



2020 QBE Shootout Pre-Tournament Notes

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Dates: December 11-13, 2020

Where: Tiburon Golf Club (Naples, Florida)

Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,382 yards

Field: 24 players (12 two-person teams)

Defending champions: Rory Sabbatini/Kevin Tway

2020 purse: \$3.6 million (\$895,000/winning team)

Format: Scramble (Friday), Modified Alternate Shot (Saturday), Four-ball (Sunday)

A look back to the 2019 QBE Shootout

After opening rounds of 58-67, the team of Rory Sabbatini and Kevin Tway posted an eagle, 11 birdies and a bogey in the final round en route to a 12-under 60 and two-stroke victory over J.T. Poston and Jason Kokrak at 31-under 185.

2020 Teams

Rory Sabbatini/Kevin Tway	Billy Horschel/Brendon Todd
Louis Oosthuizen*/Bubba Watson	Ryan Palmer/Harold Varner III
Harris English/Matt Kuchar	Marc Leishman*/Cameron Smith*
Daniel Berger/Steve Stricker	Cameron Champ/Tony Finau
Sebastian Muñoz*/Joaquin Niemann*	Lanto Griffin*/Mackenzie Hughes*
Abraham Ancer*/Matthew Wolff	Kevin Na/Sean O’Hair

**Indicates first-time participant*

Things to know

- Founded by World Golf Hall of Fame Member Greg Norman in 1989, this week’s QBE Shootout marks the 32nd edition of the event
- Tiburon Golf Club at The Ritz-Carlton Resort in Naples, Florida hosts the 24-player event for a 20th consecutive year
- Criteria for the 24-person field: Defending champions (playing as a team), top 12 players available from the 2019-20 FedExCup standings through the TOUR Championship, 10 special exemptions (a minimum of four to PGA TOUR members)

Tournament notes

- Competitors in the 2020 QBE Shootout have combined for 81 PGA TOUR victories; Bubba Watson and Steve Stricker lead the field with 12 each
- Eight players will be making their tournament debut: Abraham Ancer, Lanto Griffin, Mackenzie Hughes, Marc Leishman, Sebastian Muñoz, Joaquin Niemann, Louis Oosthuizen and Cameron Smith
- The only occasion on which a team comprised of two first-time players won the QBE Shootout was in 2011 (Keegan Bradley and Brendan Steele). Three of the 12 teams this year are comprised of two first-time players
- A total of 14 players have been a part of a winning team in their first QBE Shootout, most recently Kevin Tway in 2019 (with Rory Sabbatini)
- With a win this week, defending champions Sabbatini and Tway would become the third team to successfully defend their QBE Shootout title; Brad Faxon/Scott McCarron (2000, 2001) and Jeff Sluman/Hank Kuehne (2003, 2004)
- Six past champions of the QBE Shootout are in the field: Harris English, Matt Kuchar, Steve Stricker and Sean O’Hair will join last year’s pair of Rory Sabbatini and Kevin Tway
- Eight of the 12 teams in this year’s QBE Shootout will be together for the first time
- The teams of Matthew Wolff/Abraham Ancer and Sebastian Muñoz/Joaquin Niemann are the youngest teams in the event. Wolff is 21, Niemann is 22, Muñoz is 27 and Ancer is 29
- Daniel Berger (13) is the highest ranked player in the field in the Official World Golf Ranking, followed by Matthew Wolff (14), Tony Finau (18) and Louis Oosthuizen (21).

- Steve Stricker, competing this year with Daniel Berger, will be making his 12th start in the QBE Shootout, more than any other player (Rory Sabbatini will be making his 11th start, followed by Sean O’Hair (10) and Matt Kuchar (10)).

Tournament records and history

- Lowest round (Scramble): 55 (5 times, most recently in 2019 (Harold Varner/Ryan Palmer)
- Lowest round (Modified Alternate Shot): 57 (1990, Fred Couples/Raymond Floyd)
- Lowest round (Four Ball): 57 (1996, Craig Stadler/Lanny Wadkins)
- Largest margin of victory: 7 (Matt Kuchar/Harris English/2013)
- Playoffs: 4 (1998, 2000, 2003, 2006)
- Holes-in-one: 5