



Pre-Tournament Notes – BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNnex Corporation

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Dates: June 10-13, 2021

Where: Greer, South Carolina

Courses: Thornblade Club (Par 71/7,024 yards/Tom Fazio)

The Cliffs Valley (Par 72/7,029 yards/Ben Wright)

Field: 156 players

Defending Champion: Rhein Gibson (2019)

Purse: \$700,000 (\$126,000/winner)

Format: 72-hole stroke play

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Things to Know

- This will be the 28th edition of the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNnex Corporation and the 13th year that Thornblade Club will serve as the primary host course; The Cliffs Valley will serve as the second course for the third tournament in a row and 10th instance overall; the tournament is one of two on the Korn Ferry Tour's 2020-21 schedule that is hosted by two courses and the only one played in 2021 (other: 2020 Country Club de Bogota Championship)
- The 2020 BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by the SYNnex Corporation was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Russell Beiersdorf won the inaugural event in 1992 and has been followed through the years by many accomplished pros; other notable top finishers include 13-time PGA TOUR champion David Toms (champion in 1995), two-time Masters champion Bubba Watson (runner-up in 2003, tied with four-time TOUR champion Charley Hoffman) and two-time PGA TOUR champion Max Homa (champion in 2014)
- The BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNnex Corporation is a one-of-a-kind event on the Korn Ferry Tour that features celebrities and amateurs playing alongside professionals and is televised on Golf Channel
 - The 2021 tournament is highlighted by celebrities such as Canelo Alvarez, Anthony Anderson, Roger Clemens, Ken Griffey Jr. and Cedric the Entertainer

Field Notes (as of 6/7/21)

- Field headlined by six of the top 10, and 20 of the top 25 in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings
- No. 1 **Stephan Jaeger**, No. 2 **Mito Pereira**, No. 5 **Davis Riley**, No. 13 **Cameron Young** and No. 14 **Jared Wolfe** are all seeking a third win for immediate promotion to the PGA TOUR
- Four of the eight players who have already eclipsed 1,700 points – which is the threshold the Korn Ferry Tour is currently using as its fail-safe number for players to finish inside of the top 25 of the 2020-21 points standings and secure PGA TOUR cards – are in this week's field: No. 1 **Stephan Jaeger**, No. 2 **Mito Pereira**, No. 3 **Greyson Sigg**, No. 5 **Davis Riley**
 - Pereira, Sigg and Riley will compete as rookies on TOUR beginning this fall, while Jaeger will begin his third TOUR season this fall, and No. 6 Will Zalatoris already has Special Temporary Membership on the PGA TOUR
- Field includes 60 past Korn Ferry Tour winners with 90 total wins, led by **Stephan Jaeger** and **Martin Piller** (six apiece)

- Field includes seven PGA TOUR winners with eight total victories, led by **Sangmoon Bae** with two
- 22 winners in the field from the current season: **Hayden Buckley, Roberto Díaz, Brett Drewitt, Tommy Gainey, Evan Harmeling, Lee Hodges, Stephan Jaeger (x2), Kyle Jones, David Kocher, Curtis Luck, Max McGreevy, Trey Mullinax, Andrew Novak, Mito Pereira (x2), Seth Reeves, Davis Riley (x2), Greyson Sigg, Austin Smotherman, Curtis Thompson, Jared Wolfe (x2), Brandon Wu, Cameron Young (x2)**

2019 BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNEX Corporation Recap

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	Total
1	Rhein Gibson	66	64	63	193 (-21)
2	Michael Miller	65	63	68	196 (-18)
T3	Brian Campbell	67	67	64	198 (-16)
T3	Jonathan Randolph	67	65	66	198 (-16)
T3	Kris Ventura	67	62	69	198 (-16)

- For the second time in three years, the 2019 BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNEX Corporation was shortened to 54 holes due to inclement weather
- Australian Rhein Gibson fired three rounds of 66 or better in rainy conditions to claim his first Korn Ferry Tour title in his 105th career start; Gibson went on to finish 10th in The 25 to earn his PGA TOUR card that season
- After just two made cuts in his first 10 starts of the season entering the event, Michael Miller claimed the highest finish of his career at runner-up; Miller carded one bogey over 54 holes
- Entering the season with little status, Kris Ventura finished T3 to earn starts for the remainder of the season, which he parlayed into two wins en route to earning his TOUR card

Past Champions

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin
2019	Rhein Gibson	66	64	63		193 (-21)	3
2018	Michael Arnaud	69	60	65	63	257 (-27)	5
2017	Stephan Jaeger	64	66	65		196 (-19)	1
2016	Richy Werenski	68	67	65	65	265 (-21)	2
2015	Rod Pampling	63	63	69	66	261 (-25)	2
2014	Max Homa	68	65	70	63	266 (-20)	1
2013	Mark Anderson	63	67	64	65	259 (-27)	5
2012	Nick Flanagan	67	70	67	67	271 (-15)	Playoff
2011	Garth Mulroy	65	66	70	67	268 (-18)	Playoff
2010	Justin Hicks	66	65	69	66	266 (-20)	2
2009	Michael Sim	68	65	62	69	264 (-22)	Playoff
2008	David Mathis	65	65	68	68	266 (-20)	3
2007	Nick Flanagan	68	72	66	65	271 (-15)	1
2006	Ken Duke	69	68	68	68	273 (-13)	1
2005	Shane Bertsch	69	68	65		202 (-12)	1
2004	Ryuji Imada	70	66	65	69	270 (-17)	Playoff
2003	Tripp Isenhour	64	70	66	69	269 (-18)	2
2002	Charles Warren	67	65	64	68	264 (-23)	4
2001	Jonathan Byrd	67	70	66	66	269 (-18)	1
2000	Shane Bertsch	69	68	64	68	269 (-19)	4
1999	Steve Gotsche	71	68	69		208 (-8)	2
1998	Tom Scherrer	67	67	66		200 (-16)	1
1997	Chris Smith	66	64	67	70	267 (-21)	3
1996	Michael Christie	68	65	69	63	265 (-23)	6
1995	David Toms	67	66	68	66	267 (-21)	Playoff

1994	Scott Gump	71	67	66	68	272 (-16)	1
1993	Sean Murphy	72	65	67	67	271 (-17)	1
1992	Russell Beiersdorf	64	69			133 (-11)	2

Tournament Scoring Records

- Low 18-Hole Score: 60, Travis Hampshire (2011/R1), Roland Thatcher (2015/R4) and Michael Arnaud (2018/R2)
- Low 72-Hole Score: 257, Michael Arnaud (2018)
- Holes-in-one: 29 (last in 2019 – Nelson Ledesma/R1/No. 2)
- Largest Margin of Victory: 6, Michael Christie (1996)
- Playoffs: 5 (last in 2012)

Miscellaneous Notes

- Of the 25 past champions of the tournament (Shane Bertsch and Nick Flanagan each won twice), eight have gone on to win on the PGA TOUR, highlighted by Toms' 13 wins and Jonathan Byrd's five; other players with PGA TOUR wins and a win at the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNEX Corporation include Homa, Ken Duke, Rod Pampling, Ryuji Imada, Tom Scherrer and Chris Smith
- In 2019, the two courses used at the BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNEX Corporation ranked as the two easiest courses on Tour in relation to par; the par-71 Thornblade Club played to an average of 68.566 (-2.434) while the par-72 The Cliffs Valley resulted in an average of 69.494 (-2.506)
- Eight players in the field played collegiately in South Carolina: one at the University of South Carolina (**Sean Kelly**), two at the University of South Carolina-Aiken (**Matt Atkins, Roberto Diaz**), two at Clemson University (**Billy Kennerly, Carson Young**), one at Wofford College (**Andrew Novak**), one at Winthrop University (**Taylor Dickson**) and one at Central Carolina Technical College (**Tommy Gainey**)
 - Novak, who starred at nearby Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, has made the cut in each of his first two starts at the tournament (T36/2018, T24/2019)
- The BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNEX Corporation is the 13th Korn Ferry Tour tournament of 2021 and 36th of the season

Last week on Tour – REX Hospital Open

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Mito Pereira*	62	67	67	67	263 (-21)
2	Stephan Jaeger	66	67	63	67	263 (-21)
T3	Stuart Macdonald	70	64	65	66	265 (-19)
T3	Taylor Moore	68	65	64	68	265 (-19)
5	Brandon Harkins	67	67	69	63	266 (-18)

**Won via a sudden-death playoff*

- **Mito Pereira** earned his second victory of the season in a playoff at last week's REX Hospital Open in Raleigh, North Carolina; Pereira edged Korn Ferry Tour points leader **Stephan Jaeger** as the latter bid for his third victory of the season and an immediate promotion to the PGA TOUR
- Pereira became the seventh player this season to cross the Korn Ferry Tour's fail-safe threshold of 1,700 points to ensure he would earn his PGA TOUR card through The 25 at the end of the summer; the win took him from 12th to second in the season-long points standings
- For Jaeger, the top-three finish was his sixth of the season in 29 starts, a total that includes finishes of two wins, three runners-up and one third
- The T3 finish by University of Arkansas alum Taylor Moore continued a hot stretch recently of nine consecutive top-25 finishes; over that time, Moore has collected six top-10s and risen from 70th to 20th in the points standings

Korn Ferry Tour 2020-21 Season

With the Korn Ferry Tour forming a combined 2020-21 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNEX Corporation will be the 36th tournament (of 43) of the 2020-21 regular season.

Twenty-five PGA TOUR cards will be awarded to the top-25 players in the Korn Ferry Tour standings following the conclusion of the regular season at the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna (Aug. 12-15). Additionally, 25 PGA TOUR cards will be awarded through the three-event Korn Ferry Tour Finals at the conclusion of the 2021 Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance (Sept. 2-5).

With eight events remaining in the regular season, the Korn Ferry Tour is currently using the 1,700-point threshold as its fail-safe number for players to finish inside the top 25.

Current Korn Ferry Tour Standings

Position	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s	Points Behind	Starts
1	Stephan Jaeger	2,599	2	10	--	29
2	Mito Pereira	2,056	2	8	543	31
3	Greyson Sigg	2,044	1	9	555	28
4	Taylor Pendrith	1,926	--	7	673	31
5	Davis Riley	1,909	2	7	690	30
6	Will Zalatoris	1,876	1	10	723	16
7	David Lipsky	1,782	1	6	817	28
8	Paul Barjon	1,729	1	6	870	29
9	Chad Ramey	1,691	--	8	908	33
10	Lee Hodges	1,688	1	7	911	30