

The Bear Trap (Holes 15-17 at PGA National) According to ShotLink



Holes 15 through 17 Combined

Since 2007, the Bear Trap (Holes 15, 16 & 17 has been among the toughest 3-hole stretches on TOUR (non-majors).

Toughest 3-Hole Stretches

PGA TOUR Since 2007 (min 10 seasons played)

	Holes	Avg Over Par
Quail Hollow Club	16-17-18	+0.873
Pebble Beach GL	8-9-10	+0.673
PGA National (Champion)	15-16-17	+0.644
Muirfield Village GC	16-17-18	+0.628
PGA National (Champion)	5-6-7	+0.624
Torrey Pines GC (South)	10-11-12	+0.606

These three holes at PGA National (Champion) rank as the third-toughest stretch on TOUR of courses that have been played in at least 10 or more seasons since 2007 (non-majors).

*Non-Majors

5,634 Rds: Since 2007, there have been 5,634 total rounds played at PGA National during the Honda Classic. Here's a breakdown of how players do on the bear trap (15-17) and the rest of the course.

Scoring Comparison PGA National Since 2007

	Rest of Course	The Bear Trap
Birdies or Better	14,077	1,890
Bogeys	14,378	3,052
Doubles	2,007	970
Triples or Worse	265	160
Total Balls in Water	2,437	1,395
Total Score to Par	+4,934	+3,629

The Bear Trap accounts for 18% of all bogeys, 33% of all doubles, and 38% of all triples or worse at PGA National Champion Course.

The field is a combined +3,629 over par on holes 15 thru 17 since 2007 (+4,934 on all other holes).

1,395 Balls in the Water: Since 2007, there have been 1,395 balls in the water on the three-hole stretch of the Bear Trap.

543 different players have played at least 1 competitive round on the Bear Trap in the Honda Classic.

76%: Since 2007, 415 of 543 (76%) players have hit at least one ball in the water on the Bear Trap.

128: There are currently 128 players that have played the Bear Trap at least once in competition without hitting a ball in the water. However, 16 of those players have played eight or more rounds at PGA National (listed to the right).

2013 Honda Classic champion Michael Thompson currently has the most rounds played (**28**) without recording a ball in the water on the Bear Trap.

Most Rounds Played Without a Ball in the Water The Bear Trap Since 2007

	# of Rds
Michael Thompson	28
Jim Furyk	14
Bud Cauley	13
Michael Bradley	12
Phil Mickelson	10
C.T. Pan	10
Peter Lonard	10
Brice Garnett	9
Arron Oberholser	8
Adam Schenk	8
Derek Ernst	8
Kelly Kraft	8
Alex Noren	8
Darron Stiles	8
Zac Blair	8
Martin Laird	8

Since 2007, 54 players (61 times) have managed to play holes 15-17 bogey-free in the same week at PGA National. Graeme McDowell and Keegan Bradley are the only 2 players to accomplish this feat three times (Daniel Summerhays, Russell Knox, & Harris English 2 times). Last season, six players played the Bear Trap bogey-free in all four rounds. Since 2007, the most players who were bogey-free on holes 15 through 17 was nine back in 2013.

Most Times Playing the Bear Trap Bogey-Free in a Week Since 2007

	# of Times
Keegan Bradley	3
Graeme McDowell	3
Russell Knox	2
Daniel Summerhays	2
Harris English	2

Players Bogey-Free on the Bear Trap by Year PGA National Since 2007

	# of Players
Last Season	6
2018	1
2017	4
2016	8
2015	7
2014	6
2013	9
2012	8
2011	2
2010	3
2009	2
2008	2
2007	3

Most Balls in the Water The Bear Trap Since 2007

	Total
Ryan Palmer	16
Jimmy Walker	13
Rory McIlroy	12
Adam Scott	12
Greg Chalmers	12
Ernie Els	12
Briny Baird	11
Jason Dufner	11
Charl Schwartzel	10
Graeme McDowell	10

16: Ryan Palmer has hit 16 balls in the water on the Bear Trap, three more than any player at PGA National in the last 13 seasons.

Palmer has hit six in the water on 15, five in the water on 16 and five in the water on 17 in his career at PGA National.

Playing the Bear Trap Bogey-Free in all 4 Rds (Since 2007)

	Year	Birdies	Pars
Bronson Burgoon	2019	1	11
Roberto Castro	2019	1	11
Cameron Davis	2019	3	9
Harris English	2019	3	9
Lucas Glover	2019	4	8
Martin Kaymer	2019	1	11
Andrew Novak	2018	2	10
Brian Stuard	2017	1	11
Harris English	2017	2	10
Chad Collins	2017	3	9
Paul Casey	2017	1	11
Daniel Summerhays	2016	2	10
Brett Stegmaier	2016	1	11
Phil Mickelson	2016	3	9
Graeme McDowell	2016	2	10
Luke List	2016	2	10
Russell Knox	2016	3	9
Tom Hoge	2016	1	11
Rickie Fowler	2016	2	10
Nick Watney	2015	0	12
Daniel Summerhays	2015	2	10
Joost Luiten	2015	3	9
Adam Hadwin	2015	2	10
Zac Blair	2015	0	12
Daniel Berger	2015	5	7
Blayne Barber	2015	1	11
Troy Merritt	2014	1	11
Brooks Koepka	2014	2	10
Russell Knox	2014	3	9
Zach Johnson	2014	3	9
Sergio Garcia	2014	1	11
Keegan Bradley	2014	0	12

	Year	Birdies	Pars
Mark Wilson	2013	2	10
Chris Stroud	2013	0	12
Brendan Steele	2013	0	12
Justin Rose	2013	3	9
Graeme McDowell	2013	1	11
Steve Marino	2013	3	9
Bob Estes	2013	2	10
Erik Compton	2013	0	12
Keegan Bradley	2013	1	11
Vaughn Taylor	2012	2	10
Jeff Overton	2012	2	10
Rory Mclroy	2012	3	9
Tim Herron	2012	5	7
Brian Harman	2012	3	9
Ben Crane	2012	1	11
Keegan Bradley	2012	2	10
Stuart Appleby	2012	1	11
Graeme McDowell	2011	1	11
Matt Kuchar	2011	2	10
Joe Ogilvie	2010	1	11
Steve Lowery	2010	2	10
Matt Jones	2010	1	11
Miguel Angel Jiménez	2009	0	12
Freddie Jacobson	2009	2	10
Jesper Parnevik	2008	2	10
Luke Donald	2008	5	7
Camilo Villegas	2007	4	8
Frank Lickliter II	2007	2	10
Rich Barcelo	2007	2	10

Most Rounds Played without a Birdie on The Bear Trap Since 2007

	Pars	Bogeys	Dbls or Worse	Rds
Eric Axley	15	7	2	8
Robert Gamez	17	4	3	8
Richy Werenski	16	3	2	7
Roberto Díaz	13	3	2	6
Brad Faxon	11	5	2	6
James Nitties	14	2	2	6
Carlos Ortiz	12	4	2	6
Ted Purdy	13	3	2	6
Charles Warren	9	6	3	6

Since 2007, nine players have played six or more rounds on the Bear Trap (holes 15-17) without making a birdie or better.

**Best Score to Par
The Bear Trap Since 2007**

Score to Par	
Russell Knox	-6
Adam Hadwin	-6
Scott Pinckney	-5
Henrik Bjornstad	-4
Daniel Chopra	-4
Alex Noren	-4

-6 on the Bear Trap: No one has a better history on the Bear Trap than Russell Knox & Adam Hadwin (-6) since 2007.

6.4%: Since 2007, 543 different players have at least one competitive round on PGA National during the Honda Classic. Just 35 of these players are under par for their careers on these three holes (6.4% of all players).

**Highest Career Scoring
The Bear Trap Since 2007**

Score to Par	
Ryan Palmer	+39
Adam Scott	+33
Briny Baird	+29
John Senden	+28
Brendan Steele	+27
Robert Garrigus	+26
Ken Duke	+24
Woody Austin	+24
Chris DiMarco	+24
Ben Martin	+23
Greg Chalmers	+23
Stewart Cink	+23
David Duval	+23
Johnson Wagner	+22
Anthony Kim	+22

+39: Ryan Palmer has played the Bear Trap a combined 39-over in his career at PGA National (Champion), six strokes worse than any player since 2007.

88.6%: Since 2007, 481 of 543 players (88.6%) are over par on the Bear Trap in their respective careers.

One out of every four players are at least 10-over par or worse on the Bear Trap in their respective careers since 2007 (152 of 543, 28%).

**Breakdown of Career Scoring
The Bear Trap Since 2007**

	# of Players	PCT
Over Par	481	88.6
Even Par	27	5.0
Under Par	35	6.4
Total Players	543	

Scoring Leaders
15th Hole - PGA National Since 2007

Score to Par	
Padraig Harrington	-6
Daniel Summerhays	-5
Michael Thompson	-4
Chad Campbell	-3
Stephen Gallacher	-3
Adam Hadwin	-3
Scott Pinckney	-3
Kyle Stanley	-3
Brendon Todd	-3

6-Under: Padraig Harrington has the best cumulative score to par on the 15th hole at PGA National in the last 13 seasons (-6).

4 Balls in the Water: Since 2007, Gavin Coles is the only player to hit four balls in the water on the 15th hole at PGA National in the same round (2007, 3rd Rd).

28: Number of players who have hit multiple balls in the water on this hole in at least one round in this timeframe.

Adam Scott (2016, 3rd Rd & 2011, 1st Rd) and Joe Ogilvie (2008, 2nd Rd & 2008, 1st) are the only two player to hit multiple balls in the water on the 15th hole in more than one round.

Players With Multiple Balls in the Water in Same Rd
15th Hole - PGA National Since 2007

	Year	Rd	Total
Gavin Coles	2007	3rd	4
Chris Stroud	2008	2 nd	3
Robert Garrigus	2007	Final	3
Joey Garber	2019	1 st	2
Mackenzie Hughes	2019	1 st	2
Stephan Jaeger	2018	2 nd	2
Lanto Griffin	2018	1 st	2
Adam Scott	2016	3 rd	2
Si Woo Kim	2016	3 rd	2
Rory Sabbatini	2016	2 nd	2
Patrick Rodgers	2016	2 nd	2
Charl Schwartzel	2015	1 st	2
Jerry Kelly	2013	2 nd	2
David Mathis	2013	1 st	2
John Mallinger	2013	1 st	2
Steven Bowditch	2013	1 st	2
Colt Knost	2012	3 rd	2
Adam Scott	2011	1 st	2
Rory McIlroy	2010	3 rd	2
Chris Couch	2010	2 nd	2
Jeff Overton	2010	1 st	2
Ben Curtis	2010	1 st	2
Tim Petrovic	2009	1 st	2
Briny Baird	2008	Final	2
David Toms	2008	2 nd	2
Joe Ogilvie	2008	2 nd	2
Joe Ogilvie	2008	1 st	2
Chris DiMarco	2008	1 st	2
Johnson Wagner	2007	Final	2
Cliff Kresge	2007	3 rd	2

666 Balls in the Water: Since 2007, there has been 666 total balls hit in the water on the 15th hole at PGA National. Last season, 39 balls were hit in the water, marking the third-fewest at this hole in the last 13 seasons.

8: Ernie Els leads all players with eight balls in the water on the 15th hole since 2007. Five players have hit seven or more balls in the water on the 15th hole at PGA National in this timeframe.

Two Aces: From 2007 until 2016 there were 4,340 rounds played on the 15th hole without an Ace. In 2017 there were 421 rounds played and two aces were recorded by Scott Stallings & Jhonattan Vegas.

**Balls in the Water
15th Hole Since 2007**

	Total
2019	39
2018	55
2017	50
2016	54
2015	48
2014	45
2013	48
2012	38
2011	60
2010	77
2009	49
2008	66
2007	37
Total	666

**Most Balls in Water
15th Hole Since 2007**

	Total
Ernie Els	8
Johnson Wagner	7
Jimmy Walker	7
Briny Baird	7
Robert Garrigus	7
Woody Austin	6
Ryan Palmer	6
John Mallinger	6
Retief Goosen	6
Adam Scott	6
Jason Dufner	6
Vaughn Taylor	6

**Closest to the Pin
15th Hole PGA National Since 2007**

	Year	Rd	Distance
Jhonattan Vegas	2017	4	Ace
Scott Stallings	2017	1	Ace
Mark Wilson	2012	1	3"
Chris Couch	2007	2	7"
Billy Horschel	2015	2	9"
Robert Karlsson	2012	1	11"
Paul Casey	2010	2	11"
Ryan Blaum	2017	3	12"
Kenny Perry	2012	1	13"
Rory McIlroy	2009	4	13"
Branden Grace	2013	1	15"
Hank Kuehne	2012	1	16"
Boo Weekley	2015	1	17"
Tim Herron	2012	4	18"

**Most Rounds without a Bogey
15th Hole – PGA National Since 2007**

	Birdies/Better	Pars	Rds
Bronson Burgoon	1	9	10
Brice Garnett	1	8	9
Darren Clarke	1	7	8
Kelly Kraft	1	7	8
Alex Noren	1	7	8
Arron Oberholser	2	6	8
Dylan Frittelli	1	5	6
Stephen Gallacher	3	3	6
Adam Hadwin	3	3	6
Mark Hubbard	2	4	6
Andrew Loupe	2	4	6
David Lynn	1	5	6
Trey Mullinax	1	5	6
James Nitties	0	6	6
Scott Pinckney	3	3	6
Aron Price	0	6	6
J.J. Spaun	1	5	6
Brett Stegmaier	0	6	6

Bogey-Free on 15th Hole: Since 2007, 18 players have played the 15th hole at least six times and have yet to record a bogey or worse.

Bronson Burgoon leads all players with 10 rounds played on the 15th hole without making a bogey or worse. In his career he has made one birdie and nine pars in 10 rounds on this hole.

Most 3-Putts or Worse on 16th Hole: Since 2007, there have been 247 three-putts or worse on the 16th hole at PGA National (most on any hole at this course).

The 16th is also the only hole on PGA National with more than five 4-putts or worse since 2007 (6). Justin Thomas (2018) recorded a four-putt on the 16th hole in round two, becoming the first player to win the Honda Classic with a four-putt in the last 37 years.

**Holes with the Most 3-Putts
PGA National Since 2007**

	Total
16 th	247
5 th	193
15 th	166
6 th	165
14 th	164

**Four Putts on 16th Hole
PGA National Since 2007**

	Rd	Putts	Score
2011 Chris DiMarco	1 st	4	8
2018 Justin Thomas	2nd	4	6
2012 Michael Thompson	1 st	4	6
2011 Nick O'Hern	1 st	4	6
2010 Jason Dufner	Final	4	6
2009 Tim Wilkinson	2 nd	4	6

**Scoring Leaders
16th Hole – PGA National Since 2007**

	Score to Par
Vaughn Taylor	-7
Ernie Els	-5
James Driscoll	-5
Luke Donald	-3
Daniel Chopra	-3
Ben Kohles	-3
Gary Christian	-3

7-under Vaughn Taylor is a combined seven-under par on the 16th hole in 32 career rounds played at PGA National, marking the best score to par on this hole of any player in the last 13 seasons.

Since 2007, Ryan Palmer has the highest combined score to par of any player on the 16th hole at PGA National. Palmer is a combined 17-over par in 38 career rounds on this hole.

**Most Over Par
16th Hole – PGA National Since 2007**

	Score to Par
Ryan Palmer	+17
Jesper Parnevik	+13
D.A. Points	+11
Matt Every	+11
Chris Kirk	+11
Boo Weekley	+10
George McNeill	+10
Freddie Jacobson	+10
Robert Garrigus	+10
Billy Andrade	+10
Michael Thompson	+9
Sean O'Hair	+9
John Senden	+8
Spencer Levin	+8
Charles Howell III	+8
Ben Curtis	+8
Chris DiMarco	+8

**Total Balls in Water
17th Hole – PGA National Since 2007**

455: Since 2007, there have been 455 total balls in the water on the 17th hole.

10: Last season, there were 10 balls hit in the water during the final round on the par 3, marking the third season since 2007 with 10 or more balls in the water in the Final Round.

	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Final Rd	Total
2019	7	9	7	10	33
2018	24	41	3	6	74
2017	9	8	4	6	27
2016	3	5	5	8	21
2015	8	17	3	4	32
2014	5	7	2	8	22
2013	2	3	3	2	10
2012	7	7	5	1	20
2011	32	23	9	1	65
2010	8	9	11	10	38
2009	26	19	7	1	53
2008	5	12	6	12	35
2007	15	5	3	2	25
Total	151	165	68	71	455

**Scoring Leaders
17th Hole – PGA National Since 2007**

	Score to Par
Russell Knox	-5
Freddie Jacobson	-5
Rickie Fowler	-3
Henrik Bjornstad	-2
Bart Bryant	-2
Rich Barcelo	-2
Gavin Coles	-2
Adam Hadwin	-2
Carlos Franco	-2
Derek Lamely	-2
David Lingmerth	-2
Austen Truslow	-2
Pat Perez	-2

Five-Under Par: Since 2007, Freddie Jacobson and Russell Know has the best cumulative score to par of any player on the 17th hole at PGA National (-5).

16-Over Par: Since 2007, J.J Henry has the highest combined score to par of any player on the 17th hole at PGA National. Henry is a combined 16-over par in 27 career rounds on this hole.

**Most Over Par
17th Hole – PGA National Since 2007**

	Score to Par
J.J. Henry	+16
Ryan Palmer	+14
Brendon de Jonge	+14
Anthony Kim	+14
Rory McIlroy	+13
Adam Scott	+13
Ben Martin	+13
Stewart Cink	+13
Martin Flores	+13

**Highest Scores (In Relation to Par)
PGA National Since 2007**

	Year	Rd	Hole	Par	Score	RTP
Gavin Coles	2007	3 rd	15 th	3	11	+8
Robert Garrigus	2007	Final	15 th	3	9	+6
Chris Stroud	2008	2 nd	15 th	3	9	+6
Cameron Tringale	2019	Final	17 th	3	8	+5
Martin Flores	2018	Final	17 th	3	8	+5
Cody Gribble	2017	Final	14 th	4	9	+5
Brett Quigley	2010	Final	14 th	4	9	+5
Scott Piercy	2012	2 nd	11 th	4	9	+5
Brendan Steele	2017	1 st	14 th	4	9	+5
Adam Scott	2011	1 st	15 th	3	8	+5
Y.E. Yang	2010	1 st	11 th	4	9	+5
Ryan Garrity	2010	1 st	14 th	4	9	+5
Paul Stankowski	2007	1 st	13 th	4	9	+5