



Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS

Panther Creek Country Club | Springfield, Illinois | September 3-6, 2020

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Quick Facts

Golf Course: Panther Creek CC (Par 71, 6,880 yards)

Course Designer: Hale Irwin (1992)

Purse: \$550,000 (Winner: \$99,000 / 500 points)

2019 Champion: Xinjun Zhang

Field Overview (as of August 31)

- 45 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 67 victories
- Seven PGA TOUR winners with 12 victories
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Tournament History

This year will mark the fifth playing of the Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS, with all five editions occurring at Panther Creek Country Club. Martin Flores won the inaugural event in 2016, spurred by a final-round eagle at the par-5 seventh en route to a clinching 67. He went on to post 18 made cuts in 27 PGA TOUR events the following year. In 2017, Purdue University alum Adam Schenk outlasted a four-person playoff to claim his first Korn Ferry Tour title. He has competed on the PGA TOUR over the past three seasons, earning four top-10s and 17 top-25s over that span. In 2018, Georgia Tech alum Anders Albertson set a new tournament record at 25-under 259, including four rounds at 66 or better. He competed as a PGA TOUR rookie during the 2018-19 season. Xinjun Zhang won his second tournament of the season at the 2019 Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS, outlasting upstart rookie Dylan Wu in a playoff. Zhang went on to get his TOUR card and earned has seven top-25s and three top-10s this season. Wu parlayed his strong week into full status on the Korn Ferry Tour and this year has earned five top-10s to sit 11th in The 25.

Year	Champion	Scores	To Par	Margin
2019	Xinjun Zhang	68-72-63-66 – 269	-15	Playoff
2018	Anders Albertson	66-66-64-63 – 259	-25	2
2017	Adam Schenk	67-66-65-72 – 270	-14	Playoff
2016	Martin Flores	66-64-65-67 – 262	-22	2

Course History

Panther Creek Country Club has served as the host course in each of the tournament's first four years. It was designed and opened in 1992 by Hale Irwin, a 20-time PGA TOUR winner and 45-time PGA TOUR Champions winner. His 45 wins on PGA TOUR Champions are most all-time. Panther Creek ranked as the 10th-toughest course on Tour (of 29 courses) in 2019 (by scoring average) at 70.963 (-0.037), though it ranked as the third-easiest in 2018. The tournament has been held in June or July in each of the previous four years but was moved to September this year after the COVID-19 pandemic caused an adjusted Korn Ferry Tour schedule.

By the Numbers: Panther Creek Country Club**Hardest hole (2019):** No. 1 (par 4, 510 yards) – 4.349 average, 153 bogeys or worse**Easiest hole (2019):** No. 16 (par 5, 529 yards) – 4.368 average, 251 birdies, 22 eagles**Tournament Record (18 holes):** 61 (-10), Chase Wright (2018, Rd. 2)**Tournament Record (72 holes):** 259 (-25), 2018 – Anders Albertson**Aces (4):** Last – Chase Seiffert (2019/final round/No. 2); John Oda (2019/second round/No. 14)**Local Players in the Field**

Illinois natives in the field include Shane Smith, Vince India, Brad Hopfinger and Nick Hardy. Smith grew up in Godfrey and starred at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington. Hopfinger and India are both Chicago residents who each played at the University of Iowa, while Hardy, another Chicago resident, was an All-American at the University of Illinois. Other former Fighting Illini members in the field include Brian Campbell and Scott Langley. Former Northwestern University stars Dylan Wu and David Lipsky will also return to the state where they competed collegiately.

Top Five to Watch

- **Dylan Wu** – Last year's runner-up at the Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS has been one of the breakout players this season. Wu finished at 15-under 269 last year to enter a playoff with Xinjun Zhang before eventually falling.
- **Vince India** – India, a Chicago native, has made 10 of his last 11 cuts and is coming off a career-high T3 finish last week at the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance.
- **Dan McCarthy** – McCarthy has earned finishes of T5-T67-T2-71st-T3 over his last five starts, rising from 85th to 17th in the points standings in the process. The Syracuse, New York, native also earned an exemption into the U.S. Open at Winged Foot through his strong play over the past three events.
- **Greyson Sigg** – All Sigg has done this season is earn 11 top-25s in 17 starts, highlighted by last week's career-best runner-up finish at the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance.
- **Matthew Campbell** – Though he has had limited success this season, Campbell broke onto the Korn Ferry Tour at last year's Lincoln Land Championship presented by LRS when he carded an opening-round 66 before eventually finishing T11 in his Tour debut.

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. *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.

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).