



# Pre-Tournament Notes – Club Car Championship at The Landings Club

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**Dates:** March 25-28, 2021 **Where:** Savannah, Georgia

Course: The Landings Club - Deer Creek GC: 72 / 7,128

Course Designer: Tom Fazio (1991)

Field: 156 players

**Defending champion:** Evan Harmeling (2020)

**Purse:** \$600,000 (\$108,000/winner)

Format: 72-hole stroke play

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#### Things to Know

- Field headlined by four of the top-10 in Korn Ferry Tour standings as well as the last two champions, **Evan Harmeling** (2020) and **Dan McCarthy** (2019)
- Harmeling attempting to become the first player in the Tour's 32-year history to successfully defend his title
- Kevin Dougherty returns after falling to Harmeling in a playoff in 2020
- The Club Car Championship at The Landings Club returns to its traditional spring date after being contested in October in 2020 (rescheduled due to the COVID-19 pandemic)
- After winning the Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS last week, Roberto Díaz is seeking to become the first player to win consecutive tournaments on the Korn Ferry Tour since Michael Putnam in 2013 (El Bosque Mexico Championship by INNOVA/Mid-Atlantic Championship)

# Field Notes (as of 3/22/21)

- 18 of the top-25 in the Korn Ferry Tour standings, led by No. 3 Davis Riley
- 56 past Korn Ferry Tour winners with 81 total victories, led by Martin Piller with six
- Seven PGA TOUR winners with nine total victories, led by Jonas Blixt with three
- 17 winners in the field from the current season: Hayden Buckley, Brett Drewitt, Roberto Díaz, Tommy Gainey, Evan Harmeling, Kyle Jones, David Kocher, David Lipsky, Curtis Luck, Max McGreevy, Trey Mullinax, Andrew Novak, Mito Pereira, Seth Reeves, Davis Riley, Curtis Thompson, Jared Wolfe

### 2020 Club Car Championship at The Landings Club Recap

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Evan Harmeling*	64	67	67	69	267 (-21)
2	Kevin Dougherty	65	66	68	68	267 (-21)
T3	Eric Cole	69	64	67	69	269 (-19)
T3	Brett Coletta	66	66	69	68	269 (-19)
T3	George Cunningham	65	68	71	65	269 (-19)
T3	Chad Ramey	65	68	69	67	269 (-19)
T3	Austen Truslow	66	71	67	65	269 (-19)

<sup>\*</sup>Won via a sudden-death playoff

- After entering the final round with a one-stroke lead, Evan Harmeling birdied his final hole to reach a
  playoff with Kevin Dougherty at 21-under
- Harmeling would go on to birdie the first playoff hole to defeat Dougherty and earn his first Korn Ferry Tour victory
- Dougherty's runner-up finish was his third in three years as a Korn Ferry Tour pro; the 29-year-old is still seeking his first win
- Harmeling's first Korn Ferry Tour win came in the midst of his rookie season in his 20th career start at the age of 32 years, two months and six days

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- Harmeling enters the week 36th in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings
- Two players in the field are Savannah residents: Timothy O'Neal will make his third start at his hometown event (2018, 2020), while 16-year-old amateur Reed Lotter will make his first start in a PGA TOURsanctioned event
  - Lotter is ranked No. 157 in the Rolex AJGA Rankings and at 16 years, seven months and 21 days
     (as of March 25), will become the eighth-youngest player to compete in a Korn Ferry Tour event
- Ten players in the field competed collegiately in the state of Georgia: Six at Georgia Tech (Anders
  Albertson, J.T. Griffin, Paul Haley II, Seth Reeves, Ollie Schniederjans and Nicholas Thompson), two at
  the University of Georgia (Erik Compton and Joey Garber), one at Clayton State (Wade Binfield) and one
  at Georgia Southern University Armstrong Campus (Shad Tuten, then Armstrong State University)
- Davis Riley and Jared Wolfe are both seeking a third win for immediate promotion to PGA TOUR
- The Club Car Championship at The Landings Club is the third Korn Ferry Tour tournament of 2021 and 26th of the season
- Nine of the top-11 finishers from the 2020 tournament will return to The Landings Club this week (Evan Harmeling [1st], Kevin Dougherty [2nd], Brett Coletta [T3], George Cunningham [T3], Chad Ramey [T3], Austen Truslow [T3], Max Greyserman [T8], Harry Hall [T8] and Taylor Montgomery [T10])
- Eight qualifiers gained entry into the field at two sites on Monday, led by the medalists at each course,
   Matt Oshrine (64/Georgia Southern University GC) and Matthew Short (63/Savannah Quarters CC);
   Jonathan Griz, a 17-year-old amateur from Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, also qualified
- Past tournament champion **Sam Burns** (2018) made headlines on the PGA TOUR last month when he carded an opening-round 64 to lead The Genesis Invitational before going on to a career-best finish (third)
- The Final Stage of the Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament will be held at The Landings Club Deer Creek GC from Nov. 1-7, 2021

# Last week on Tour -- Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS (March 18-21)

Pos.	Player	Total
1	Roberto Diaz	266 (-18)
2	Peter Uihlein	267 (-17)
3	Tom Whitney	268 (-16)
4	Stephan Jaeger	269 (-15)
5	Harrison Endycott	270 (-14)

- Le Triomphe Golf & Country Club hosted the Korn Ferry Tour last week for the 29th Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS
- Roberto Díaz edged Peter Uihlein for his first career win in his 113th start on the Korn Ferry Tour; Díaz coled after 36 holes before claiming the 54-hole lead and the victory
- With the win, Díaz moved from 22nd to ninth in the Korn Ferry Tour points standings
- Uihlein finished second at the 2021 Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS after shooting 17under, which marked his highest finish since winning the 2017 Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship (14-under)
- Tom Whitney (third) and Harrison Endycott (fifth) each posted their career-best finishes after beginning the week as alternates in the field

#### Past Champions - Club Car Championship at The Landings Club

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin
2020	Evan Harmeling	64	67	67	69	267 (-21)	Playoff
2019	Dan McCarthy	65	67	71	69	272 (-16)	1
2018	Sam Burns	72	65	65	65	267 (-21)	1

#### Course Information – The Landings Club – Deer Creek GC

• Scoring average (2020): 69.866

• Toughest hole (2020): No. 9 (par-4/480 yards/4.307 average)

• Easiest hole (2020): No. 5 (par-4/320 yards/3.398 average)

#### **Tournament Records**

• 18-hole score: 62 (Julian Etulain/R2/2020)

• 36-hole score: 131 (Evan Harmeling/2020, Kevin Dougherty/2020)

• 54-hole score: 198 (Evan Harmeling/2020)

• 72-hole score: 267 (Sam Burns/2018, Evan Harmeling/2020, Kevin Dougherty/2020)

Holes-in-one: 2 (George Cunningham/2019/R3/No. 8, Whee Kim/2020/R2/No. 2)

# Korn Ferry Tour 2020-21 Season

With the Korn Ferry Tour forming a combined 2020-21 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Club Car Championship at The Landings Club is being contested for the second time this season. It was last contested in October as the 22nd event of the season. The 2021 Club Car Championship at The Landings Club will be the 26th 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 in August (following the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna). Additionally, 25 PGA TOUR cards will be awarded at the conclusion of the three-event Korn Ferry Tour Finals in August/September.

#### **Current Korn Ferry Tour Standings**

Position	Player	<b>Points</b>	Wins	Top-10s	<b>Points Behind</b>	Starts
1	Will Zalatoris	1,876	1	10		16
2	Taylor Pendrith	1,659		6	217	23
3	Davis Riley	1,588	2	5	288	21
4	Lee Hodges	1,492	1	6	384	22
5	Brandon Wu	1,471	1	5	405	10
6	Greyson Sigg	1,423		7	453	22
7	Jared Wolfe	1,411	2	5	465	22
8	Stephan Jaeger	1,372	1	6	504	21
9	Roberto Díaz	1,326	1	5	550	22
10	Chad Ramey	1,326		7	550	24