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MEDIA FACTS

Event: Vivint Houston Open

Date: November 5 - 8

Site: Memorial Park Golf Course

Par/Yardage: 71/7,021 yards

Purse: \$7.0M

Format: 72 holes of stroke play with a field of 132 competitors

Tournament Organizer: The Houston Open is hosted and operated by the Astros Golf Foundation

Charitable Proceeds: Benefitting the Astros Foundation, Houston Parks and Recreation Department, Memorial Park Conservancy and First Tee Programs

Economic impact: Up to \$90 million per year (in a typical year).





TV listings :

Thur., 11/5 – GOLF Channel, Noon–3pm CT
 Fri., 11/6 – GOLF Channel, Noon–3pm CT
 Sat., 11/7 – GOLF Channel, Noon–3pm CT
 Sun., 11/8 – GOLF Channel, Noon–3pm CT

PGA TOUR LIVE:

Thur. & Fri. – 6:50 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. CT
 Sat. & Sun. – 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. CT

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Past Champions (LAST 10 YEARS)

2010 - Anthony Kim

2011 – Phil Mickelson

2012 – Hunter Mahan

2013 – DA Points

2014 – Matt Jones

2015 - JB Holmes

2016 - Jim Herman

2017 - Russell Henley

2018 - Ian Poulter

2019 - Lanto Griffin

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HISTORY OF THE HOUSTON OPEN

Since 1946, the Houston Open has been a staple of the Houston community and is the 10th-longest running event on the PGA TOUR. This will be the 73rd Houston Open and the first held at Memorial Park Golf Course in Houston in 57 years. The Houston Open was previously held at Memorial Park in 1947 and from 1951-1963. More recently, the tournament was held at the Golf Club of Houston in Humble, TX from 2003-2019.



2019 Houston Open Champion Lanto Griffin and Astros Owner and Chairman Jim Crane





THE NEW HOUSTON OPEN

The Houston Golf Association's contract with the PGA Tour expired in 2018 and the City of Houston was in danger of losing the Houston Open. In fact, the tournament was removed from the PGA Tour's spring schedule.

In June 2018, following discussions with PGA Commissioner Jay Monahan and Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner, Jim Crane stepped up and entered into an agreement with the PGA Tour to host the Houston Open, agreeing to take on the financial responsibility of operating the event without a sponsor. Jim has a proven track record of building winning franchises, making meaningful contributions to Houston from both a business and community perspective, and personally giving back to the city.

The Astros Golf Foundation was then formed to operate the Houston Open with three key objectives: to ensure the PGA TOUR event remains in Houston, bring the tournament back to its glory and into the heart of the city, and provide much-needed resources and funds to the citizens and community of Houston through park improvements, charitable fundraising and investing in youth programs.

The Astros Golf Foundation's goal is to make The Houston Open one of the premier tournaments on tour by engaging more fans, creating memorable experiences beyond the game of golf, enticing a competitive field of elite golfers, and delivering up to \$90 million annually in a positive economic impact to the city of Houston.

Starting this year in 2020, the Houston Open will be held at the Memorial Park Golf Course in the heart of downtown Houston. To bring the course up to PGA standards and to provide improvements for the general public to enjoy, in January of 2019, the Astros Golf Foundation began work on a \$34 million renovation of the Memorial Park Golf Course and related facilities. World-renowned course architect Tom Doak oversaw the renovation with consultation from superstar Brooks Koepka.

In addition to completely rebuilding the golf course, the renovation included the creation of an environmentally sustainable water re-use and irrigation system that utilizes captured storm water for golf course irrigation, a re-designed and expanded driving range with a two-tiered hitting structure, a new maintenance facility, construction of a short course for First Tee participants, a new STEM education center for kids, and a new tennis complex.

As stewards of the Houston Open through at least 2023, Jim Crane and the Astros Golf Foundation are committed to growing the Houston Open, celebrating the game of golf, and serving the community and the people of Houston.





HOUSTON OPEN RECORDS (THROUGH 2019)

Low 9: Gary Koch, 7-under-par 29, 1978; Curtis Strange, 7-under-par 29, 1980; Mike Sullivan, 7-under-par 29, Woodlands TPC, 1986.

Tournament Course Low 9: (front nine) Fred Couples; 7-under-par 29, 2008, J. B. Holmes 7-under-par 29, 2015; (back nine) Jeff Gove, 6-under-par 30, 2007; Adam Scott, 2008; Geoff Ogilvy, 2009, D.A. Points, 2013.

Low 18: Fred Funk, 10-under-par 62, Woodlands TPC, 1992; Ron Streck, 9-under-par 62, Woodlands West, 1982.

Tournament Course Low 18: Johnson Wagner and Adam Scott, 9-under-par 63, 2008; Jimmy Walker and Phil Mickelson, 2011; Scott Piercy, 2015; Sung Kang, 2017.

Low 36: Sung Kang, 128 (65-63) 16-under-par, Tournament Course, Golf Club of Houston.

Low 54: Curtis Strange, 195 (66-63-66) 18-under-par, Woodlands West, 1980; Vijay Singh, 198 (67-65-66) 18-under-par, Woodlands TPC, 2002.

Tournament Course Low 54: Louis Oosthuizen 199 (67-66-66), 17-under-par, 2012.; Sung Kang 199 (65-63-71, 17 under par, 2017

Low 72: Vijay Singh, 266 (67-65-66-68) 22-under-par, Woodlands TPC, 2002; Curtis Strange, 266 (66-63-66-71) and Lee Trevino, 266 (67-66-68-65) 18-underpar, Woodlands West, 1980.

Tournament Course Low 72: Phil Mickelson 268 (70-70-63-65), 20-under-par, 2011; Russell Henley 268 (67-67-69-65), 20-under-par, 2017.

Largest Winning Margin: Jack Burke, Jr., 6 shots, 1952, Memorial Park; Vijay Singh, Woodlands TPC, 2002, Stuart Appleby, 6 shots, 2006, Tournament Course, Golf Club of Houston.

Tournament Course Largest Winning Margin: Stuart Appleby, 6 shots, 2006, Tournament Course, Golf Club of Houston.

Highest Winning Score: Cary Middlecoff, 5-under-par 283, Memorial Park, 1953.

Tournament Course Highest Winning Score: Paul Casey, 11-under-par 277, 2009.

Largest 36-hole lead: Sung Kang, 6 shots, Tournament Course, Golf Club of Houston, 2017.

Largest 54-hole lead: Curtis Strange, 6 shots, Woodlands West, 1980.

Tournament Course largest 54-hole lead: Stuart Appleby, 4 shots, 2006; Matt Kuchar, 2014.

Low start by a winner: Johnson Wagner, 9-under-par 63, Golf Club of Houston —Tournament Course, 2008.

Tournament Course Low start by a winner: Johnson Wagner, 9-under-par 63, Golf Club of Houston —Tournament Course, 2008.

Most tied after third round: Six players — Paul Casey, Geoff Ogilvy, Fred Couples, Ryan Moore, Colt Knost and Bo Van Pelt, 11-under-par 205, 2009 Golf Club of Houston Tournament Course. (Note: PGA TOUR record)

High start by a winner: Mike Sullivan, 4-over-par 76, Woodlands TPC, 1989.

Tournament Course High start by a winner: Ian Poulter, 1-over-par 73, 2018.

High finish by a winner: Bill Collins, 3-over-par 75, Memorial Park, 1960 (Collins beat Arnold Palmer 69-71 in an 18-hole playoff); Gene Littler, 2-over-par 74, Woodlands West, 1977. Tournament Course High finish by a winner: Paul Casey, even-par 72, 2009.

Low finish by a winner: Ron Streck, 9-under-par 62, Woodlands West, 1981 (Third round of rain-shortened 54-hole tournament.); David Duval, 8-under-par 64, Woodlands TPC, 1998.

Tournament Course Low finish by a winner: J. B. Holmes, 8-under-par 64, 2015.

Best final-round come-from-behind: Payne Stewart, 7 shots, Woodlands TPC, 1995; Mike Sullivan, Woodlands TPC, 1989.

Tournament Course best final-round come-from-behind: Russell Henley, 4 shots, 2017.

High 36-hole cut: 15-over-par 159, Memorial Park, 1947; 3-over-par 147, 1989 & 1998, Woodlands TPC.

Tournament Course High 36-hole cut: 2-over-par 146, 2010.

Low 36-hole cut: 4-under-par 140, Woodlands TPC, 1993; 3-under-par 141, Golf Club of Houston, 2003.

Tournament Course Low 36-hole cut: 4-under-par 140, 2015.

Most players to make cut: 109 players, Memorial Park, 1956 (during time of 36-hole and 54-hole cuts); 90 players, Golf Club of Houston – Tournament Course, 2012.

Tournament Course Most players to make cut: 90 players, Golf Club of Houston – Tournament Course, 2012 and 2018.

Fewest players to make cut: 56 players, Woodlands West, 1976. (Field cut to low 50 and ties due to rain); 70 players, Woodlands CC, 1982; Woodlands TPC, 2002, & Redstone GC, 2003.

Tournament Course Fewest players to make cut: 72 players in 2008 and 2013.

Best back-to-back rounds: 65-63 for -16 (1st-2nd rounds) Sung Kang, Golf Club of Houston – Tournament Course, 2017. 63-65 for -16 (3rd-4th rounds) Phil Mickelson, Golf Club of Houston – Tournament Course, 2011. 65-63 for -14 (2nd-3rd rounds) Wayne Levi, Woodlands West, 1979; 64-65 for -15 (1st-2nd rounds), Blaine McCallister, Woodlands TPC, 1993.

Tournament Course Best back-to-back rounds: 63-65 for -16 (3rd-4th rounds) Phil Mickelson, 2011

Multiple winners: Cary Middlecoff 1950, 1953; Mike Souchak, 1955, 1964; Jack Burke, Jr., 1952, 1958; Arnold Palmer, 1957, 1966; Bobby Nichols, 1963, 1965; Bruce Crampton, 1973, 1975; Curtis Strange, 1980, 1986, 1988; Vijay Singh, 2002, 2004, 2005; Stuart Appleby, 2006, 1999.

Tournament Course Multiple winners: None

Most consecutive playoffs: Four from 1959-1962. Jack Burke defeated Julius Boros in an 18-hole playoff (64-69) in 1959; Bill Collins defeated Arnold Palmer in 18-hole playoff (69-71) in 1960; Jay Hebert defeated Ken Venturi in 19 holes with a birdie in 1961; Bobby Nichols defeated Dan Sikes in 19 holes with a birdie after a three-way playoff ended in a two-way tie. Jack Nicklaus was eliminated after scoring 71 in the first 18 holes.

Tournament Course consecutive playoffs: Two from 2014-2015. Matt Jones defeated Matt Kuchar with birdie-3 on first playoff hole (18) in 2014; J. B. Holmes defeated Johnson Wagner with a par-4 on second playoff hole (18) in 2015. NOTE: Jordan Spieth was eliminated on the first playoff hole with a bogey-5.



Most consecutive cuts: Fred Couples, 19. Couples: (1982-1983, did not enter in 1984; played 1985, did not enter 1986-87; played 1988-1990, did not enter 1991; played 1992, did not enter 1993-1996; played 1997-1998; did not enter 1999; played 2000-2012, did not enter 2013.

Tournament Course Most consecutive cuts: Charley Hoffman 11 (2006-2017, did not enter in 2010).

Tournament Course Years played: 13 (2006-2018T) Hunter Mahan.

Longest drive (any hole, not just PGA TOUR official driving holes): Victor Schwamkrug, 428 yards on 12th hole, Golf Club of Houston – Member Course, 2004; John Daly, 397 yards on 16th hole, Golf Club of Houston – Member Course, 2005; J. J. Henry, 391 yards on 8th hole, Golf Club of Houston – Tournament Course; George Bayer, 375 yards on 9th hole, Memorial Park, 1956.

High finish by an amateur: Frank Stranahan, 2nd, 1952.

Highest score posted: Amateur Al Reese, 100, first round, 1951.

Most Houston TOUR event appearances: John Mahaffey, 26. Jeff Maggert, 26.

Holes In One:

- 1949 — Glen Teral, 185-yard 10th at Pine Forest
- 1951 — Chuck Scally, 145-yard 2nd at Memorial Park
- 1954 — Jim Turnesa, 237-yard 7th at Memorial Park
- 1959 — J.C. Goosie, 185-yard 15th at Memorial Park
- 1970 — Bob Dickson, 180-yard 8th
Jimmy Burke, 178-yard 16th Bob Rosburg, all at Champions Cypress Creek
- 1980 — Andy Bean, 180-yard 5th
Mike Reid, 180-yard 5th, at Woodlands West
- 1982 — Gibby Gilbert, 188-yard 12th at Woodlands West
- 1983 — Jay Haas, 180-yard 5th at Woodlands West
- 1986 — Ron Streck, 195-yard 14th at Woodlands TPC
- 1987 — Dewey Arnette, 222-yard 8th at Woodlands TPC
- 1990 — Tommy Armour III, 222-yard 8th at Woodlands TPC
- 1991 — Emlyn Aubrey, 153-yard 3rd at Woodlands TPC
- 1994 — Steve Lamontagne, 182-yard 16th at Woodlands TPC
John Daly, 192-yard 16th at Woodlands TPC
- 1995 — Bob Lohr, 185-yard 8th at Woodlands TPC
Phil Mickelson, 195-yard 14th at Woodlands TPC
- 1998 — Dave Barr, 195-yard 14th at Woodlands TPC
- 1999 — J.P. Hayes, 192-yard 16th at Woodlands TPC
Eric Booker, 175-yard 16th at Woodlands TPC
- 2003 — Marco Dawson, 204-yard 3rd at Golf Club of Houston
- 2004 — Brian Gay, 190-yard 3rd at Golf Club of Houston.

- 2005 — Stephen Leaney, 199-yard 3rd at Golf Club of Houston, 6-iron, 3rd round
 Jason Allred, 208-yard 3rd at Golf Club of Houston 5-iron, 4th round
- 2010 — Lucas Glover, 199-yard 16th at Golf Club of Houston — Tournament Course, 6-iron, 2nd round
 Woody Austin, 145-yard 7th at Golf Club of Houston — Tournament Course, 8-iron, 2nd round
- 2011 — Brandt Jobe, 174-yard 7th at Golf Club of Houston – Tournament Course, 8-iron, 4th round
- 2013 — Carl Pettersson, 143-yard 7th at Redstone Golf Club — Tournament Course, pitching wedge, 2nd round
- 2015 — Patrick Reed, 178-yard 16th at Golf Club of Houston — Tournament Course, 5-iron, 3rd round

Most tied for the lead after third round: Paul Casey, Geoff Ogilvy, Fred Couples, Ryan Moore, Colt Knost and Bo Van Pelt, 11-under-par 205, 2009 Golf Club of Houston – Tournament Course. (Note: PGA TOUR record)

Longest birdie streak: 6 (holes Nos. 11-16) Phil Mickelson, 2011 Shell Houston Open, Golf Club of Houston – Tournament Course; 6 (holes Nos. 10-15) Fred Funk, 1992 Shell Houston Open, TPC at The Woodlands

The last time through 2018:

Last foreign-born winner: Ian Poulter, England, 2018, Golf Club of Houston Tournament Course

Last foreign-born player to win in a playoff: Ian Poulter, England, 2018, Golf Club of Houston Tournament Course

Last time foreign-born players to win consecutive events: Vijay Singh of Fiji, 2004 and 2005; Stuart Appleby of Australia, 2006; Adam Scott, of Australia, 2007

Last U.S.-born winner: Lanto Griffin, Mt. Shasta, CA, 2019, Golf Club of Houston Tournament Course

Last first-time winner: Lanto Griffin, Mt. Shasta, CA, 2019, Golf Club of Houston Tournament Course

Last first-round solo leader to win: D. A. Points, 2013, Golf Club of Houston Tournament Course

Last second-round solo leader to win: Johnson Wagner, 2008, Golf Club of Houston Tournament Course

Last third-round solo leader to win: Lanto Griffin, 2019, Golf Club of Houston Tournament Course

Last PGA TOUR rookie-of-the-year winner: Corey Pavin, 1984, Woodlands CC West Course

Last Texas resident to win: Hunter Mahan, 2012, Golf Club of Houston Tournament Course

Last native-born Texan to win: Johnson Wagner, Amarillo, TX, 2008, Golf Club of Houston Tournament Course

Last winner to attend college in Texas: Fred Couples, 2003, University of Houston



The Majors, Etc.

Last Houston Open champion to earn Masters Invitation by winning HO: Lanto Griffin, USA, 2019, Golf Club of Houston Tournament Course.

Last same year Masters winner: Gary Player, 1978, Woodlands CC West Course.

Last same year U.S. Open winner: Curtis Strange, 1988, Woodlands TPC.

Last same year British Open winner: Bob Charles, 1963, Memorial Park.

Last same year PGA Championship winner: Vijay Singh, 2004, Golf Club of Houston Member Course.

Last same year TOUR Championship winner: Vijay Singh, 2002, Woodlands TPC.

Last same year Skins Game winner: Fred Couples, 2003, Golf Club of Houston Member Course.

Scoring

Last winner to shoot over par the final round: Gene Littler, 2-over-par 74, 1977, Woodlands CC West Course.

Last winner to shoot even par the final round: Paul Casey, England, 2009, Golf Club of Houston Tournament Course.

Last winner to break par the final round: Lanto Griffin, 3-under-par 69, 2019, Golf Club of Houston Tournament Course.

Last winner to come from behind the last round: Russell Henley, 4 strokes off the lead, 2017, Golf Club of Houston Tournament Course.

Last winner to make the cut as defending champion: Russell Henley, 2017 champion, made cut in 2018

Last winner to set a 72-hole scoring record: Vijay Singh, 22-under-par 266, 2002, Woodlands TPC

Last winner to set a 54-hole scoring record: Curtis Strange, 195 (66-63-66) 18-under-par, 1980, Woodlands CC West Course

Last winner to set a 36-hole scoring record: Curtis Strange, 199 (66-63) 13-under-par, 1980, Woodlands CC West Course

Last winner to set 18-hole scoring record: Fred Funk, 10-under-par 62, 1992, Woodlands TPC

Last winner to shoot four rounds in the 60s: Russell Henley, 2017, Golf Club of Houston Tournament Course (67-67-69-65)

Last winner with one even-par round: Paul Casey, England, 2009, par-72 fourth round, Golf Club of Houston Tournament Course

Last winner with two even-par rounds: Bruce Crampton, 1973, par 72, first and fourth rounds, Quail Valley Golf Club

Last winner with three even-par rounds: Cary Middlecoff, 1953, par 72, second, third and fourth rounds, Memorial Park

Last winner to open with over-par round: Ian Poulter, 1-over-par 73, 2018, Golf Club of Houston Member Course

Last winner with over-par round: Lanto Griffin, second-round 2-over-par 74, 2019, Golf Club of Houston Member Course

Last winner with two over-par rounds: David Graham, second-round 1-over-par 72 and third-round 73 1983, Woodlands CC West Course

Last winner to make two eagles the Last round: David Duval, 1998, Woodlands TPC

Last winner to finish year No. 1 on money list: Vijay Singh, 2004, Golf Club of Houston Member Course

Ties

Last tie after first round: Austin Cook and Talor Gooch, 9-under-par 64, Golf Club of Houston Tournament Course, 2019

Last tie after second round: Paul Casey, John Senden, Geoff Ogilvy, Colt Knost and Tommy Armour III, 8-under-par 136, Golf Club of Houston Tournament Course, 2009

Last tie after third round: Ian Poulter and Beau Hossler, tied at 14-under-par 202, Golf Club of Houston Tournament Course, 2018

Playoffs

Last playoff winner: Ian Poulter, 2018, defeated Beau Hossler with a par-4 on the first playoff hole

Last to win playoff with a birdie: Matt Jones, 2014, defeated Matt Kuchar with a birdie-3 on the first playoff hole

Last to win playoff with a bogey: Paul Casey, 2009, defeated J.B. Holmes with a bogey on the first playoff hole

Last one-hole playoff: Ian Poulter, 2018, defeated Beau Hossler with a par-4 on the first playoff hole

Last two-hole playoff: J.B. Holmes, 2015, defeated Johnson Wagner with a par on the second playoff hole

Last three-hole playoff: Curtis Strange, 1988, defeated Greg Norman with a birdie-3 on the third playoff hole

Last four-hole playoff: Robert Allenby, 2000, defeated Craig Stadler with a par-4 on the fourth playoff hole

Last 18-hole playoff: Jack Burke, 1959, defeated Julius Boros 64-69, Memorial Park

Last 19-hole playoff: Bobby Nichols, 1962, defeated Dan Sikes with an eagle on the 19th hole at Memorial Park. Both shot 1-under-par 71

Last three-way playoff: J.B. Holmes, 2015, defeated Johnson Wagner with a par on the second playoff hole, Jordan Spieth made bogey-5 on the first playoff hole and was eliminated

Last five-way playoff: Cary Middlecoff, 1953, who shot 69 to defeat Shelly Mayfield and Ferrier, who shot 71, Earl Stewart 72 and Bill Nary 75

Last winner to birdie the 72nd hole to get into a playoff: Matt Jones, 2014, holed a 48-foot putt for birdie-3 on No. 18 and defeated Matt Kuchar with a chip-in birdie-3 on the first playoff hole

Last multiple playoff winner: Curtis Strange, 1980 (over Lee Trevino), 1986 (over Calvin Peete), 1988 (over Greg Norman)



Weather

Last time start of a round was delayed by weather: 2018, Golf Club of Houston Tournament Course, first round two-hour delay with 9:20 AM start.

Last time play was stopped/suspended due to weather: 2016, Golf Club of Houston Tournament Course, first round stopped at 9:31 AM due to inclement weather. (Play resumed at 11:04 AM)

Last time play was suspended because of darkness: 2018, Golf Club of Houston Tournament Course, first round (Thursday), 7:40 PM.

Last 54-hole tournament: 1993 Shell Houston Open won by Jim McGovern at Woodlands TPC.

Last time tee times were changed prior to weather threat: Third and fourth rounds, 2014, Golf Club of Houston Tournament Course. No. 1 and No. 10 tee start from 7:30-9:30 AM to inclement weather forecast.

Last time round canceled by weather: Third round, 1993, Woodlands TPC. Rain and lightning forced cancellation at 4:15 p.m. after 4-hour and 12-minute delay.

Last Monday tournament finish: 2004 Shell Houston Open, Golf Club of Houston. Last rainout: 1991 Independent Insurance Agent Open, Woodlands TPC.

Last tournament postponement: 2020, Vivint Houston Open rescheduled to Nov. 5-8 to accommodate the rescheduling of the 2020 Masters to Nov. 9-15.

Exemptions

Last sponsor exemption to win: Ed Sneed, 1982, Woodlands CC, West Course.





COURSE MAP





HOUSTON OPEN CHAMPIONS ON PARADE

2019—Lanto Griffin

Golf Club of Houston--TC

Birthdate: June 15, 1988

Birthplace: Mount Shasta, CA

Shot 66-74-65-69 for a 14-under-par 274 total to win by one stroke over Scott Harrington and Mark Hubbard (-13)...led the tournament by one stroke entering the final round...was his first-ever 54-hole lead in his career...earned his first PGA TOUR victory in what was his 33rd start at 31 years, 3 months and 28 days...was also his first-ever top 10 finish in a PGA TOUR event...was his second career start at the Houston Open...shot a second-round 74, becoming the first player to win with at least one round of 74 or higher since Brooks Koepka at the 2019 PGA Championship.

2018—Ian Poulter

Golf Club of Houston—TC

Birthdate: January 10, 1976

Birthplace: Stevenage, England

Money list finish: (49th) \$2,162,306

Beginning the final round tied with rookie Beau Hossler at 14-under 202, Poulter sank a 20-foot birdie putt on the 72nd hole to match Hossler's 5-under 67 and force a playoff. ...On the first extra hole, No.18, Poulter's par proved good for the win....It marked Poulter's first playoff on TOUR...It was his third career TOUR victory in his 241th start and first since the 2012 WGC-HSBC Championship...With the victory, Poulter earned the final spot in the Masters Tournament, held the week after the Houston Open...Poulter's opening-round 1-over 73 marks the highest first round start of a champion at Golf Club of Houston...He became the seventh different international winner of the tournament...It was only his third start in the Houston Open.

2017 - Russell Henley

Golf Club of Houston – TC

Birthdate: April 12, 1989

Birthplace: Macon, GA

Money list finish: (29th) \$3,413,876

Shot 67-67-69-65 for a 20-under-par 268 total and three-shot victory over Sung Kang ... Came into final round facing a four-shot deficit behind Kang ... Made 10 birdies in final round ... Houston Open win earned him invitation to 2017 Masters ... Earned \$1,260,000 for his victory ... Houston Open was third PGA TOUR victory after 2013 Sony Open in Hawaii and 2014 Honda Classic ... In 2017 advanced through all four events in the FedEx Cup Playoffs, where he ended the season with a T3 finish at the TOUR Championship ... Web.Com Tour victories include 2011 Stadion Classic at UGA and 2012 Chiquita Classic, Winn-Dixie Jacksonville Open presented by Planter... graduate of University of Georgia.

**2016 – Jim Herman**

Golf Club of Houston – TC

Birthdate: November 5, 1977

Birthplace: Cincinnati, OH

Money list finish: (43rd) \$2,091,274

First PGA TOUR victory and 15th first-time winner in Shell Houston Open history ... was his 106th career start ... Shot 69-69-67-68 for 15-under-par 273 total to fend off No.7 Henrik Stenson by a shot and No.9 Dustin Johnson by two ... his Houston Open win earned him an invitation to Masters, which he would play for the first time ... also earned an invite to the PGA Championship and the later to the Open Championship as an alternate ... reached his career-best world ranking of 68 after his Houston Open victory ...enjoys the travel aspect of the TOUR and often plays classic golf courses located near that week's TOUR stop.

2015 – J.B. Holmes

Golf Club of Houston – TC

Birthdate: April 26, 1982

Birthplace: Campbellsville, KY

Money list finish: (12th) \$4,037,430

Won three-way playoff with 2008 SHO winner Johnson Wagner and World No. 4 Jordan Spieth. All three finished at 16-under-par 272 ... Playoff was the 23rd in Shell Houston Open history ... Only the U.S. Open with 33 playoffs has had more ... Playoff took place on 18th hole ... Holmes and Wagner parred the first hole and Spieth, who made bogey-5, was eliminated ... Playing the 18th a second time Holmes won the playoff with a par while Wagner a bogey-5 ... It was Holmes' fourth PGA TOUR win ... The win moved Holmes up to No. 12 in the World Golf Rankings ... Holmes shot 29-35 for a 64 the final round, the 29 tying the Tournament Course 9-hole record set by Fred Couples ... For the record his scores were 65-70-73-64 making him the first champion to have an over-par round since Vijay Singh in 2004 ... Finished No. 12 on the money list with \$4,037,430 ... Chosen to sub on Presidents Cup Team for injured Jim Furyk.

2014 – Matt Jones

Golf Club of Houston – TC

Birthdate: April 19, 1980

Birthplace: Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

Money list finish: (47th) \$1,928,154

First PGA TOUR victory earned invitation to The Masters ... Joins D.A. Points (2013) and Johnson Wagner (2008) as a player earning a trip to Augusta by winning the Shell Houston Open at the Golf Club of Houston Tournament Course ... Shot 68-68-71-66 to tie with Matt Kuchar at the end of regulation ... Started Sunday 6 shots off the pace, which is the largest final-round comeback on the Golf Club of Houston Tournament Course ... Ended the playoff on the first hole of sudden death by pitching in from 42 yards for a birdie ... He had also rolled in a monster 46-foot birdie putt on 18 to post 15-under-par ... Both shots were among the top 10 for ESPN's Shot of the Day segment ... Earned \$1,152,000 for his victory, the largest SHO winner's check to date ... His victory was the ninth in tournament history by an Australian ... He joined Adam Scott (2007), Stuart Appleby (2006 & 1999), Robert Allenby (2000), David Graham (1983), Bruce Crampton (1973 & 1975) and Bruce Devlin (1972) ... Played collegiate golf at Arizona State with 2009 Shell Houston Open winner Paul Casey, earning All-American honors in 2001 ... Spent four full seasons (2004-2007) on the Web.com Tour.

**2013 – D. A. Points**

Golf Club of Houston – TC

Birthdate: December 1, 1976

Birthplace: Pekin, IL

Money list finish: (23rd) \$2,658,887

D. A. Points shot 64-71-71-66 for a 16-under-par 272 total and a one-shot victory over Henrik Stenson and Billy Horschel ... Became the first opening-round leader to win since Stuart Appleby in 2006 ... First-round 8-under-par 64 was the lowest start by a winner since Johnson Wagner's 9-under-par 63 in 2008 ... Final round play was suspended at 3:52 PM with 12 players, including Points, on the course due to inclement weather ... Play resumed at 6:30 PM ... Points got up-and-down on Nos. 17 and 18 to retain the lead, including a 13-footer on the 72nd hole to avoid a playoff ... Victory extended his exempt status on the PGA TOUR to 2015 ... Earned a Masters invitation ... Win was the 16th straight by an American on the PGA TOUR in 2013 ... Triumph extended the streak of American winners since the start of the 2013 season to 14 in a row, surpassing the run of 13 consecutive winners from the United States in 1989 ... Fourth first-round leader to win this season, joining Dustin Johnson (Hyundai Tournament of Champions), Phil Mickelson (Waste Management Phoenix Open) and Tiger Woods (WGC-Cadillac Championship) ... Second PGA TOUR victory, also won the 2011 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, playing with comedian Bill Murray.

2012 – Hunter Mahan

Golf Club of Houston – TC

Birthdate: May 17, 1982

Birthplace: Orange, CA

Money list finish: (9th) \$4,419,193

Shot 69-67-65-71 for 16-under-par 272 total to finish a stroke ahead of first-round co-leader Carl Pettersson of Sweden and 2 strokes in front of third-round leader Louis Oosthuizen of South Africa ... Came from 2-strokes back on the final day to post his second victory of 2012 ... Became the first player to win twice in 2012 ... Fifth career title, trying him with Dustin Johnson for the most by a player currently in his 20s ... At that time had yet to miss a cut in seven starts ... Triumph came in ninth start in Shell Houston Open where he has five Top 11 finishes, including T8 in 2011, T6 in 2009, T5 in 2007 and T11 in 2006 ... Hit 86.1% of greens in regulation to share the lead in that statistic ... Played par-4s in -11, par-5s in -3 and par-3s in -2 ... Victory elevated him to No. 4 in the World Golf Rankings and to the top spot in the FedEx Cup points race ... Finished No. 9 on money list with \$4,419,193.

2011 – Phil Mickelson

Golf Club of Houston – TC

Birthdate: June 16, 1970

Birthplace: San Diego, CA

Money list finish: (12th) \$3,763,488

Shot 70-70-63-65 for 20-under-par 268 total and 3-stroke victory over 46-year-old Scott Verplank and Chris Kirk ... Victory moved him to No.3 in World Golf Rankings ... The 9-under-par 63 matched the course record established by Adam Scott and Johnson Wagner in 2008 ... Mickelson was 14-under-par on the par-5s ... Win was his 39th on TOUR which ties him with Tom Watson and former two-time SHO winner Dr. Cary Middlecoff for 9th all-time ... This was Mickelson's first victory since turning 40 ... Mickelson was the defending champion at The Masters ... Voted into World Golf Hall of Fame on the first ballot in November ... Enshrined on May 7, 2012.

**2010 – Anthony Kim**

Golf Club of Houston – TC

Birthdate: June 19, 1985

Birthplace: Los Angeles, CA

Money list finish: (24th) \$2,574,921

Defeated Vaughn Taylor on 1st hole of playoff with par-4 on No.18 ... Shot 68-69-69-70 for 12-under-par 276 total ... Made bogey 5 on final hole to drop into tie with Taylor, who had just made birdie putt in previous group ... Became the 5th player under the age of 30 with 3+ wins on the PGA TOUR, joining 6-time winner Adam Scott and 3-time winners Camilo Villegas, Dustin Johnson and Sean O'Hair ... 6th player in his 20s to win on TOUR in 2010, compared to 7 in 2009 ... Played in 14 PGA TOUR events in 2010 ... Surgery on injured left thumb caused him to miss most of the season, including the U.S. Open and the British Open ... He had finished 3rd in The Masters.

2009 – Paul Casey

Golf Club of Houston – TC

Birthdate: July 21, 1977

Birthplace: Cheltenham, England

Money list finish: (22nd) \$2,582,181

Beat J.B. Holmes on 1st hole of sudden death playoff ... 1st European to win Houston's PGA TOUR event and 14th first-time winner ... 1st player win in SHO debut since Mike Heinen in 1994 ... Second SHO winner to cash a winner's check over \$1 million (\$1,026,000) ... Finished No.22 on money list ... Earned first PGA TOUR victory in his 77th start ... Already had 9 European Tour victories, including 2009 ABU Dhabi Golf Championship ... Was runner-up in 2009 WGC – Accenture Match Play Championship to Geoff Ogilvy ... Shot 66-70-69-72 for 11-under-par total ... Bogeyed 72nd hole to fall into playoff ... Won playoff with bogey 5 on 1st playoff hole, the par-4 18th, which played to an average of 5.01 in windy conditions on Sunday ... Win pushed him to No.6 in the next week's World Golf Rankings ... Rib injury at Bridgestone WGC forced him out of action until November ... Returned for Media Day on Feb. 22, 2010 and donated \$100,000 to Houston Golf Association charities.

2008 – Johnson Wagner

Golf Club of Houston – TC

Birthdate: March 23, 1980

Birthplace: Amarillo, TX

Money list finish: (73rd) \$1,431,001

Posted 1st PGA TOUR victory at 2008 Shell Houston Open by sharing or holding the lead all 4 rounds ... Became 13th first time winner in tournament history and first-ever on the Redstone Golf Club – Tournament Course ... First U.S.-born in 4 years ... World Golf Ranking #124 ... Broke streak of 2 consecutive Australian winners – Stuart Appleby (2006) and Adam Scott (2007) ... Shot course record-tying 9-under-par 63 to share first-round lead with defending champion Scott ... Shot 63-69-69-71 for 16-under-par 272 total, 2 shots ahead of fellow Texan Chad Campbell ... Wagner had established tournament record in 2007 by shooting 8-under-par 64 in Saturday's 3rd round ... Bubba Watson equaled that mark when he concluded his third round on Sunday morning due to weather delay on Saturday ... Wagner became first ever million-dollar prize winner in SHO history with payday of \$1,008,000 ... Victory also garnered him an invitation to The Masters Tournament ... Prior to Wagner last Houston winner to gain a Masters Invitation was Tony Sills in 1990.

**2007 – Adam Scott**

Golf Club of Houston – TC

Birthdate: July 16, 1980

Birthplace: Adelaide, Australia

Money list finish: (11th) \$3,413,185

Became the sixth Australian to win Houston's PGA TOUR event by firing rounds of 69-71-65-66 for a 17-under-par 271 total ... Made a monster 48-foot par-saving putt on the 72nd hole to preserve three-shot victory over fellow Aussie and defending champion Stuart Appleby and long-hitting Bubba Watson ... Cashed winner's check of \$990,000 ... No. 5 World Ranking at the time made him the highest player in the field ... Victory pushed him to No. 3 in next rankings ... Five other PGA TOUR victories, include 2004 THE PLAYERS Championship and 2006 TOUR Championship ... Finished 11th on money list with \$3,413,185 and 10th in the FedEx Cup Points Race with 11,196.

2006 – Stuart Appleby

Golf Club of Houston – TC

Birthdate: May 1, 1971

Birthplace: Cohuna, Australia

Money list finish: (8th) \$3,470,457

Established tournament record with opening 6-under-par 66 ... Went on to record all four rounds in the sixties (66-67-69-67) en route to a 19-under-par 269 total ... World Golf Ranking #25 after victory ... Became first ever wire-to-wire winner in tournament history ... Second Shell Houston Open victory came seven years after first triumph in 1999 on the Tournament Course at The Woodlands ... Six-shot margin of victory matched tournament record set by Jack Burke (1952) and shared by Vijay Singh (22) ... Sixth player to post four rounds in the 60s en route to victory, joining Singh (2002), Mike Heinen (1994), Curtis Strange (1988), Jay Haas (1987) and Bob Charles (1963) ... Second victory of 2006, having opened year with Mercedes Championship triumph ... One of five Australians to win – Bruce Devlin (1972), Bruce Crampton (1973, 1975), David Graham (1983) and Robert Allenby (2000) ... Multiple win gained extra year exemption through 2009 season.

2005 – Vijay Singh

Golf Club of Houston – MC

Birthdate: February 22, 1963

Birthplace: Lautoka, Fiji

Money list finish: (2nd) \$8,017,336

Vijay Singh opened with a course-record tying 8-under-par 64 at Redstone Golf Club to become the first ever back-to-back winner of the Shell Houston Open ... He posted a one-hole sudden-death playoff victory over John Daly, who birdied the final two holes to tie at 1-under-par 275 ... It was Singh's third triumph at the Shell Houston Open in four years ... Singh (220, 2003, 2004) joined Curtis Strange (1980, 1986, 1988) as the event's only other three-time champion ... World Golf Rankings #2 after victory ... The victory was Singh's 14th since turning 40, second only to Sam Snead's 17 ... The playoff between Singh and Daly was the 19th in the tournament's 58-year history and the first since 2000 when Robert Allenby defeated Craig Stadler. It was also the sixth on the PGA TOUR through 17 events ... With his win, Singh moved into sole possession of second place on the all-time top-10 finishes list at the Shell Houston Open with eight in 10 appearances.

2004 – Vijay Singh

Golf Club of Houston – MC

Birthdate: February 22, 1963

Birthplace: Lautoka, Fiji

 Money list finish: (1st) \$10,905,166

Became tournament's all-time leading money winner with \$2,044,760, thanks to \$900,000 payday in the rain-delayed 2004 Shell Houston Open played at Redstone Golf Club. Carded rounds of 74-66-69-68 for an 11-under-par total. World Golf Ranking #2 after victory ... Coincidentally, Singh had won the last two events to finish on Monday, dating back to the 2003 John Deere Classic. Singh also became the eighth multiple winner of Houston's PGA TOUR event. He also won 2002 Shell Houston Open on TPC at The Woodlands in final Shell Houston Open to be played at that site. The victory was Singh's second of 2004. He had won the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am earlier in the year. He would go on to win the following week at New Orleans in another rain-delayed Monday finish.

2003 – Fred Couples

Golf Club of Houston – MC

Birthdate: October 3, 1959

Birthplace: Seattle, Washington

 Money list finish: (31st) \$1,820,495

Became a rare wire-to-wire winner at the Shell Houston Open with rounds of 65-68-67-67 – for his 15th PGA TOUR victory ... Fred became the first University of Houston Cougar ever to win Houston's PGA TOUR event ... The four-shot victory over Hank Kuehne, Stuart Appleby and Mark Calcavecchia set the record for the largest margin of victory on the Redstone GC ... Rain early in the week softened the greens ... He entered 18 PGA TOUR events in 2003 and made the cut in 17 with 4 top ten finishes ... Improved birdie average from 87th (3.65) to T9 (4.05) in 2003 ... For the year, finished 11th (scoring average) ... Win was the first victory in 87 events, dating back to the 1998 Memorial Tournament ... Improved his world ranking from 147th in 2002 to 36th at the end of 2003 ... Surpassed Jimmy Demaret as all-time SHO consecutive cuts leader at 18 in 2011.

2002 – Vijay Singh

TPC at The Woodlands

Birthdate: February 22, 1963

Birthplace: Lautoka, Fiji

 Money list finish: (3rd) \$3,756,563

Established a new tournament scoring record at 22-under-par on the final Shell Houston Open to be played on the Tournament Players Course at The Woodlands & Closing 68 combined with rounds of 67, 65, and 66 smashed the 14-year-old tournament record by four strokes ... World Golf Ranking #6 after victory ... The six-shot victory over Northern Ireland's Darren Clark also matched the tournament record for the largest margin of victory, established by Jack Burke Jr. in 1952 at Memorial Park ... It also set a new record for the largest margin of victory on the TPC, erasing the old mark of 3 shots set by Mike Heinen in 1994 ... Rain early in the week softened the greens ... Players were able to lift, clean and place the ball for two rounds ... The threat of inclement weather on Saturday dictated a No. 1 and No. 10 tee start and an early 3 p.m. finish which limited gallery size ... An Easter Sunday finish also led to a smaller-than-usual gallery ... Won season-ending TOUR Championship and its \$900,000 first prize at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta by shooting 65-71-65-67 – 268 ... \$900,000 first prize was his largest payday to date ... For the years, finished 7th (greens in



regulation) and 5th (overall performance) ... Inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2006.

2001 – Hal Sutton

TPC at The Woodlands

Birthdate: April 28, 1958

Birthplace: Shreveport, Louisiana

Money list finish: (28th) \$1,723,496

Came from 2 strokes back the final round to overtake Joe Durant and Lee Janzen, who dominated the leaderboard for the first three rounds ... Birdied 17th hole to move to 10-under-par, gaining revenge for a bogey in 1999 tournament that ended his title hopes ... Carded final-round 69 ... One of only four to break 70 as wind gusted to 28 mph all afternoon ... Victory was Sutton's 14th overall and first of 2001 ... World Golf Ranking #9 after victory ... \$612,000 check pushed career earnings over \$13 million mark ... Eighth PGA TOUR player to surpass that mark ... Fourth consecutive year with a win ... Became second-oldest winner of Houston TOUR event behind 46-year-old Gene Littler at 42 years, 11 months and 24 days ... Fifth member of victorious 2000 U.S. Presidents Cup team to win on TOUR that year ... Victory made him all-time leading money winner at Houston's PGA TOUR event with \$1,165,230 and the first player to crack \$1 million mark.

2000 – Robert Allenby

TPC at The Woodlands

Birthdate: July 12, 1971

Birthplace: Melbourne, Australia

Money list finish: (16th) \$1,968,685

Defeated Craig Stadler on the fourth hole of sudden-death for his first PGA TOUR victory ... Playoff was the longest to date since the tournament moved to the TPC in 1985 ... Gritty up-and-down for bogey from 100 yards after hitting approach into hazard extended playoff when Stadler three-putted first playoff hole (No. 18) ... Entered victory circle thanks to par-4 on 10th hole when Stadler bogeyed ... World Golf Ranking #70 after Houston victory ... Second career win came at the Advil Western Open that summer ... Became second consecutive Aussie champion and fifth Australian winner overall, joining best friend Stuart Appleby (1999), David Graham (1983), Bruce Crampton (1973, 1975) and Bruce Devlin (1972) ... Finished second behind Tiger Woods in par-5 birdie leaders (50.8%) and fifth in total driving statistic.

1999 – Stuart Appleby

TPC at The Woodlands

Birthdate: May 1, 1971

Birthplace: Cohung, Australia

Money list finish: (25th) \$1,359,724

Final round of 71 was the highest final round by a winner in 15 years at the TPC at The Woodlands ... Started the final round 2 strokes behind Hal Sutton ... Defeated John Cook by one stroke shooting 70-68-70-71 for a 72-hole total 279 ... Third Tour victory for Appleby ... World Golf Ranking #30 after victory ... The first victory after the untimely death of his wife ... Played in 29 tournaments making 21 cuts ... Finished in the top 10 five times and the top 25 12 times in 1999 ... Finished 7th on Tour in Par 5 birdie leaders (43.4%) ... Won Shell Houston Open a second time in 2006.

1998 – David Duval

TPC at The Woodlands



Birthdate: November 9, 1971

Birthplace: Jacksonville, Florida

Money list finish: (1st) \$2,591,031

Shot an incredible 64 in the final round to defeat Jeff Maggert by one stroke ... Four day total of 276 included rounds of 69-70-73-64 ... World Golf Ranking #6 after victory ... Also, in 1998, won the Tucson Chrysler Classic, NEC World Series of Golf and the Michelob championship at Kingsmill ... Earned the Byron Nelson Award, the Vardon Trophy for low scoring average (69.13), and the Arnold Palmer Award for earnings (PGA Tour record \$2,591,031) ... Led the Tour with four victories ... Won 7 tournaments over a 12-month period ... Joined Calvin Peete (1982-83) as the only player to win back-to-back Michelob Championships at Kingsmill ... Finished the year 1st in birdie average (4.29), scoring average (69.13), par breakers (24.4%), par 4 birdie leaders (19.4%), and birdie conversion (34.6%) ... Member of the Walker Cup 1991, The Presidents Cup (1996, 19998), Ryder Cup (1999) ... Won the Tour Championship in 1997 and THE PLAYERS Championship 1999.

1997 – Phil Blackmar

TPC at The Woodlands

Birthdate: September 22, 1957

Birthplace: San Diego, California

Money list finish: (32nd) \$642,400

Shared the lead after the third round with Kevin Sutherland after shooting 68-71-67 ... Defeated Kevin Sutherland on the first hole in the playoff ... Third career win ... All three wins have been in playoffs for 3-0 playoff record ... Last win was the 1988 Provident Classic ... Finished in the top 10 three times in 1997 ... Finished 3rd on Tour in birdie conversion (33.1%), 6th in putts per round (28.38) and 8th in putting average (1.747) ... World Golf Ranking of #112 after victory.

1996 – Mark Brooks

TPC at

The Woodlands

Birthdate: March 25, 1961

Birthplace: Fort Worth, Texas

Money list finish: (3rd) \$1,429,396

Trailed by one stroke after shooting a 66 on the first day ... A 68 on the second day put him one stroke up on Tommy Tolles, Mike Springer and Doug Martin ... The fourth round started with Brooks two behind Jeff Maggert, however, a round of 70 on the final day put him in a playoff with Maggert where he captured the title with a 50-foot putt for birdie on the first playoff hole ... Won three times in 1996 – Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, Shell Houston Open, and the PGA Championship ... Made cuts in 23 of 29 tournaments ... Finished 6th on Tour in total birdies (373) and 9th in top 10 finished (8) ... Member of The Presidents Cup 1996 ... World Golf Ranking of #50 after Houston victory.

1995 – Payne Stewart

TPC at The Woodlands

Birthdate: January 30, 1957

Birthplace: Springfield, Missouri

Money list finish: (12th) \$866,219

Died: 10/25/1999

Won his 9th career Tour title ... World Golf Ranking #30 after victory ... Came from seven strokes back on the final day to tie Scott Hoch and force a playoff ... Stewart won the playoff



on the first hole ... He finished the year ranked 6th in putting and made 22 cuts out of 27 tournaments ... Finished in the top 10 six times and the top 25 fifteen times in 1995 ... 1991 and 1999 U.S. Open champion ... 1989 PGA Championship winner ... 1999 Ryder Cup Team.

1994 – Mike Heinen

TPC at The Woodlands

Birthdate: January 17, 1967

Birthplace: Rayne, Louisiana

Money list finish: (40th) \$390,963

Heinen trailed by two after the second round behind Tom Kite but took the lead with Kite and Jeff Maggert after the third round with a 69 ... His four day total of 67-68-69-68-272 was three strokes better than second place finishers Hal Sutton, Jeff Maggert and Tom Kite ... This was his first Tour win ... Finished second on the money list for rookies only behind Ernie Els ... Other top 10 finishes in 1994 included 7th at the NEC World Series of Golf and tied for 10th at the B.C. Open ... Finished tied for 9th in total driving accuracy and 10th in driving distance (275.3).

1993 – Jim McGovern

TPC at The Woodlands

Birthdate: February 5, 1965

Birthplace: Teaneck, New Jersey

Money list finish: (27th) \$587,495

This 54-hole tournament was plagued by rain, lightning, and fog ... After 36 holes, McGovern trailed Blaine McCallister by two but was able to pull out the win after 54-holes and a two-hole playoff over John Huston ... The last six holes saw back-to-back bogeys, an eagle on 15 and a par on 18 to give McGovern the tie with Huston ... McGovern birdied the second hole for the win ... First Tour victory ... World Golf Ranking #161 after Houston victory ... Other top 10-finishes in 1993 – tied for 4th at Memorial and tied for 6th at the Honda Classic ... Finished the year 2nd on tour in birdies with 411 and 9th in eagles with 10.

1992 – Fred Funk

TPC at The Woodlands

Birthdate: June 14, 1956

Birthplace: Takoma Park, Maryland

Money list finish: (34th) \$416,930

Funk's third round course record 62 gave him a 14-under-par total of 202 and a one-shot lead over defending champion Fulton Allem ... First Tour victory ... World Golf Ranking #128 after Houston victory ... Ranked 5th in driving accuracy on tour with a .788 rating 5th in driving accuracy (78.9%) ... The 62 also earned him a \$5,000 credit balance from Hilton as part of the Hilton Course Record Challenge.

1991 – Fulton Allem

TPC at The Woodlands

Birthdate: September 15, 1957

Birthplace: Kroonstad, South Africa

Money list finish: (71st) \$229,702

Rounds of 71-69-67-66 gave Allem a 1-shot victory over Billy Ray Brown, Tom Kite, and Mike Hulbert ... The tournament was delayed from April until October due to weather ... Barely



made the cut by two strokes ... Trailed Jeff Maggert by 10 strokes after the first two rounds ... Played the last 36-holes in 11-under-par ... Other top 10 finish in 1991 was an 8th place at the Buick Classic ... Finished ranked 5th in driving accuracy (76.9%) and 7th in total driving (.820) ... World Golf Ranking #90 after Houston victory.

1990 – Tony Sills

TPC at The Woodlands

Birthdate: December 5, 1955

Birthplace: Los Angeles, California

Money list finish: (61st) \$243,350

The tournament was shortened to 54-holes due to weather ... Sills first Tour victory saw him shoot a 67-72-65 to defeat Gil Morgan in a playoff on the first hole with a par while Morgan three-putted from 45 feet ... He birdied four of the last five holes to force the playoff ... Miraculous save on the 7th hole when he hit a 4-iron approach shot that skipped off the water and over the wood pilings ... Win earned him invitation to The Masters ... World Golf Ranking #154 after Houston win ... Other top 10 finish in 1990 was a 7th place at the Nissan Los Angeles.

1989 – Mike Sullivan

TPC at The Woodlands

Birthdate: January 1, 1955

Birthplace: Ocala, Florida

Money list finish: (47th) \$273,963

Nine years between first win (1980 Southern Open) and Houston ... Barely made the cut with a 76 and 71 on the first two days of play ... Started the final round 7 strokes behind the leader Mike Donald ... Birdied 8 holes and bogeyed 18 on the final day shooting a 65 to win by one stroke over Craig Stadler ... Waited in the clubhouse for 1 hour for the tournament to finish and realize he had won ... First time a player won the event with a 76 on his card ... World Golf Ranking #109 after Houston win ... Also finished tied for 5th at the Kmart Greater Greensboro Open in 1989.

1988 – Curtis Strange

TPC at The Woodlands

Birthdate: January 30, 1955

Birthplace: Norfolk, Virginia

Money list finish: (1st) \$1,147,644

First player to win the Houston Open for the third time (1980 and 1986) ... Shot a 66 in the third round to take the lead with 25-foot putt to defeat Norman ... World Golf Ranking #5 after Houston win ... Won all three Houston Opens in a playoff (Lee Trevino 1982 and Calvin Peete 1986) ... Also won the Memorial Tournament, the U.S. Open, THE TOUR Championship and Nabisco Championships in 1988 ... First on the money list for the 2nd year in a row and three of the last four years ... First PGA Tour player to reach \$1 million in season earnings ... Finished 3rd in driving accuracy (76.7%) ... Made 22 cuts in 24 tournaments ... Won the U.S. Open again 1989 for back-to-back victories ... Member of World Amateur Team, 1974 ... Walker Cup, 1975 ... Ryder Cup, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1995 ... Inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2007.

**1987 – Jay Haas**

TPC at The Woodlands

Birthdate: December 2, 1953

Birthplace: St. Louis, Missouri

Money list finish: (37th) \$270,347

Sixth career win ... Came from three shots down on the final day to tie and force a playoff ... Holed a 65-foot putt on the final hole to force a playoff with Buddy Gardner ... He later admitted he was really just trying to lag the putt for par but put too much on it and it hit the back of the cup and fell in ... Won with a par on the first extra hole as Gardner missed a two-foot putt for par ... Rounds of 69-69-71-67-276 put him in the playoff ... World Golf Ranking #55 after Houston win ... Finished ranked 13th on Tour for All-Around (387) ... Member of the Walker Cup, 1975 ... Ryder Cup, 1983 and 1985 ... The Presidents Cup, 1994.

1986 – Curtis Stange

TPC at The Woodlands

Birthdate: January 30, 1955

Birthplace: Norfolk, Virginia

Money list finish: (32nd) \$273,700

Won Houston Open for the second time (1980 was his first win) ... Finished the first round putting with a pitching wedge because he broke his putter slamming it against a bridge on the 13th hole ... Shot a 66 on the final day to tie Calvin Peete and force a playoff ... Won the playoff with a birdie on the third hole ... Three-day total 72-68-68-66-274 ... World Golf Ranking #12f after Houston win ... Other top 10 finishes in 1986 included a tie for 5th at Hertz Bay Hill Classic, 6th at the Kemper Open, tie for 6th at the Canon-Sammy Davis Jr., Greater Hartford Open, tie for 7th at the Bank of Boston Classic, and a tie for 9th at the Canadian Open ... First PGA Tour player to reach \$1 million in season earnings ... Won the U.S. Open in 1988 and 1989 for back-to-back victories ... Member of World Amateur Team, 1974 ... Walker Cup, 1975 ... Ryder Cup, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, and 1995 ... Inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2007.

1985 – Raymond Floyd

TPC at The Woodlands

Birthdate: September 4, 1942

Birthplace: Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Money list finish: (5th) \$378,989

Three rounds of 69 gave Floyd the Houston Open title ... His 277 total was one stroke better than second place David Frost and Bob Lohr and gave him his first win in 2 years ... Other top finishes in 1985 included a loss in a playoff at the Manufacturers Hanover Westchester Classic and a 2nd place in the Masters ... Ended the year 3rd in putting (28.77), 5th in par breakers (20.6%), 5th in scoring average (70.53), 5th in birdie conversion (30.3%) and 7th in sand saves (57.9%) ... Made cuts in 20 of 22 tournaments entered ... Nine top 10 finishes ... 22 Tour victories including two PGA Championships, 1969 and 1982 and one Masters, 1976 ... Won the 1986 U.S. Open and THE PLAYERS Championship, 1981 ... Member of 8 Ryder Cup teams, 1969, 1975, 1977, 1981, 1983, 1985, 1991, and 1993 ... Ryder Cup Captain, 1989 ... Inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1989.

**1984 – Corey Pavin**

The Woodlands Country Club

Birthdate: November 16, 1959

Birthplace: Los Angeles, California

Money list finish: (18th) \$260,536

Came from 2 strokes back to win the Houston Coca-Cola Open shooting a 68 on each of the last 3 days ... Birdie No. 14 on the final day while Buddy Gardner bogeyed it for a two-shot swing ... Defeated Gardner by one stroke ... Went on to win more money than any other first-year player in the history of the Tour ... Also in 1984 finished 2nd at the Phoenix Open and the Southern Open, tied for 5th at the Canadian Open and tied for 9th at the Western Open ... Finished the year 4th on Tour in birdies (384) and 4th in consecutive cuts made (13) ... 1995 U.S. Open champion ... Member of the Walker Cup, 1981 ... Ryder Cup, 1991, 1993, and 1995 ... The Presidents Cup, 1994, and 1996.

1983 – David Graham

The Woodlands Country Club

Birthdate: May 23, 1946

Birthplace: Windsor, Australia

Money list finish: (11th) \$244,924

Came from 5 strokes back final day to win Houston Coca Open by 5 strokes over Lee Trevino, Lee Elder, and Jim Thorpe ... A final round 64 clinched the victory for Graham ... His scores for the four-day event were 66-72-63-64-265 ... Started the 3rd round with 9 on the first hole after hitting three trees and landing in the bunker ... Played rest of the front nine in 4 under ... On the final day pulled off a 13-stroke turnaround ... Ten top 10 finishes in 23 starts in 1983 ... Past PGA Championship winner (1979) and U.S. Open Championship winner (1981) ... Finished 2nd at the Memorial Tournament and 3rd at LaJeta Coors Classic in 1983 ... Finished 15th on Tour in driving distance and 6th in top 10 finishes (10).

1982 – Ed Sneed

The Woodlands Country Club

Birthdate: August 6, 1944

Birthplace: Roanoke, Virginia

Money list finish: (23rd) \$148,170

Entered the tournament on a sponsor's exemption ... Shot an opening round of 64 to take a 1-shot lead over Scott Hoch ... Sneed lost his lead by the end of the third round and trailed Bob Shearer by 5 strokes ... Shot a 70 on the final day to tie Shearer and force a playoff ... Birdies the first extra hole (par 3 15th) to win ... Five top 10 finishes in 1982.

1981 – Ron Streeck

The Woodlands Country Club

Birthdate: July 17, 1954

Birthplace: Tulsa, Oklahoma

Money list finish: (29th) \$114,895



Second Tour victory ... 54-hole tournament shortened due to the weather ... Rounds of 69-68 on the first two days followed by a tournament-record 62 in the third round to give him a 2-stroke victory over Hale Irwin and Jerry Pate ... The final round was rescheduled for Monday and then cancelled ... Finished four times in the top 10 in 1981.

1980 – Curtis Strange

The Woodlands Country Club

Birthdate: January 30, 1955

Birthplace: Norfolk, Virginia

Money list finish: (3rd) \$271,888

Won both the Michelob Houston Open and the Manufacturers Hanover-Westchester Classic in 1980 ... Shot a course record second round 63 with a 29 on the back nine ... Strange had a six stroke lead after the third round over Lee Trevino ... Trevino shot a 65 on the final day to tie Strange who shot a 71 ... A 15-foot birdie putt on the first extra hole gave Strange the victory ... Nine top 10 finishes (9) and 8th in scoring (70.90) ... First PGA Tour player to reach \$1 million in season earnings ... Won the U.S. Open in 1988 and 1989 for back-to-back victories ... Member of World Amateur Team, 1974 ... Walker Cup, 1975 ... Ryder Cup, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, and 1995 ... Inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2007.

1979 – Wayne Levi

The Woodlands Country Club

Birthdate: February 23, 1953

Birthplace: Little Falls, New York

Money list finish: (20th) \$141,612

First individual Tour victory ... Shot a course record 63 in the third round to start the 36-hole Sunday finish ... His 197 after 54-holes was the lowest on Tour during 1979 ... Started the final round with a three-shot lead and shot a 71 to defeat Mike Brannan by two strokes ... Six top ten finishes included a 2nd place at San Diego in 1979.

1978 – Gary Player

The Woodlands Country Club

Birthdate: November 1, 1953

Birthplace: Johannesburg, South Africa

Money list finish: (9th) \$177,336

Player's first round 64 established a new tournament record at this course ... His round included five birdies on the front nine and a 50-foot putt on No. 14 ... His second round 67 gave him a 1-stroke lead over Andy Bean and Bob Murphy before he was to lose the lead after the third round ... His two-day total 131 was the best 36-hole total on Tour ... Player was five shots back with 14 holes to play when he made his move ... A 69 (with birdies on two of the last three holes) on the final day gave Player a 1-stroke victory over Bean ... With the Houston Open, Player won his 3rd straight tournament in a row ... His streak started at the Master, followed by the Tournament of Champions and lastly the Houston Open ... He was only the 10th man to ever win three straight events on the PGA Tour ... Also won the 1961, 1974, and 1978 Masters, 1962 and 1972 PGA Championship, 1965 U.S. Open Championship, the 1969 Tournament of Champions and 1959, 1968, and 1974 British Open ... Inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame, 1974.

1977 – Gene Littler

The Woodlands Country Club

Birthdate: July 31, 1930

Birthplace: San Diego, California

 Money list finish: (17th) \$119,759

Littler shot a second round 65 to tie him with George Burns and George Knudson ... A 60-foot putt for eagle on No. 16 and 5 birdies helped him to score the 65 ... His 3rd round 67 gave him a 5-stroke lead over Burns ... He finished the tournament shooting 74 to win by 3 strokes over Lanny Wadkins and Chi Chi Rodriguez ... Distinction of being the oldest player to win the Houston Open ... Won only 5 years after undergoing surgery for cancer of the lymph glands ... Also finished 2nd at the Tuscon Open and tied for 4th at the Heritage Classic in 1977 ... 1953 U.S. Amateur Champion, 1955, 1956 and 1957 Tournament of Champions winner, and 1961 U.S. Open winner ... 1972 Canadian Open champion ... Ryder Cup, 1961-1975 ... The Houston Open was his last official victory in his 25-year career ... Inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1990.

1976 – Lee Elder

The Woodlands Country Club

Birthdate: July 14, 1934

Birthplace: Dallas, Texas

 Money list finish: (21st) \$113,263

Won his 2nd PGA TOUR tournament and eclipsed the \$100,000 mark in earnings for the year ... Was the 1st black player to win a PGA Tour event in Texas ... Started the 36-hole Sunday (rains cancelled the Saturday round and forced 36 holes on Sunday) six strokes behind the leaders ... Shot a 67 in the 3rd round to get to with one shot ... A 69 in the afternoon gave him the win by 1 stroke over Forrest Fezler ... Seven top 10 finishes in 1976 ... Twenty-seven rounds in the sixties in 1976 ... Finished 2nd at the Pensacola Open and 4th in New Orleans the week before the Houston Open ... Distinction of being the first black player to play in the Masters in 1975.

1975 – Bruce Crampton

The Woodlands Country Club

Birthdate: September 28, 1935

Birthplace: Sydney, Australia

 Money list finish: (10th) \$132,532

Third round of 66 moved Crampton into the lead at 12 under, 1 stroke ahead of Gil Morgan ... He went on the defeat Morgan by 2 strokes with only 5 bogeys in the 72 holes ... 2nd victory in Houston with the 1st coming in 1973 when he won 4 tournaments that year ... Made his Tour debut in the Houston Open in 1957 ... Won the Vardon Trophy (1973 and 1975 – both years in which he won the Houston Open), the 1st international player to win the award since Harry Cooper in 1937 ... Finished 2nd in the PGA Championship in 1975.

1974 – Dave Hill

Quail Valley Golf Club

Birthdate: May 20, 1937

Birthplace: Jackson, Michigan

 Money list finish: (11th) \$133,674

Second round leader with Steve Melnyk after shooting a 67 ... Shot a 74 in the morning round of the final day and then a 65 to defeat Andy North, Rod Curl, and Steve Melnyk by 1 stroke ... The final round 32-33-65 gave him the course record with 8 birdies ... 9 top-10 finishes in



1974 including a tie for 2nd at the Sahara Invitational, 3rd at the Kemper Open and Pleasant Valley and a tie for 3rd at the Greater Milwaukee and the PGA in 1974 ... Won the Memphis Open 4 times in his career ... Ryder Cup, 1969, 1973, 1975 ... Vardon Trophy winner, 1969.

1973 – Bruce Crampton

Quail Valley Golf Club

Birthdate: September 28, 1935

Birthplace: Sydney, Australia

Money list finish: (2nd) \$274,266

Second round, Crampton shot a 66 to move into first place, 2 shots ahead of Ben Crenshaw, Rik Massengale, and Lanny Wadkins ... His third-round 67 increased his lead by 4 strokes over Wadkins ... Final round of 72 gave Crampton a one stroke win over Dave Stockton ... Entered 28 tournaments and finished in the top ten 15 times in 1973 ... Also, in 1973, won the Phoenix Open, Dean Martin Tuscon Open and the American Golf Classic ... Five second place finishes in 1973 including the PGA Championship ... Won the Vardon Trophy (1973 and 1975 – both years in which he won the Houston Open), the first international player to win the award since Harry Cooper in 1937 ... Made his PGA Tour debut at the Houston Open in 1957.

1972 – Bruce Devlin

Westwood Country Club

Birthdate: October 19, 1937

Birthplace: Armidale, Australia

Money list finish: (11th) \$112,738

Shot a 67 in the third round to take a 2-shot lead over Hale Irwin ... Fourth round on Sunday was rained out and rescheduled for Monday ... Went on to shoot a 72 to win the tournament by two strokes over Doug Sanders, Tommy Aaron, and Lou Graham ... Played in 21 tournaments with two first place finishes, one second and a total of seven top ten finishes in 1972.

1971 – Hubert Green

Champions Golf Club

Birthdate: December 28, 1946

Birthplace: Birmingham, Alabama

Money list finish: (29th) \$73,439

First Tour victory for rookie Green ... Shooting a 69 in the second round gave Green the lead until DeWitt Weaver shot a 69 to take the lead after the third round ... Green went on to shoot a 71 in the final round to tie Don January and take the tournament into a playoff ... A 12-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole (No.1) sealed the victory over January ... Neither player had birdied the hole in regulation ... Five top ten finishes including 2nd at New Orleans, 3rd at Tallahassee, and tied for 4th at the Hawaiian and Hartford in 1971 ... 1977 U.S. Open Champion, 1985 PGA Championship winner ... Inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2007.

1970-Gibby Gilbert

Champions Golf Club

Birthdate: January 14, 1941

Birthplace: Chattanooga, Tennessee

Money list finish: (27th) \$65, 618

Won the Houston/Champions International on the third playoff hole over Bruce Crampton ... On the final hole of regulation Gilbert hit 3-iron four feet from the flagstick and made birdie to force a playoff ... They were tied after 72 bolos at 2-under 282 ... This was Gilbert's first win in his third year on Tour ... Two years later Gilbert thought of quitting the Tour, but his sponsor convinced him to stay awhile longer ... He shot a course record 62 in the World Open at Pinehurst ... Also finished 2nd at the Canadian Open ... Tournament note: 57-year old Ben Hogan finished tied for 9th in his last Houston Open.

1968 -Roberto De Vincenzo

Champions Golf Club

Birthdate: April 19, 1923

Birthplace: Buenos Aires, Argentina

Money list finish: (33rd) \$46,049

Scored two eagles on the front nine of the first day ... Started the last seven holes three shots behind Lee Trevino ... de Vincenzo shot par on the last two holes while Trevino made bogey on both ... He shot a 68 in the final round to take a one-stroke victory over Trevino ... Reigning British Open Champion when he won the Houston Open ... Signed a wrong scorecard at the Masters the month before the Houston Open to lose the Masters ... The correct totals would have put him in a tie and a playoff ... Inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1989.

1967 -Frank Beard

Champions Golf Club

Birthdate: May 01, 1939

Birthplace: Dallas, Texas

Money list finish: (7th) \$105,779

Started the tournament with a 67 to share the lead with Dan Sikes and George Archer on the first day ... Had to overcome a three shot deficit behind Arnold Palmer in the final round to win ... Trailing by 3 shots after 10 holes on the final day ... On hole No. 12, Beard chipped in for birdie while Arnold Palmer three-putted for bogey ... Palmer then bogeyed No. 14 and Beard pulled even ... A birdie from 20 feet on the last hole secured the victory for Beard ... Beard shot a 67 to defeat Palmer by one stroke ... The top 20 money winners on Tour played in the Houston Open in 1967 ... Tournament note: Jack Nicklaus, Cary Middlecoff, and Al Geiberger were assessed a two-stroke penalty each for slow play...1967 and 1970 Tournament of Champions winner... Ryder Cup, 1969 and 1971.

1966 -Arnold Palmer

Champions Golf Club

Birthdate: September 10, 1929

Birthplace: Latrobe, Pennsylvania

Money list finish: (3rd) \$110,468

Second time to win at Houston with the first win coming in 1957 ... Started the final round one shot behind Gardner in 1973 including Dickinson ... Rolled in a 12-foot putt on the final hole to win ... Shot a final round 69 to defeat Dickinson by one stroke ... Tournament was rescheduled from March to November due to heavy rains ... This delay meant that the Houston Open was the deciding tournament on who would be the winner on the money list... Masters Champion (1958, 1960, 1962, and 1964), U. S. Open Champion (1960), British Open Champion (1961 and 1962) ... Member of 6 World Cups (1960, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1966, and 1967), Ryder Cup (1961, 1963, 1965, 1967, 1971, and 1973), Ryder Cup Captain (1963 and 1975), The Presidents Cup Captain (1996) ... Vardon Trophy winner, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1967



... Leading money winner on the PGA Tour, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1963 ... Professional Golfer of the Year, 1960 and 1962 ... U.S. Amateur Champion, 1954 ... World Cup victories, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1966, 1967 ... Inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame, 1974.

1965 -Bobby Nichols

Sharpstown

County Club

Birthdate: April 14, 1936

Birthplace: Louisville, Kentucky

Money list finish: (12th) \$54,237

Second-time winner after winning the Houston Open in 1962 ... A third round 67 put Nichols in the lead with Bert Yancey to start the final round ... He then went on to shoot a 70 to defeat Bruce Devlin and Chi Chi Rodriguez by one stroke ... PGA Championship winner (1964) when he shot a record 271 ... Canadian Open champion, 1974 ... Ryder Cup, 1967.

1964 -Mike Soucek

Sharpstown

Country Club

Birthdate: May 10, 1927

Birthplace: Berwick, Pennsylvania

Money list finish: (10th) \$39,559

Second time to win the Houston Open ... Also won in 1955 ... Shared the lead after shooting a 68 in the third round with Jack Nicklaus ... Tied with Nicklaus after 16 on the final day until Nicklaus hooked his tee shot into the trees for bogey and Soucek made par ... Shot a 70 to defeat Nicklaus by one stroke ... Four time winner in Texas (Texas Open in San Antonio, Colonial in Fort Worth, Houston Open twice) ... •• Tournament of Champions winner, 1959 ... Ryder Cup, 1959 and 1961 ... Top JO money winners, 1955, 1956, 1959, 1960, 1964.

1963 -Bob Charles

Memorial Park

Birthdate: March 14, 1936

Birthplace: Carterton, New Zealand

Money list finish: (27th) \$23,637

First Tour victory ... First PGA Tour event to be won by a left-handed golfer ... With a 66-66 in the second and third rounds, Charles started the final round with a three-stroke lead over Jack Nicklaus ... His final round of 69 gave him a one-shot victory over Fred Hawkins ... Beat the previous Houston Golf Classic at Memorial Park scoring record by 5 strokes with rounds of 67-66-66-69 ... Earned a \$1,000 bonus for winning the tournament without a playoff ... Also won the U.S. Lefthanders Open earlier in the year by 21 strokes ... 1968 Canadian Open champion ... 1963 British Open champion -becoming the first left-handed golfer to win a major championship ... 1968 Canadian Open champion.

1962 -Bobby Nichols

Memorial Park

Birthday: April 14, 1936

Birthplace: Louisville, Kentucky

Money list finish: (9th) \$34,312

Second Tour victory in five weeks after winning the St. Petersburg Classic earlier In the year ... Started the final round two shots behind tournament leader Jack Nicklaus (PGA Tom rookie)..., Defeated Sikes on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff after a three-way 18-hole playoff ended in a two-way tie ... While Sikes birdie the playoff hole. Nichols eagled it after driving into the rough ... Ha hit a 4--wood to within 10 feet of the cup and holed the putt for eagle ... Nicklaus was eliminated in the playoff after 18 holes...PGA Championship winner (1964) when he shot a record 271 ... Canadian Open champion, 1974 ... Ryder Cup 1967.

1961 -Jay Hebert

Memorial Park

Birthdate: February 14, 1923

Birthplace: St. Martinsville, Louisiana

Money list finish: (5th) \$35,583

Died: 05/25/1997

Final round of 67 put Hebert into a tie with Ken Venturi ... On the final hole of regulation Hebert three-putted while Venturi sank a 15-foot birdie putt to send the tournament into sudden death ... Hebert defeated Venturi on the first hole of sudden death after an 1 &-hole playoff ended in a tie ... Hebert birdied the par 5 No. 1 hole while Venturi shot par when his drive hit a spectator ... Both Venturi and Hebert shot 69 in the playoff ... Defeated Gary Player in sudden death playoff at the American Golf Classic ... 1960 PGA champion one year after his brother Lionel Hebert won the same tournament, becoming the only brother ever to win national championships ... Ryder Cup, 1959 and 1961 ... Ryder Cup Captain, 1971.

1960-Bill Collins

Memorial Park

Birthdate: September 23, 1928

Birthplace: Meyersdale, Pennsylvania

Money list finish: (9th) \$26,496

Died: 04/08/2006

Took the lead after the first round with Arnold Palmer shooting a 66... Collins lead the rest of the way with a 71-68-75... His 75 (the highest final-round score ever by a winner of a Houston PGA Tour event) let Palmer back in as they tied after regulation... Each player missed a birdie putt on 18 to send the tournament into sudden death... Collins defeated Palmer in an 18-hole playoff shooting a 69 to Palmer's 71 on Tuesday... The tournament had been rained out on Friday and the final round in regulation was played on Monday... Won the tournament playing with a driver he had borrowed since he had broken his earlier in the year... Ryder Cup, 1961

1959 Jack Burke Jr.

Memorial Park

Birthdate: January 29, 1923

Birthplace: Fort Worth, Texas

Money list finish: (31st) \$12,459

Won the Houston Open for the second time ... The first win came in 1952 also at Memorial Park Golf Course ... Rounds of 69-66-72-70 put Jack Burke, Jr. in a tie for the lead with Julius BOIOS after 72 holes...Burke defeated Boros in an 18-hole playoff shooting a 64 (the lowest score ever recorded in the playoff of a PGA Tour event) ... Birdied No. 1 and then birdied five holes in a row starting with No. 4 on his way to a front-nine 30 in the playoff ... Finished



the back nine with birdies on 13 and 15 ... Boros shot a 69 .. Burke opened Champions Golf Club the day after winning the Houston Open ... Masters champion, 1956 ... PGA. Championship winner, 1956 ... Professional Player of the Year, 1956 ... Vardon Trophy winner, 1952 ... Ryder Cup Captain, 1957 ... Ryder Cup, 1951, 1953, 1955, and 1959 ... Inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2000.

1958--Ed Oliver

Memorial Park

Birthdate: September 06, 1916

Birthplace: Wilmington, Delaware

Money list finish: (27th) \$13,311

Died: 09/21/1961

Nicknamed Porky, he started the final round five strokes behind the leaden ... Final round of 67 clinched the win for Oliver as he defeated Robert de Vincenzo and Jay Hebert by one stroke ... de Vincenzo and Hebert needed In birdie lbo final hole of the tournament to tie Oliver ... , They both missed !heir putts giving Oliver (who was sitting in the clubhouse) the, win ..• Ryder Cup, 1947 and 1951 •.. Ryder Cup Captain 1961 but died of cancer one month before the matches were to be played.

1957 -Arnold Palmer

Memorial Park

Birthdate: September 10, 1929

Birthplace: Latrobe, Pennsylvania

Money list finish: (5th) \$27, 803

Died: 09/25/2016

Birdies on the first three holes set up Palmer's score of 67 on the first day of the tournament ... Started the third round four &hots off the lead as Gene Bono shot a 67 to take the lead ... Finishing with a 69 (the only 811b-par round of the day), Palmer defeated Doug Ford by one stroke ..• The win was Palmer's first in eight months ... Master& Champion (1958, 1960, 1962, ,md 1964), U. S. Open Champion (1960), British Open Champion (1961 and 1962) ... Member of 6 World Cups (1960, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1966, and 1967), Ryder Cup (1%1, 1963, 1965, 1967, 1971, and 1973}, Ryder Cup Captain (1963 and 1975), The Presidents Cup Captain (1996) ... Vardon Trophy winner, 1%1, 1962, 1964, 1967 ... Leading money winner on the PGA Tour, 1958, 1960, 1962, 1963 ... Professional Golfer of the Year, 1960 and 1962 ... U.S. Amateur Champion, 1954 ... World Cup victories, 1960, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1966, 1967 .•. Inducted into The World Golf Hall of Fame, 1974.

1956-Ted Kroll

Memorial Park

Birthdate: August 04, 1919

Birthplace: New Hartford, New York

Money list finish: (1st) \$72, 836

Died: 04/23/2004

Kroll shot a 67 in the third round to share a one shot lead with Jerry Barber... He never gave up the lead as we went on to shoot 71-69 to defeat Jack Burke, Jr. and Dave Douglas by three strokes... Kroll was the only player to break par in each of his four rounds... A break on NO. 17 help him to win as an errant shot struck a spectator and a bounced back in front of the green...Also won in Tuscon, the St. Paul Open and the World Championships in 1956...



Canadian Open champion, 1962... Ryder Cup, 1953, 1955, and 1957... Vardon Trophy winner, 1956.

1955- Mike Souchak

Memorial Park

Birthdate: May 10, 1927

Birthplace: Berwick, Pennsylvania

Money List finish: (4th) \$29,462

Won the Texas Open in San Antonio the week before the Houston Open for back-to-back victories... In San Antonio opened with a 27 on the back-nine and a 60 for a PGA record... Won the Houston Open by shaving 4 strokes off the tournament record... Started the final round 4 shots behind Jerry Baber... Shot rounds of 70-71-67-65 to win by two strokes over Barber... Also in 1955 won the Texas Open with a PGA Tour record 60-8-64-65-257... Tournament of Champions winner, 1959...Ryder Cup, 1959 and 1961... Top 10 money winners, 1955,1956,1959, 1960, and 1964.

1954-Dave Douglas

Memorial Park

Birthdate: January 01, 1918

Birthplace: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Money list finish: (18th) \$12,440

Died: 11/01/1978

Started the final day trailing Fed Has, Jr. by one shot... Shot a 67 to defeat Cary Middlecoff by two strokes...A tournament total of 277 won the Houston Open for the fifth time in only eight years... Canadian Open Champion, 1953...Ryder Cup, 1953.

1953-Cary Middlecoff

Memorial Park

Birthdate: January 06, 1921

Birthplace: Halls, Tennessee

Money list finish: (5th) \$19,447

Died: 09/01/1998

Won for the second time with his first win coming in 1950 at Brae-Burn Country Club... Led the tournament from the first to the last round... Middlecoff and Al Bessellink shot 5-under par to take a 2- shot lead after the first round... The second round ended with Middlecoff and Mike Homa tied for the lead at 5-under par, 2 shots ahead of the field... Middlecoff shot a 72 to finish the third round one shot over Shelley Mayfield and Bill Nary... A missed three-foot putt on the final hole gave Middlecoff a 72 and put him in a five-way tie for the lead with Mayfield, Jim Ferrier, Earl Stewart, Jr. and Bill Nary... Middlecoff won the 18 hole playoff shooting a 69 in the rain... U.S. Open winner, 1949 and 1956...Masters champion 1955... Vardon Trophy winner, 1956... Ryder Cup, 1953, 1955, and 1959... Inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame, 1986.

**1952 -Jack Burke, Jr,**

Memorial Park

Birthdate: January 29, 1923

Birthplace: Fort Worth, Texas

Money list finish: (3rd) \$21,003

The second round saw Jack Burke, Jr. shoot a 67 to take a two-shot lead over Ed Oliver ... Burke fired a 69 in the third round to take a five-shot lead over Oliver and never looked back ... A 72 in the final round gave Burke a 6-stroke victory over amateur Frank Stranahm... Only five players broke par on Sunday ... Burke rolled in an 18-foot birdie putt on 18 to seal the win ... Also, in 1952 won the Texas Open, Baton Rouge Open, and Petersburg Open ... Masters champion, 1956...PGA Championship winner, 1956 ... Professional Player of the Year, 1956 ... Verdon Trophy winner, 1952... Ryder Cup Captain, 1957 ... Ryder Cup, 1951, 1953, 1955, and 1959 ... Inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame, 2000.

1951-Marty Furgol

Memorial Park

Birthdate: January 05, 1918 Birthplace: New York Mills, New York

Money list finish: (11st) \$9,854

Died: 11/23/2005

Rounds of 69-67-72 sent Furgol into the final round one shot behind Lew Worsham... A final round of 69 gave Furgol the win, one stroke better than Jack Burke, Jr... Second place finish at Harlingen in 1951... Western Open Champion, 1951... Ryder Cup, 1955.

1950- Cary Middlecoff

Brae-Burn Country Club

Birthdate: January 06, 1921

Birthplace: Halls, Tennessee

Money list finish: (6th) \$19,447

Died: 09/01/1998

Middlecoff got things going in the second round when he posted a 66 and a two-shot lead over Ed Furgol...His 30-foot putt for eagle on No. 9 set the pace for birdies on 11,12, 14, and 15... His score of 69 in the third round gave the dentist-golfer from Memphis a 3-shot lead over Rod Monday... The final round saw Middlecoff shoot a 71 with a 30-foot birdie putt on No.15 and another birdie on the final hole for a 3-shot win over Pete Cooper... U.S. Open winner, 1949 and 1956... Masters Champion, 1955...Vardon Trophy winner, 1956... Ryder Cup, 1953, 1955, and 1959... Inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame, 1986..

1949- Johnny Palmer
Country Club

Pine Forest

Birthdate: July 03, 1918

Birthplace: Eldorado, North Carolina

Money list finish: (3rd) \$24,512

Died: 12/14/2006

Palmer trailed most of the tournament until the last day when he shot a 67 in the final round to win by one stroke over Cary Middlecoff... The tournament was played with 36 holes on the final day due to weather... Both Middlecoff and Palmer shot 71 in their first 18 holes while Middlecoff could only shoot a 70 to match Palmer's 67... Palmer would have won by two but he missed an 18-inch putt on the final hole for birdie... He was as much as 2 strokes down after rounds two and three before posting the 67 for the win... Won the 1949 World's Championship of Golf by defeating Jimmy Demaret in a playoff 68-70... 1952 Canadian Open and 1954 Mexican Open Champion... Ryder Cup, 1949.

1947-Bobby Locke

Memorial Park

Birthdate: November 20, 1917

Birthplace: Transvaal, South Africa

Money list finish: (2nd) \$23,938

Died: 03/09/1987

After shooting a 67 in the second round, Locke shared the lead with Ellsworth Vines and Herman Kaiser... After their third round Locke led by a shot over Vines shooting a 70... A final round 70 gave Locke the win over Vines and John Palmer by five strokes... Locke was the only player to break par in all four rounds of the tournament ... Used only 27 putts on the final day... Second wine of the season... Set a 36-hole record in the Tucson Open Shooting 62-62... He went on to finish second... Also won the Philadelphia Inquire Open Goodall Round Robin Invitational, All American Open, Canadian Open, and Columbus Open in 1947... British Open Champion 1949, 1950, 1952, and 1957... Runner up in the 1946 British Open... Inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1977.

1946-Byron Nelson

River Oaks CC

Birthdate: February 04, 1912

Birthplace: Waxahachie, Texas

Money list finish (3rd) \$23,504

Died: 09/26/2006

30 professionals and 12 amateurs played in the first Houston Open (called the Tournament of Champions)... Nelson, Ben Hogan and Sam Snead finished 1-2-3... Nelson's 68 in the final round gave him the win over Hogan by two strokes... Nelson won a record 18 tournaments in 1945, including 11 in succession... 17 consecutive rounds under 70... Won 6 more tournaments in 1945... Associated Press Athlete of the Year for two years... Member PGA Hall of Fame, 1953... U.S. Open Champion 1939... PGA Championship winner, 1940 and 1945... Masters Champion, 1937, 1942... Top money winner, 1944, 1945... Vardon Trophy winner, 1939... Inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame, 1974... Ryder Cup, 1936 and 1947.

