



Evans Scholars Invitational

Chicago Highlands Club | Westchester, Illinois | September 10-13, 2020

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Quick Facts

Golf Course: Chicago Highlands Club (Par 72, 7,490 yards)

Course Designer: Arthur Hills (2010)

Purse: \$600,000 (Winner: \$108,000 / 500 points)

2019 Champion: Scottie Scheffler

Field Overview (as of September 7)

- 49 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 73 victories
- Six PGA TOUR winners with seven victories
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Tournament History

This year will mark the second playing of the Evans Scholars Invitational, with the 2019 edition ending in thrilling fashion. Scottie Scheffler broke through with his first win after flirting with victory all year. The rookie had earned top-10 finishes in six of his first 10 starts entering the week but had failed to earn that elusive first win. He entered Sunday T9 and six strokes back but carded a final-round 63 to reach a playoff with Marcelo Roza before winning with a birdie on the second hole.

This season, Scheffler has asserted himself as one of the best young players in the game at the PGA TOUR level. The 24-year-old is the frontrunner for PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year and finished the season last week ranked fifth in the FedExCup standings following the TOUR Championship. Other top finishers from last year's tournament that went on to earn their PGA TOUR cards include Vince Covello (T4), Lanto Griffin (T6) and Mark Hubbard (T6).

Year	Champion	Scores	To Par	Margin
2019	Scottie Scheffler	68-70-70-63 – 271	-17	Playoff

Course History

Due to scheduling conflicts at the traditional host venue, The Glen Club, this year's tournament will be held for the first time at Chicago Highlands Club, an Arthur Hills design in Westchester. Opened in 2010, the links-style Chicago Highlands is built on 270 acres, the largest plot of land in the area for a golf course, while offering views of the Chicago skyline and more than 80 feet of elevation changes. Hills has been involved with many of the world's renowned courses, including renovations such as Oakmont, Inverness, Oakland Hills, and Congressional Country Club.

The Evans Scholars Invitational, originally scheduled for May, was forced to reschedule due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A new venue was selected for the 2020 tournament, though the event will return to The Glen Club beginning in 2021.

By the Numbers: Chicago Highlands Club**Longest hole:** No. 7 (par 5, 615 yards)**Shortest hole:** No. 17 (par 3, 158 yards)**Local Players in the Field**

Chicago natives in the field include Vince India, Brad Hopfinger, Nick Hardy and Patrick Flavin. Hopfinger and India each played at the University of Iowa, while Hardy was an All-American at the University of Illinois. Flavin starred at the University of Miami – Ohio. Other former Fighting Illini members in the field include Brian Campbell, Luke Guthrie and Scott Langley. Former Northwestern University stars Dylan Wu and David Lipsky will also return to an area they are familiar with. Additionally, Shane Smith attended Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington.

Top Five to Watch

- **Marcelo Rozo** – While the venue has changed from last year’s tournament, Rozo, who fell in a playoff at the 2019 Evans Scholars Invitational certainly played well in the Windy City. Rozo has had a disappointing season thus far, making just four of 17 cuts and missing 10 consecutive cuts prior to a T59 finish last week.
- **Brett Drewitt** – Coming off the biggest victory of his career, Australian Brett Drewitt enters the Evans Scholars Invitational with some momentum. This will be his 14th week in a row competing on Tour.
- **Vince India** – India, a Chicago native, has made 10 of his last 12 cuts and earned a career-best T3 finish two weeks ago at the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance.
- **Charlie Saxon** – Simply put, Saxon is possibly the hottest golfer on Tour without a victory thus far. He led after each of the first three rounds last week before a T7 finish. He has been inside the top-10 on the leaderboard after 13 of his last 17 rounds on Tour.
- **Harry Hall** – The Englishman had a chance to get up and down at the 18th green last week to force a playoff but couldn’t convert the par save. Still, the T2 finish was easily his highest in his fifth career start.

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.
16. *Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco* – Stephan Jaeger carded a final-round 68 to take home his fifth Korn Ferry Tour title at the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco. With the victory, Jaeger became one of 13 players to win five or more times on the Korn Ferry Tour.
17. *Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship* – Australian Curtis Luck, who won the 2016 U.S. Amateur, got up-and-down on the 72nd hole at Ohio State's famed Scarlet Course to claim his first Tour title at the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship. The victory enabled Luck to earn one of the Tour's exemptions into the 2020 U.S. Open at Winged Foot Golf Club.
18. *Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance* – Rookie Brandon Wu carded a final-round 65 – the low round of the day – to earn a one-stroke victory at the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance. The win was his first as a professional and earned him an exemption into the 2020 U.S. Open at Winged Foot nearby his hometown in Scarsdale, New York.
19. *Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS* – Australian Brett Drewitt captured his first title in his 116th career start at the Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS. Drewitt two-putted each of the last two holes for par, the two toughest holes on the course) to edge three players by one stroke.

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

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