



**2020 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)**

**Second-Round Notes – Saturday, December 12, 2020**

*Weather: Partly cloudy with a high of 78. Wind E/SE 7-14 mph.*

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

**Second-Round Leaderboard**

Harris English/Matt Kuchar	58-61—119 (-25)
Kevin Na/Sean O’Hair	56-68—124 (-20)
Louis Oosthuizen/Bubba Watson	60-66—126 (-18)
Lanto Griffin/Mackenzie Hughes	58-68—126 (-18)
Rory Sabbatini/Kevin Tway	59-68—127 (-17)
Cameron Champ/Tony Finau	59-68—127 (-17)
Billy Horschel/Brendon Todd	62-66—128 (-16)
Ryan Palmer/Harold Varner III	57-71—128 (-16)
Marc Leishman/Cameron Smith	62-67—129 (-15)
Daniel Berger/Steve Stricker	60-69—129 (-15)
Sebastian Muñoz/Joaquin Niemann	61-69—130 (-14)
Abraham Ancer/Matthew Wolff	62-69—131 (-13)

**Harris English/Matt Kuchar (1<sup>st</sup>/-25)**

- In the modified alternate shot format, the team carded 11 birdies and seven pars to shoot an 11-under 61, one stroke shy of the tournament modified alternate shot record of 59. The round of 61 is the lowest round in the tournament’s modified alternate shot format since 2013 when English and Kuchar carded a 12-under 60
- English and Kuchar competed as a team from 2013-17 at the QBE Shootout, earning two wins (2013/2016), two runner-up finishes and a T9 finish in five starts. Those five starts mark the only previous starts for English at the QBE Shootout, while Kuchar made four additional starts in 2002, 2003, 2009 and 2010
- The tournament record in the modified alternate shot format at Tiburon Golf Club is a 13-under 59 carded by the pairing of John Daly and Frank Lickliter in 2001, the tournament’s first year at the venue
- The English/Kuchar duo previously shot a 12-under 60 in the modified alternate shot format in 2013 on their way to a win at 34-under 182 (the tournament record). The seven-stroke victory in 2013 was also a tournament record
- The second-round lead/co-lead at the QBE Shootout has been converted into victory 19 times in 31 editions of the tournament, most recently by Rory Sabbatini and Kevin Tway last year

- With a win, English and Kuchar would become the first team in tournament history with three victories. Five players have tallied three victories in the tournament individually (Fred Couples, Steve Elkington, Brad Faxon, Scott McCarron and Kenny Perry)
- Thus far this season, English has recorded four top-10s in six starts, highlighted by a solo-fourth finish at the U.S. Open. Kuchar has made four of six cuts this season with a top finish of T34 at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open

#### **Kevin Na/Sean O’Hair (2<sup>nd</sup>/-20)**

- In the modified alternate shot format, the first-time team tallied five birdies and a bogey at the par-3 fifth to shoot a 4-under 68. The pair led after the first round after shooting a 16-under 56, one stroke shy of the tournament scramble record
- Na is making his second appearance at the QBE Shootout (T3 in 2018 with Bryson DeChambeau). O’Hair is making his 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive appearance (2011-20) with two prior victories (2012 with Kenny Perry and 2017 with Steve Stricker)
- 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, Na in 2001 and O’Hair in 1999

#### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- The modified alternate shot format was used in the second round at the QBE Shootout. In the format, both players on a team play from the teeing area on each hole after which the team must select a ball to be used for the next stroke. The partners play alternately from the team’s second stroke on each hole
- Founded by World Golf Hall of Fame Member Greg Norman in 1989, this week’s QBE Shootout marks the 32<sup>nd</sup> edition of the event. Tiburon Golf Club at The Ritz-Carlton Resort in Naples, Fla. is hosting for a 20<sup>th</sup> 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 (T5/-17) 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 12<sup>th</sup> start in the QBE Shootout, more than any other player in the field
- After zero scores of bogey or worse were recorded in the first round (scramble), the field combined to card one eagle, 75 birdies, 120 pars and 20 bogeys or worse in the modified alternate shot format. Australians Marc Leishman and Cameron Smith had the lone eagle at the par-5 sixth
- The final round will air on NBC from noon-2 p.m. ET and on Golf Channel from 2-4 p.m. ET on Sunday

#### **Course Statistics**

	<b><u>Toughest Hole</u></b>	<b><u>Easiest Hole</u></b>
<b>R1:</b>	Par-3 16 <sup>th</sup> (2.833)	Par-5 first and par-5 17 <sup>th</sup> (3.667)
<b>R2:</b>	Par-4 18 <sup>th</sup> (4.250)	Par-5 17 <sup>th</sup> (4.167)

#### **Scoring Averages**

	<b><u>Front Nine</u></b>	<b><u>Back Nine</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
<b>R1:</b>	29.750	29.750	59.500
<b>R2:</b>	34.833	32.667	67.500