



## Savannah Golf Championship

The Landings Club – Deer Creek Course | Savannah, Georgia | October 1 - 4, 2020

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### **Quick Facts**

**Golf Courses:** The Landings Club – Deer Creek Course (Par 72 / 7,128 yards)

**Course Designer:** Tom Fazio (1991)

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

### **Field Overview (as of September 29)**

- 55 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 76 victories
- Eight PGA TOUR winners with 11 victories
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### **Tournament History**

The Korn Ferry Tour returns to Savannah for the third edition of the Savannah Golf Championship. Last season, Dan McCarthy outlasted Scottie Scheffler to take home his first Korn Ferry Tour victory. On the 72<sup>nd</sup> hole, Scheffler nearly holed his third shot on the par-5 18<sup>th</sup> from the greenside bunker but ultimately made par securing McCarthy the win. Scheffler, who won twice on the Korn Ferry Tour last season, would go on to earn Korn Ferry Tour Player of the Year honors and was recently named the PGA TOUR's Rookie of the Year.

McCarthy, who finished 2019 ranked 31<sup>st</sup> on the points list, returns to Savannah in search of his first PGA TOUR card. In 18 starts this season, the 35-year-old has made 13 cuts and has recorded three top-10s. The Syracuse, New York, native recently played in his second U.S. Open at Winged Foot Golf Club two weeks ago.

In 2018, Sam Burns edged Roberto Castro by one stroke to win the inaugural Savannah Golf Championship. Burns would go on to finish the season ranked second in The 25, in turn securing his PGA TOUR card. Last season, the 24-year-old finished the TOUR season ranked 111<sup>th</sup> in the FedExCup standings.

### **Tim O'Neal set for Savannah Golf Championship Return**

This week, Savannah native Tim O'Neal will be making his second start at the Savannah Golf Championship. In 2018, O'Neal finished T62 at The Landings Club – Deer Creek Course after earning a place in the field through open qualifying.

Earlier this year, O'Neal made history by winning the Advocates Pro Golf Association Tour (APGA Tour) event at the Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines as the PGA TOUR and Farmers Insurance hosted a 27-hole APGA competition on Torrey Pines North Course.

In July, O’Neal won the APGA Tour at Dubsdread tournament, securing his second title of the year on the diversity-focused mini-tour. O’Neal shot a 10-under 130 over the two days, including a second-round 6-under 64 at Dubsdread Golf Course, the oldest public facility in Central Florida.

Throughout his career, O’Neal has made 151 starts on the Korn Ferry Tour and seven starts on the PGA TOUR. In 2005, he earned his best Korn Ferry Tour finish with a solo-second-place effort at the Northeast Pennsylvania Classic. O’Neal also played in the 2015 U.S. Open at Chambers Bay, competed in the 2019 Genesis Open as the Charlie Sifford Memorial Exemption recipient and has won three times on PGA TOUR Latinoamérica.

### **Local Players in the Field**

Several players with Georgia ties will compete at this year’s Savannah Golf Championship. Former University of Georgia Bulldogs Erik Compton, Joey Garber and Greyson Sigg are in the field along with Georgia Tech’s Anders Albertson, Paul Haley, J.T. Griffin, Seth Reeves and Ollie Schniederjans.

Sigg, who is in his rookie season on the Korn Ferry Tour, grew up in Augusta and currently resides on St. Simons Island. In 18 starts this season, Sigg has made 16 cuts and recorded five top-10s. The 25-year-old enters the week ranked sixth in The 25 and in search of his first Korn Ferry Tour title.

Other Georgia residents in the field this week include Jamie Arnold (Atlanta), Rick Lamb (St. Simons Island), David Skins (Suwanee) and Drew Weaver (Atlanta).

### **Past Champions**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Champion</b>	<b>Scores</b>	<b>To Par</b>	<b>Margin</b>
2019	Dan McCarthy	65-67-71-69 – 272	-16	1
2018	Sam Burns	72-65-65-65 – 267	-21	1

### **Course History**

The Landings Club – Deer Creek Course has quickly become a player favorite on the Korn Ferry Tour. Last year, the Deer Creek Course ranked as the 13<sup>th</sup> most difficult on Tour with a scoring average of 71.469. The par-72 layout features relatively wide fairways but does present its challenges. Last season, the par-4 10<sup>th</sup> hole ranked as the 45<sup>th</sup> most difficult hole on Tour with a scoring average of 4.232. The par-3s at the Deer Creek Course also provided players a stern test and in 2019, all played to an over-par scoring average.

Along with the Deer Creek Course, The Landings Club features five other 18-hole private championship golf courses designed by legends such as Arnold Palmer, Arthur Hills and Willard Byrd. Each course is stylistically unique, showcasing the natural beauty of Skidaway Island as well as the distinctive mark of its designer.

### **By the Numbers: The Landings Club – Deer Creek Course**

**Hardest hole (2019):** No. 10 (par 4, 449 yards) – 4.232 average, 118 bogeys, 17 double bogeys or worse

**Easiest hole (2019):** No. 3 (par 5, 551 yards) – 4.576 average, 15 eagles, 206 birdies

**Tournament Record (18 holes):** 64 (-8), Brady Schnell (Rd. 4, 2018), Roberto Castro (Rd. 4, 2018), Stuart Macdonald (Rd. 2 2018), T.J. Vogel (Rd. 2, 2019)

**Tournament Record (72 holes):** 267 (-21), Sam Burns (2018)

### **Top Five to Watch**

- **Jared Wolfe** – The 32-year-old earned his second victory of the season at last week’s Wichita Open Supporting Wichita’s Youth. With the win, he moved to fourth in The 25 and is in search of a Three-Victory Promotion to the PGA TOUR.
- **Dan McCarthy** – The 35-year-old returns to Savannah to defend his only Korn Ferry Tour title. In 18 starts this season, McCarthy has recorded five top-25s highlighted by a T2 at the Albertsons Boise Open presented by Kraft Nabisco.
- **Greyson Sigg** – After taking a week off last week, Sigg returns to action in search of his first Korn Ferry Tour title. The 25-year-old has been one of the most consistent players on Tour this season making 16 cuts in 18 starts.

- **Brad Hopfinger** – Hopfinger enters the week fresh off back-to-back top-four finishes in his last two starts. The 31-year-old is currently ranked 21<sup>st</sup> in The 25.
- **Taylor Pendrith** – Pendrith continued his stellar play with a solo-second finish in Wichita, good for his fourth runner-up of the year. The 29-year-old is fresh off a T23 finish at Winged Foot and enters the week ranked second in The 25.

### 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.
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 72<sup>nd</sup> 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 116<sup>th</sup> 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.
20. *Evans Scholars Invitational* – Curtis Thompson birdied his final hole to edge Will Zalatoris and Jimmy Stanger by one stroke and earn his first Korn Ferry Tour title at the Evans Scholars Invitational. With the win, the 27-year-old jumped to 12<sup>th</sup> in The 25.
21. *Wichita Open Supporting Wichita's Youth* – Jared Wolfe survived a windy final round at Crestview Country Club to earn his second Korn Ferry Tour title of the season at the Wichita Open Supporting Wichita's Youth. The 32-year-old carded a final-round 71 to finish the week at 16-under 264.

#### 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](http://PGATOUR.COM), or follow the Tour on social media via Instagram (@KornFerryTour), Twitter (@KornFerryTour) and Facebook ([facebook.com/KornFerryTour](https://facebook.com/KornFerryTour)).