



**2019 QBE Shootout**

**Naples, Fla.**

**Tiburon Golf Club (Gold)**

**December 13-15, 2019**

**Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,382**

**Purse: \$3,500,00 (\$870,000)**

**Second-Round Notes – Saturday, December 14, 2019**

**Weather:** *After morning rain, partly cloudy with a high of 80. Wind WSW 10-15 mph, gusting to 20 mph*

**Format:** R1/Scramble, **R2/Modified Alternate Shot**, R3/Four-Ball

**Second-Round Leaderboard**

Rory Sabbatini/Kevin Tway	58-67—125 (-19)
Harold Varner III/Ryan Palmer	55-70—125 (-19)
Jason Kokrak/J.T. Poston	57-68—125 (-19)
Billy Horschel/Brendon Todd	59-66—125 (-19)
Charles Howell III/Bubba Watson	59-66—125 (-19)
Ian Poulter/Graeme McDowell	61-65—126 (-18)
Kevin Chappell/Chez Reavie	60-67—127 (-17)
Corey Connors/Andrew Putnam	61-66—127 (-17)
Charley Hoffman/Kevin Kisner	58-69—127 (-17)
Viktor Hovland/Matthew Wolff	65-65—130 (-14)
Patton Kizzire/Brian Harman	62-72—134 (-10)
Sean O'Hair/Lexi Thompson	64-74—138 (-6)

**Kevin Tway/Rory Sabbatini (-19/T1)**

- In the Modified Alternate Shot format, team made six birdies and no bogeys
- While Tway is making his first QBE Shootout appearance, Sabbatini is making his 10<sup>th</sup>, second-most to Charles Howell III, who is making his 11<sup>th</sup> start. Sabbatini has a pair of runner-up finishes in the event (2011, with Jhonattan Vegas and 2012, with Howell III)
- A total of 12 players have been a part of a winning team in their first QBE Shootout, most recently Patton Kizzire last year (Brian Harman)
- The second-round lead/co-lead at the QBE Shootout has held up 18 of 30 times, most recently Harman and Kizzire last year
- In the 2018-19 PGA TOUR Season, Sabbatini amassed six top-10 finishes, his most for a season since 2007. Tway collected his first career PGA TOUR title at last season's Safeway Open.

**Brendon Todd/Billy Horschel (-19/T1)**

- First-time team of Brendon Todd and Billy Horschel combined for six birdies to shoot a 6-under 66
- Todd is making his first start in the QBE Shootout, while Horschel is making his seventh consecutive start at Tiburon Golf Club (best finish is third place; 2014, 2016)
- Horschel captured the FedExCup title in the 2013-14 PGA TOUR Season and Todd currently leads the FedExCup by 140 points over Sebastian Munoz

**Bubba Watson/Charles Howell III (-19/T1)**

- With a 6-under 66, moved up four spots to claim a share of the lead
- Watson is making his fifth start in the QBE Shootout, with a runner-up in 2007 with Tournament Host Greg Norman his best showing
- Howell III, who holds the distinction of playing in the most QBE Shootouts (11, including this week), remains in search of a first victory at Tiburon Golf Club
- Watson is a 12-time PGA TOUR winner, while Howell III collected his third TOUR title last season at the 2018 The RSM Classic

**Jason Kokrak/J.T. Poston (-19/T1)**

- QBE Shootout rookies followed a 15-under 57 in round one with a 4-under 68 in alternate shot Saturday
- The only occasion on which a team comprised of two first-time players won the QBE Shootout was in 2011 (Keegan Bradley and Brendan Steele)
- Kokrak and Poston are two of nine players making their QBE Shootout debut this week. The others: Corey Connors, Viktor Hovland, Chez Reavie, Andrew Putnam, Kevin Tway, Brendon Todd and Matthew Wolff

**Harold Varner/Ryan Palmer (-19/T1)**

- First-round leaders posted a 2-under 70 to maintain their position atop the leaderboard with four other teams at 19-under
- Past performances at the QBE Shootout: Varner/6<sup>th</sup> in 2018 with Bubba Watson; Palmer/9<sup>th</sup> in 2014 with Jimmy Walker
- In six starts on the PGA TOUR this season, Varner has collected two top-20 finishes and missed no cuts. In three starts this season, Palmer has secured two top-15 finishes

**Miscellaneous Notes**

- The collective oldest team in the field of Ian Poulter and Graeme McDowell (6<sup>th</sup>), 43 and 40, respectively, tied the low round of the day of 7-under 65 with the youngest team in the field, Matthew Wolff and Viktor Hovland (10<sup>th</sup>)
- As part its commitment to giving back, QBE donated \$5,000 for every birdie (20) and \$10,000 for every eagle (4) made in round two to the Wounded Warrior program
- Defending champions Brian Harman and Patton Kizzire are in 11<sup>th</sup> place at 10-under 134
- Paired this year with Sean O'Hair, Lexi Thompson is just the second woman to compete in the QBE Shootout. Annika Sorenstam teamed with Fred Couples in 2006. Thompson is making her fifth start in the event and fourth consecutive. O'Hair and Thompson struggled in round two with a 2-over 74
- Founded by World Golf Hall of Fame Member Greg Norman in 1989, this week's QBE Shootout marks the 31<sup>st</sup> edition of the event. Tiburon Golf Club at The Ritz-Carlton Resort in Naples, Fla. is hosting for a 19<sup>th</sup> consecutive year