



TPC San Antonio Challenge at the Canyons

TPC San Antonio – Canyons Course | San Antonio, Texas | July 9-12, 2020

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Quick Facts

Golf Course: TPC San Antonio – Canyons Course (Par 72, 7,106 yards)

Course Designer: Pete Dye (2010)

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

Field Overview (as of July 7)

- 50 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 72 victories
- Eight PGA TOUR winners with 15 victories
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Local Players in the Field

Many players with Texas ties will compete this week at TPC San Antonio, highlighted by Roberto Diaz who lives in San Antonio and practices regularly at TPC San Antonio. Diaz has played in the Valero Texas Open twice (2018, 2019) in his career. Diaz will be joined by a multitude of players that played collegiately in Texas, including Martin Piller, Conrad Shindler and Greg Yates (Texas A&M), Mito Pereira (Texas Tech), Paul Barjon and Robby Ormand (TCU), Cyril Bouniol (Abilene Christian), Zach Cabra (Sam Houston State), Michael Arnaud (Stephen F. Austin) and Dawie van der Walt (Lamar University). In addition, Ben Wong, an amateur who just completed his sophomore year at Southern Methodist University, gained entry through the Monday qualifier.

In addition to the above players, many players in the field are current residents in and around the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Those players include: Steven Bowditch, George Cunningham, Marty Dou, Derek Ernst, Matt Gilchrest, Paul Haley II, J.J. Henry, Grant Hirschman, Theo Humphrey, Whee Kim, Max McGreevy, Tag Ridings, Charlie Saxon, Tyrone Van Aswegen, Sebastian Vazquez and Tom Whitney.

Course Background

While TPC San Antonio's Oaks Course annually plays host to the PGA TOUR's Valero Texas Open, the Canyons Course has hosted its own professional events over the years. From 2011-15 the course hosted the San Antonio Championship on PGA TOUR Champions with major winners Fred Couples (2011) and Bernhard Langer (2015) among the past champions.

The course ranked as the sixth toughest on PGA TOUR Champions in 2015 (of 24 courses), while the par-4 11th and the par-3 16th each ranked inside the top-50 toughest holes on Tour.

The Canyons Course was opened in 2010 and designed by Pete Dye (in consultation with Bruce Lietzke). The course is marked by wide fairways – a signature of Dye’s – and panoramic views of the adjacent Cibolo Canyons.

By the Numbers: TPC San Antonio (Canyons Course)

Longest Hole: No. 15 (par 5, 575 yards)

Shortest Hole: No. 8 (par 3, 165 yards)

Competitive Course Record: 62 – Fred Couples, 2011 AT&T Championship

Top Five to Watch

- **Chase Johnson** – In just his second career start on the Korn Ferry Tour, Johnson finished runner-up last week at the TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes. The 2016 MAC Player of the Year carded a course-record 9-under 63 on Sunday and earned entry into this week’s tournament via the top-25 finish.
- **Callum Tarren** – In 2019, Tarren made 22 starts without a top-10, but thus far in 2020 he has posted two top-10s in nine starts and last week posted a career-high T3 finish in Colorado.
- **Roberto Diaz** – Diaz, who lives in San Antonio and practices out at TPC San Antonio often, enters the week 14th on the Korn Ferry Tour points list. He earned a runner-up finish earlier this year at the Panama Championship, his highest finish in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event since 2017.
- **Martin Piller** – Piller has finished T5 and T17 in his last two starts on the Korn Ferry Tour and finished T4 at the Valero Texas Open in 2016. Piller, a Dallas native, starred at Texas A&M University before turning professional and has won six times on the Korn Ferry Tour.
- **Paul Barjon** – Barjon won the Order of Merit on the Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada in 2019 to earn status this year on the Korn Ferry Tour and has posted three top-25 finishes in eight starts this year. Barjon competed collegiately at Texas Christian University and lives in Fort Worth.

Korn Ferry Tour Returns to Competition

After a hiatus of more than three months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Korn Ferry Tour returned to competition four weeks ago with the Korn Ferry Challenge at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. The Tour continues this week with the 11th event of the season, the TPC San Antonio Challenge at the Canyons. The newly created 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour schedule will conclude with 25 PGA TOUR cards awarded at the 2021 WinCo Foods Portland Open presented by KraftHeinz, with an additional 25 cards awarded at the conclusion of the 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Finals.

The TPC San Antonio Challenge at the Canyons will begin on Thursday, July 9, and run through Sunday, July 12.

Next week, the Tour will remain at TPC San Antonio to compete on the Oaks Course, host of the PGA TOUR’s Valero Texas Open.

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.

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).