



TPC San Antonio Championship at the Oaks

TPC San Antonio – Oaks Course | San Antonio, Texas | July 15-18, 2020

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Quick Facts

Golf Course: TPC San Antonio – Oaks Course (Par 72, 7,494 yards)

Course Designer: Greg Norman (2010)

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

Field Overview (as of July 13)

- 56 Korn Ferry Tour winners with 81 victories
- 13 PGA TOUR winners with 28 victories

Korn Ferry Tour Prepares for Second Week at TPC San Antonio

The Korn Ferry Tour traveled to San Antonio last week for a two-week stay in the Alamo City. On Sunday, David Lipsky capped off the TPC San Antonio Challenge at the Canyons with a birdie on the 72nd hole and a four-stroke victory. The victory is Lipsky's first on the Korn Ferry Tour.

This week's tournament rounds will run from Wednesday through Saturday on the Oaks Course, site of the Valero Texas Open. The TPC San Antonio Championship at the Oaks will mark the sixth event since the restart of the season after a three-month hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is the 12th event overall of the season. 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.

Local Players in the Field

Roberto Diaz will highlight a field full of players with Texas ties at TPC San Antonio's Oaks Course. Diaz posted a T6 finish last week on the Canyons Course at TPC San Antonio and is the only player in the field who currently lives in San Antonio. Diaz has played in the Valero Texas Open twice (2018, 2019) in his career with a best finish of T57 in 2019.

In addition to Diaz, the top-three players in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings all have Texas roots. Will Zalatoris (first on the points list) grew up in the Dallas-Fort Worth area and lives there now with Davis Riley (third). Chilean Mito Pereira (second) attended Texas Tech University as a freshman before turning professional in 2015. Additionally, Kyle Jones (ninth) starred at Baylor University.

Other players in the field that played collegiately in Texas, include Martin Piller, Conrad Shindler and Greg Yates (Texas A&M), Mito Pereira (Texas Tech), Paul Barjon (TCU), Austin Smotherman (SMU), Cyril Bouniol (Abilene Christian), Dawie van der Walt and Shawn Stefani (Lamar University). Barjon finished T3 last week on the Canyons Course.

In addition to the above players, many players in the field are current residents in the state area. Those players include: Steven Bowditch, George Cunningham, Marty Dou, Derek Ernst, Paul Haley II, J.J. Henry, Grant Hirschman, Theo

Humphrey, Whee Kim, Max McGreevy, Sean O’Hair, Tag Ridings, Charlie Saxon, Tyrone Van Aswegen, Sebastian Vazquez and Tom Whitney.

Course Background

TPC San Antonio’s Oaks Course annually plays host to the PGA TOUR’s Valero Texas Open. At more than 7,400 yards, the course has played in the top-20 toughest courses on the PGA TOUR each year since the tournament moved to TPC San Antonio in 2010 other than 2019 (28th). When the wind picks up, the course can be particularly tough, as evidenced by the 2015 edition when it ranked as the second-toughest course all year (by scoring average). That year it ranked only behind the longer setup of Chambers Bay, site of the U.S. Open.

Notables who have won or finished runner-up at TPC San Antonio include Jimmy Walker, Adam Scott, Rory McIlroy, Brooks Koepka, Jordan Spieth and Patrick Reed. Last year, Corey Conners made waves by claiming the title after gaining entry through the Monday Qualifier, becoming the first Monday qualifier to win on TOUR since 2010 in the process. The 2020 Valero Texas Open was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Several holes have alternated as the toughest holes on the Oaks Course, often dependent on the wind. The first, fourth and ninth holes, all long par-4s, are each usually ranked in the top-50 toughest holes on TOUR when played at the Valero Texas Open over the past decade.

The Oaks Course was opened in 2010 and designed by Greg Norman (in consultation with current TOUR player Sergio Garcia).

By the Numbers: TPC San Antonio (Canyons Course)

Toughest Hole: No. 4 (par 4, 481 yards) – Scoring Average: 4.194

Easiest Hole: No. 14 (par 5, 567 yards)

72-Hole Course Record: 268 (-20) – Corey Conners, 2019 Valero Texas Open

Competitive Course Record: 62 – Trey Mullinax, 2018 Valero Texas Open

** Hole statistics based on 2019 Valero Texas Open*

** Tournament record based on Valero Texas Open from 2010-19*

Top Five to Watch

- **Taylor Pendrith** – After not picking up a club for nine weeks with courses closed in Canada, Pendrith has posted finishes of T14, T3 and second in five starts since the break. Pendrith finished runner-up on the Canyons Course last week.
- **Roberto Diaz** – As the player in the field most familiar with both courses at TPC San Antonio, Diaz took advantage last week with a T6 finish. He capped the week with a 7-under 65 in the final round.
- **Steven Bowditch** – Though he failed to make the cut at the Canyons Course last week, Steven Bowditch has proven he can play well at the Oaks Course. He won the 2014 Valero Texas Open at 8-under.
- **Lee Hodges** – Hodges has been one of the hottest golfers on the Korn Ferry Tour in the five events since the restart. He made four of five cuts and posted finishes of T6, T18, T17 and T8 (last week).
- **Adam Svensson** – After two missed cuts in his first starts since the break, Svensson has finished T10 and T8 in back-to-back weeks. The Canadian finished T42 at the 2019 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.
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.

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).