Similar to the traditional Korn Ferry Tour Finals, the Korn Ferry Tour Championship Series will continue to have elevated purses and points. But instead of competing for PGA TOUR cards, the Korn Ferry Tour Championship Series centers around two main incentives:

- The top-10 players in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings at the conclusion of the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance will earn entry into the PGA TOUR's additional events (also known as opposite-field events) during the 2020-21 season.
- The top-five players (not otherwise exempt) on a three-tournament points list encompassing the 2020 Albertsons Boise Open, Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship and Korn Ferry Tour Championship will receive exemptions into the 2020 U.S. Open at Winged Foot.

With U.S. Open exemptions and entry into PGA TOUR's additional events on the line, the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco will continue to provide dramatic storylines down the stretch at Hillcrest Country Club.

Tournament History

Entering its 31st year, the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco is one of the original four tournaments from 1990 that are still on the Korn Ferry Tour's schedule. Many famous Korn Ferry Tour alumni have played in Boise on their way to the PGA TOUR, including Jason Day (2007), Bubba Watson (2005), Xander Schauffele (2016) and the current

No. 2 player in the world, Justin Thomas (2014). Thomas finished third in 2014, two strokes back of champion Steve Wheatcroft.

Ricky Smallridge won the inaugural 54-hole tournament in 1990 at 14-under, as the tournament was played as 54 holes through 1995. Matt Gogel topped the first 72-hole edition of the tournament in 1996, defeating future TOUR star Stewart Cink. Eight years later in 2004, Scott Gump topped two players by two strokes on his way to victory, including future major champion Jimmy Walker.

While Kevin Tway won the 2013 contest, and last season earned his first PGA TOUR win at the Safeway Open, it was Russell Knox's second-round 59 that drew the headlines. The 59 was one of seven sub-60 rounds in the history of the Korn Ferry Tour and stands as the course record.

In 2015, Martin Piller lapped the tournament record with a new mark of 28-under 256, the third-lowest tournament total in the Tour's history. Last year, former University of South Carolina star Matthew NeSmith birdied his final hole for a thrilling one-stroke victory. This year, in his rookie season on the PGA TOUR, NeSmith has earned five top-25 finishes and ranks 85th in the FedExCup standings.

Past Champions

Year	Champion	Scores	To Par	Margin
2019	Matthew NeSmith	70-64-67-64 — 265	-19	1
2018	Sangmoon Bae	65-67-67-66 — 265	-19	4
2017	Chesson Hadley	67-68-68-65 — 268	-16	4
2016	Michael Thompson	67-66-64-64 — 261	-23	1
2015	Martin Piller	61-63-65-67 — 256	-28	3
2014	Steve Wheatcroft*	64-66-65-65 — 260	-24	1
2013	Kevin Tway*	65-69-63-64 — 261	-23	Playoff
2012	Luke Guthrie	64-71-62-65 — 262	-22	4
2011	Jason Kokrak	68-68-63-67 — 266	-18	2
2010	Hunter Haas	68-64-67-64 — 263	-21	1
2009	Fran Quinn	68-65-68-69 — 270	-14	1
2008	Chris Tidland	69-65-66-64 — 264	-20	4
2007	Jon Mills	65-68-66-64 — 263	-21	3
2006	Kevin Stadler	64-64-70-66 — 264	-20	1
2005	Greg Chalmers*	66-65-69-69 — 269	-15	Playoff
2004	Scott Gump	66-68-68-68 — 270	-14	2
2003	Roger Tambellini	68-65-66-68 — 267	-17	6
2002	Jason Gore	66-68-66-73 — 273	-11	2
2001	Michael Long	66-69-67-68 — 270	-14	1
2000	Tim Clark	66-67-69-67 — 269	-15	6
1999	Carl Paulson	69-66-65-66 — 266	-18	4
1998	Mike Sposa	63-71-66-65 — 265	-19	2
1997	Iain Steel	67-66-66-68 — 267	-17	3
1996	Matt Gogel	67-65-67-71 — 270	-14	1
1995	Frank Lickliter II	66-66-68 — 200	-13	1
1994	Keith Fergus*	65-69-64 — 198	-15	Playoff
1993	Tommy Moore	68-67-64 — 199	-14	3
1992	Jaime Gomez	67-68-67 — 202	-11	1
1991	Russell Beiersdorf*	67-66-69 — 202	-11	Playoff
1990	Ricky Smallridge	64-67-68 — 199	-14	3

* Won in a sudden-death playoff

Course History

The site of present-day Hillcrest Country Club was originally deemed Idaho Country Club in 1925 with nine holes of the golf course. The course was renamed Boise Country Club in 1935, and in 1940, renamed again to Hillcrest Country Club. The final nine holes were completed in 1958 at the south end of the property and though decades apart, all 18 were designed by A. Vernon Macan. The property sits at an average of 2,800 feet above sea level.

In 1963, Hillcrest Country Club hosted the LPGA Tour's Idaho Centennial Ladies' Open over Labor Day weekend. Five years later, in 1968, the course was renovated by Robert Muir Graves. The inaugural Albertsons Boise Open began in 1990 and has been contested each year since at Hillcrest Country Club. The members' front and back nines are reversed for the tournament, with the newer nine holes played as the front nine and the original nine holes as the back nine.

In 2019, the par-71 course rated as the 23rd-toughest course on the Korn Ferry Tour (of 29) with a scoring average of 69.371. The par-3 13th hole ranked as the toughest on the golf course and finished as the 55th toughest on Tour. Two par-5s, the 16th and second holes, ranked as the second and third easiest holes on Tour, respectively.

By the Numbers: Hillcrest Country Club

Hardest hole (2019): No. 13 (par 3, 216 yards) – 3.218 average, 110 bogeys or worse

Easiest hole (2019): No. 16 (par 5, 535 yards) – 4.323 average, 226 birdies, 30 eagles

Tournament Record (18 holes): 59 (-12), Russell Knox (2013, Rd. 2)

Tournament Record (72 holes): 256 (-28), 2015 – Martin Piller

Aces (31): Last: Brett Stegmaier (2019/second round/No. 17)

Top Five to Watch

- **Carl Yuan** – Yuan enters the Albertsons Boise Open as one of the hottest players on Tour after back-to-back T2 finishes over his last two weeks. He was 140th in the points standings two weeks ago and has skyrocketed to 30th.
- **Anders Albertson** – Albertson has always enjoyed a cult following at the Albertsons Boise Open (no relation) and has played well there in the past. He finished T2 in 2018 and is coming off a T11 finish in Portland.
- **Lee Hodges** – Hodges broke through with his first win at last week's WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz and has finished inside the top-20 in eight of his past nine starts.
- **Kevin Dougherty** – Dougherty is coming off of a top-25 finish in Portland and is one of the top returning finishers from last year's tournament after a second-round 63 led to a T11 finish.
- **Joey Garber** – Joey Garber has all the ingredients for a successful week at the Albertsons Boise Open: Past success in Boise (T11 and T10 in two starts) and playing well of late (T7 finish in Portland last week).

Season Recap

1. *The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay* – Tommy Gainey birdied his final three holes to pull away from the field and earn the first title of the 2019 season. It was the 44-year-old's first win since the 2012 RSM Classic on the PGA TOUR.
2. *The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at Baha Mar* – Jared Wolfe ran away from the field with birdies on three of his final four holes at The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at Baha Mar. Wolfe battled windy conditions in the final round to clinch the first Korn Ferry Tour title of his career.
3. *Panamá Championship* – After an eagle on the back nine during his final round, Davis Riley held on to win the Panama Championship by one stroke over Roberto Díaz. The victory was Riley's first on the Korn Ferry Tour and came in just his 21st Tour start.
4. *Country Club de Bogota Championship* – Mito Pereira carded a final-round 64 to claim his first Korn Ferry Tour victory at the Country Club de Bogota Championship. Entering the 72nd hole tied at the top, Pereira sunk a long eagle putt to clinch the two-stroke victory.
5. *LECOM Suncoast Classic* – Andrew Novak birdied each of his last two holes, including a 10-foot putt at the last, to win the LECOM Suncoast Classic last week by one shot over John Chin. He finished at 23-under 265 at Lakewood National Golf Club in his first career Korn Ferry Tour victory.

6. *El Bosque Mexico Championship by INNOVA* – David Kocher survived a three-man playoff to claim his first Korn Ferry Tour victory. The 23-year-old defeated Paul Barjon and Chad Ramey on the first playoff hole to capture the title at El Bosque Country Club.
7. *Korn Ferry Challenge at TPC Sawgrass* – Three months after beginning competition at THE PLAYERS Championship before the cancellation, Luke List returned to TPC Sawgrass and eventually edged a tight leaderboard at 12-under to win the Korn Ferry Challenge at TPC Sawgrass.
8. *The King & Bear Classic at World Golf Village* – Chris Kirk erased a final-round four-stroke deficit to win The King & Bear Classic at World Golf Village. After taking six months off from golf as he worked through alcohol abuse and depression, Kirk returned to the winner's circle for the first time since 2015.
9. *Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank* – Kyle Jones held off local favorite Daniel Summerhays and Paul Haley II to win the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank. Jones clinched the win with a birdie on the second playoff hole at Oakridge Country Club.
10. *TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes* – Will Zalatoris broke through with his first professional win with a one-stroke victory at the TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes. A final-round 3-under 69 was enough to hold off Chase Johnson by one stroke and springboard Zalatoris to the top spot on the Korn Ferry Tour points list for the first time in his career.
11. *TPC San Antonio Challenge at the Canyons* – A day after matching Fred Couples' competitive course record (62) on moving day, David Lipsky capped off an incredible week with a final-round 66 to finish four strokes clear of the field at 25-under 263 at the TPC San Antonio Challenge at the Canyons.
12. *TPC San Antonio Championship at the Oaks* – Davis Riley became the first player this season to win twice on Tour with a two-stroke win at the TPC San Antonio Championship at the Oaks. Riley posted a final-round 5-under 67 on Saturday and finished at 16-under for the week to top Paul Barjon and Taylor Pendrith.
13. *Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper* – Max McGreevy carded a bogey-free, 8-under 64 on Sunday to win the Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper by one stroke at 21-under 267. McGreevy held off José de Jesús Rodríguez, who finished the week in solo-second at 20-under 268.
14. *Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna* – Seth Reeves carded a final-round 7-under 64 to rise from T27 to begin the day to his first Korn Ferry Tour victory at 11-under 273, edging five players by a stroke at the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna.
15. *WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz* – Entering the final round tied for the lead, Lee Hodges carded an even-par 71 to hang on for a two-stroke victory at the WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz. The win was Hodges' first as a professional and earned him a U.S. Open exemption by virtue of moving inside the top five of the points standings.

Revised 2020 Korn Ferry Tour Season schedule:

- June 8-14: Korn Ferry Challenge at TPC Sawgrass, TPC Sawgrass (Dye's Valley), Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida
- June 15-20: The King & Bear Classic at World Golf Village, The King & Bear GC at World Golf Village, St. Augustine, Florida (Saturday finish)
- June 22-28: Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank, Oakridge CC, Farmington, Utah
- June 29-July 5: TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes, TPC Colorado, Berthoud, Colorado
- July 6-12: TPC San Antonio Challenge at the Canyons, TPC San Antonio (Canyons Course), San Antonio, Texas
- July 13-18: TPC San Antonio Championship at the Oaks, TPC San Antonio (Oaks Course), San Antonio, Texas (Saturday finish)
- July 20-26: Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper, Highland Springs CC, Springfield, Missouri
- July 27-August 2: Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna, The Club at Indian Creek, Omaha, Nebraska
- August 3-9: WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz, Pumpkin Ridge GC (Witch Hollow), North Plains, Oregon
- August 10-16: Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco, Hillcrest CC, Boise, Idaho
- August 17-23: Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship, Ohio State University GC (Scarlet Course), Columbus, Ohio
- August 24-30: Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance, Victoria National GC, Newburgh, Indiana
- August 31-September 6: Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS, Panther Creek CC, Springfield, Illinois

- September 7-13 : Evans Scholars Invitational, Chicago Highlands Club, Westchester, Illinois
- September 21-27: Wichita Open Supporting Wichita's Youth, Crestview CC, Wichita, Kansas
- September 28-October 4: Savannah Golf Championship, The Landings Club (Deer Creek), Savannah, Georgia
- October 5-11: Orange County National Championship presented by Knight 39, Orange County Golf Center & Lodge (Panther Lake), Winter Garden, Florida

About Korn Ferry Tour

Founded (1990), owned and operated by the PGA TOUR, the Korn Ferry Tour identifies and develops those players who are ready to compete and win on golf's biggest stage. In 2013, the Korn Ferry Tour became The Path to the PGA TOUR with all 50 available PGA TOUR cards coming through the Tour and the season culminating at the Korn Ferry Tour Finals. This season marks the 30th year of competition on the Korn Ferry Tour. Three out of four PGA TOUR members are Korn Ferry Tour alumni. Tour alumni have won more than 500 PGA TOUR titles, including 24 major championships and eight PLAYERS Championships. To learn more about the PGA TOUR, the Korn Ferry Tour and to follow the season-long quest for a PGA TOUR card, visit PGATOUR.COM, or follow the Tour on social media via Instagram (@KornFerryTour), Twitter (@KornFerryTour) and Facebook ([facebook.com/KornFerryTour](https://www.facebook.com/KornFerryTour)).