



# Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper

Highland Springs Country Club | Springfield, Missouri | July 23 – 26, 2020

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# **Quick Facts**

**Golf Course:** Highland Springs Country Club (Par 72, 7,115 yards) **Course Designer:** Robert Trent Jones Jr. (1987) **Purse:** \$650,000 (Winner: \$117,000 / 500 points)

## Field Overview (as of July 21)

- 38 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 64 victories
- Three PGA TOUR winners with four victories
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# **Tournament History**

The Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper is one of four original events still on the Korn Ferry Tour schedule since the inaugural season in 1990. All editions of the event have been played at Highland Springs Country Club. Many distinguished Korn Ferry Tour alumni have played in Springfield on their way to the PGA TOUR. Players such as Tom Lehman, Jim Furyk, David Duval, Jason Dufner, Justin Thomas, Tony Finau and Xander Schauffele all competed at the Price Cutter Charity Championship before earning their spot on TOUR. The tournament has had many notable past champions including Stewart Cink (1996), Chris DiMarco (1997), Pat Perez (2000) and Mackenzie Hughes (2016).

Each of the last seven winners in Springfield have gone on to earn their PGA TOUR card for the following season. Last year, Harry Higgs won his first Korn Ferry Tour title in Missouri finishing the week at 22-under 266. The Southern Methodist University product held off Andrew Svoboda and Steve Wheatcroft to win by two strokes. Higgs went on to finish the Regular Season ranked fifth in The 25, securing his first TOUR card.

Higgs has made 14 cuts in 21 starts on TOUR this season and is ranked 56<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup. Earlier this season, he earned his best TOUR finish after a solo-second at the Bermuda Championship.

# Tony Romo to make Korn Ferry Tour Debut

Former Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo will make his Korn Ferry Tour debut this week at the Price Cutter Charity Championship. Romo competed in the 2018 Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament, making it through prequalifying but did not advance past the first stage. He also has made four starts on the PGA TOUR.

Romo quarterbacked the National Football League's Cowboys from 2004 to 2016, guiding Dallas to four playoff berths and earning four Pro Bowl selections. He has since worked as a TV analyst on NFL broadcasts for CBS.

## **Past Champions**

Year	Champion	Scores	To Par	Margin
2019	Harry Higgs	66-68-65-67 - 266	-22	2
2018	Martin Trainer	62-68-65-68 - 263	-25	1
2017	Ben Silverman	70-63-63-67 - 263	-25	1
2016	Mackenzie Hughes	67-67-64-66 - 264	-24	1
2015	Dawie van der Walt	63-65-65-72 - 265	-23	2
2014	Cameron Percy	64-68-68-67 - 267	-21	1
2013	Andrew Svoboda	64-72-66-64 - 266	-22	3
2012	Chris Wilson*	68-67-65-67 - 267	-21	Playoff
2011	Steve Friesen	62-68-68-64 - 262	-26	5
2010	Hunter Haas	65-66-66-65 - 262	-26	6
2009	Justin Bolli	65-67-69-66 - 267	-21	1
2008	Colt Knost	64-67-69-62 - 262	-26	4
2007	Tom Scherrer	66-63-66-67 - 262	-26	4
2006	Doug LaBelle II	63-67-67-64 - 261	-27	2
2005	Roger Tambellini	65-70-67-65 - 267	-21	1
2004	Brad Ott	65-66-68-64 - 263	-25	1
2003	Tom Carter	66-68-68-65 - 267	-21	1
2002	Patrick Sheehan	63-68-66-72 - 269	-19	2
2001	Steve Haskins	66-65 - 131	-13	1
2000	Pat Perez*	66-69-66-69 - 270	-18	Playoff
1999	Ryan Howison*	67-68-69-66 - 270	-18	Playoff
1998	Anthony Painter	67-63-68-69 - 267	-21	1
1997	Chris DiMarco	66-70-68 - 204	-12	1
1996	Stewart Cink*	68-67-69-68 - 272	-16	Playoff
1995	Mike Schuchart*	69-70-65-67 - 271	-17	Playoff
1994	Jerry Haas	69-65-69-69 - 272	-16	1
1993	Tommy Tolles	68-68-69-66 - 271	-17	2
1992	Lennie Clements*	72-66-67 - 205	-11	Playoff
1991	Rick Dalpos	70-66-65 - 201	-15	4
1990	Jeff Cook*	69-70-68 - 207	-9	Playoff

\*Playoff Victory

#### Local Players in the Field

Jordan Niebrugge and Hayden Buckley lead the local contingent of players in the field this week. Niebrugge was born Bridgeton, Missouri, and attended Oklahoma State University. The 26-year-old is currently ranked 195<sup>th</sup> in The 25 and has made two cuts so far this season. In 2018 on the Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada, Niebrugge earned his first professional victory at the Freedom 55 Financial Open.

Buckley was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and played his college golf at the University of Missouri. He turned professional in 2018 after a standout career with the Tigers. This season, the 24-year-old has made two cuts in two starts on the Korn Ferry Tour and earned his first top-25 after finishing T18 at the Utah Championship presented by Zions Bank.

#### **Course History**

Highland Springs Country Club provides players plenty of opportunities to go low. Each winner since 2003 has recorded a score of 21-under or better en route to victory. Last year, Harry Higgs fired four rounds in the 60s to finish the week at 22-under 266. The Robert Trent Jones Jr. design measures 7,115 yards from the tournament tees and features water hazards that come into play on seven holes. Last season, the par-72 layout ranked as the sixth-easiest track on the Korn Ferry Tour

with a scoring average of 70.358. In 2017 and 2016, Highland Springs Country Club was voted 'Best Golf Course' by the Best of the Ozarks Awards.

# By the Numbers: Highland Springs Country Club

**Hardest hole (2019):** No. 12 (par 4, 440 yards) – 4.128 average, 67 bogeys, 23 double bogeys **Easiest hole (2019):** No. 11 (par 5, 535 yards) – 4.508 average, 14 eagles, 219 birdies **Tournament Record (18 holes):** 60 (-12), Tyler Williamson (Rd. 4, 2004) **Tournament Record (72 holes):** 261 (-27), Doug LaBelle II (2006)

# Top Five to Watch

- **Davis Riley** Riley earned his second victory of the season last week at the TPC San Antonio Championship at the Oaks. The 23-year-old enters the week ranked atop The 25 and is now one victory from earning his spot on the PGA TOUR.
- Will Zalatoris Zalatoris continued his strong play finishing T5 at last week's TPC San Antonio Championship. The Dallas native has finished in the top six in all five starts since the season restarted, including his first win at the TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes.
- **Dylan Wu** Wu enters the week ranked seventh in The 25 and in search of his first Korn Ferry Tour title. The 24-year-old has made nine cuts in 12 starts so far this season.
- **Paul Barjon** The 27-year-old earned his second T2 of the season last week in San Antonio. Barjon has made seven cuts in 10 starts with five top-25s this season and is now ranked fifth in The 25.
- **Grant Hirschman** Hirschman has made eight cuts in 11 starts this season and is currently ranked 35<sup>th</sup> in The 25. Last season, the University of Oklahoma product finished T4 at Highland Springs Country Club.

# 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 72<sup>nd</sup> hole tied at the top, Pereira sunk a long eagle putt to clinch the two-stroke victory.
- 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.

# **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).