



2019 QBE Shootout

Naples, Fla.

Tiburon Golf Club (Gold)

December 11-13, 2020

Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,382

Purse: \$3,600,00 (\$895,000)

First-Round Notes – Friday, December 11, 2020

Weather: Partly cloudy with a high of 74. Wind E/NE 6-14 mph.

Format: R1/Scramble, R2/Modified Alternate Shot, R3/Four-Ball

First-Round Leaderboard

Kevin Na/Sean O’Hair	56 (-16)
Harold Varner III/Ryan Palmer	57 (-15)
Lanto Griffin/Mackenzie Hughes	58 (-14)
Harris English/Matt Kuchar	58 (-14)
Rory Sabbatini/Kevin Tway	59 (-13)
Cameron Champ/Tony Finau	59 (-13)
Daniel Berger/Steve Stricker	60 (-12)
Louis Oosthuizen/Bubba Watson	60 (-12)
Sebastian Muñoz/Joaquin Niemann	61 (-11)
Billy Horschel/Brendon Todd	62 (-10)
Marc Leishman/Cameron Smith	62 (-10)
Abraham Ancer/Matthew Wolff	62 (-10)

Kevin Na/Sean O’Hair (56/1st)

- In the scramble format, first-time team combined for 12 birdies, two eagles (Nos. 6 and 17) and four pars (Nos. 5, 13, 16, 18) to shoot a 16-under 56, one stroke shy of the tournament scramble record of 55
- Na is making his second appearance at the QBE Shootout (T3 in 2018 with Bryson DeChambeau). O’Hair is making his 10th consecutive appearance (2011-20) with two prior victories (2012 with Kenny Perry and 2017 with Steve Stricker)
- The first-round lead/co-lead at the QBE Shootout has held 16 times, most recently by Brian Harman and Patton Kizzire in 2018
- In five starts on the PGA TOUR this season, Na has collected two top-30 finishes, highlighted by a T13 at the Masters. In six starts this season, O’Hair has secured three made cuts with a top finish of T14 at the Corales Puntacana Resort & Club Championship
- Both Kevin Na and Sean O’Hair turned pro at 17 years old

Harold Varner III/Ryan Palmer (57/2nd)

- In the scramble format, the duo combined for 15 birdies and three pars (Nos. 5, 15, 16) to open with a 15-under 57
- A year ago, the team led after the first round while tying the tournament scramble record of 55, joining two other teams that have recorded 55s since moving to Tiburon Golf Club in 2001 (2005/Greg Norman, Steve Elkington and 2014/Jason Day, Cameron Tringale)

- Past performances at the QBE Shootout: Varner III/6th in 2018 with Bubba Watson, T3 in 2019 with Palmer; Palmer/9th in 2014 with Jimmy Walker, T3 in 2019 with Varner III
- In six starts on the PGA TOUR this season, Varner III has collected three top-30 finishes, led by a T13 finish at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. In four starts this season, Palmer has secured two top-20 finishes including a T4 mark at the ZOZO CHAMPIONSHIP @ SHERWOOD

Miscellaneous Notes

- 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, Fla. is hosting for a 20th consecutive year
- Criteria for the 24-person field: Defending champions (playing as a team), top 12 players available from the 2018-19 FedExCup points list through the TOUR Championship, 10 special exemptions (a minimum of four to be selected from the top 40 on the PGA TOUR career money list)
- With a win this week, defending champions Rory Sabbatini and Kevin Tway (59/-13) would become the third team to successfully defend their QBE Shootout title; Brad Faxon/Scott McCarron (2000-01) and Jeff Sluman/Hank Kuehne (2003-04)
- Twelve-time PGA TOUR winner Steve Stricker, competing this year with Daniel Berger, is making his 12th start in the QBE Shootout, more than any other player in the field
- The field combined to card 12 eagles, 126 birdies, 78 pars and zero bogeys or worse

Course Statistics

	<u>Toughest Hole</u>	<u>Easiest Hole</u>
R1:	Par-3 16 th (2.833)	Par-5 first and par-5 17 th (3.667)

Scoring Averages

	<u>Front Nine</u>	<u>Back Nine</u>	<u>Total</u>
R1:	29.750	29.750	59.500