



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

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Dates: March 31 – April 3, 2022 Where: Savannah, Georgia Course: The Landings Club - Deer Creek (Par 72 / 7,165 yards) Course Designer: Tom Fazio (1991) Field: 156 players Defending Champion: Adam Svensson Purse / Winner's Share: \$750,000 / \$135,000 winner Format: 72-hole stroke play

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# Things to Know

- Following back-to-back events in Louisiana, the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour season continues with the Club Car Championship at The Landings Club, the eighth tournament of the 26-event schedule
- This year marks the fifth playing of the Club Car Championship at The Landings Club, with the Deer Creek course hosting every iteration
- Eleven players in the field played collegiately in the state of Georgia, with five attending University of Georgia (Erik Compton, open qualifier Mookie DeMoss, Joey Garber, Spencer Ralston, Davis Thompson), three playing at Georgia Tech (Anders Albertson, open qualifier Will Dickson, Paul Haley II), in addition to Steven Fisk (Georgia Southern), J.J. Grey (Georgia State), and Shad Tuten (Armstrong State)
- Players with ties to the state of Georgia in the field include Albertson (Alpharetta resident), Scott Brown (Augusta native), DeMoss (St. Simons Island resident), Fisk (Atlanta native and Athens resident), Garber (St. Simons Island resident), Grey (Atlanta resident), Chase Parker (Augusta native), Ralston (Gainesville native and resident), Thompson (St. Simons Island resident), and Tuten (Augusta native)
- **Reed Lotter**, a 17-year-old from Savannah who will play collegiately at Auburn University, earned a sponsor exemption by virtue of his win at the 2021 Sam Burns Classic at The Landings Club last July; he also played in last year's Club Car Championship at The Landings Club as a sponsor exemption
- The 2021 champion, Adam Svensson, went on to earn a PGA TOUR card via The 25, as he finished No. 11 on the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List; he also went on to win the Nationwide Children's Hospital Championship last August, and missed the fully exempt TOUR status which comes with winning the Korn Ferry Tour Finals Points List by less than two points
  - Svensson has a pair of top-10s and currently ranks No. 103 in the FedExCup Standings in what is his second PGA TOUR season
- Svensson carded a final-round 6-under 66, played the final 10 holes of regulation at 5-under par, including a birdie-birdie finish, and forced a playoff with Max McGreevy, the outright leader after each of the first three rounds; Svensson beat McGreevy with a birdie on the second playoff hole, the par-5 18th
  - Despite the playoff loss, McGreevy finished No. 14 on the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List and earned his first PGA TOUR card
  - McGreevy, currently No. 89 in the FedExCup Standings, finished runner-up at the Puerto Rico Open just under a month ago and has two other top-25s this season on TOUR

- The 2018 champion, Sam Burns, earned his second victory of the 2021-22 PGA TOUR season and his third win in his last 22 starts as he successfully defended his title at the Valspar Championship two weeks ago; the win moved him to No. 2 in the FedExCup Standings
- The 2019 runner-up, Scottie Scheffler, became the fifth Korn Ferry Tour graduate in history to rise to No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking following his win at the World Golf Championship-Dell Technologies Match Play last weekend
  - Scheffler's victory was his third of the 2021-22 PGA TOUR season and his career, with all three wins coming in his last five starts
  - Scheffler shared the 54-hole lead at the 2019 Club Car Championship at The Landings Club, but shot a final-round 2-under 70 and finished a stroke behind **Dan McCarthy**
- McCarthy is the only past champion returning to the field this week
- Seven players who recorded a top-10 in last year's event are returning this year: George Cunningham (T3), Shad Tuten (T3), Dawson Armstrong (T7), Zecheng Dou (T7), Carl Yuan (T7), Jimmy Stanger (T10) and John VanDerLaan (T10)
  - **Cunningham**, who held a share of the 36-hole lead at last week's Lake Charles Championship, has finished T3 at this event each of the last two years

# Field Notes (as of 3/29/22)

- Field is headlined by 29 of the top 30 players on the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List, currently led by Carl Yuan
- Yuan, the winner from two weeks ago, and Seonghyeon Kim, last week's runner-up, are both inside the top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking and are the only players in the field with that distinction
  - Kim rose 35 spots to No. 143 after a solo second last week, while Yuan dropped one spot to No.
    178 after a missed cut last week
- All seven champions from this season's events are in the field this week:
  - Akshay Bhatia The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay
  - o Brandon Harkins The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at the Abaco Club
  - **Carson Young** The Panama Championship
  - o Brandon Matthews Astara Golf Club Championship presented by Mastercard
  - Byeong Hun An LECOM Suncoast Classic
  - **Carl Yuan** Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by MISTRAS
  - **Trevor Werbylo** Lake Charles Championship
- Field includes a season-high 50 past Korn Ferry Tour winners with 64 total victories, led by **Tommy Gainey** and **Heath Slocum** with three apiece
- Field Includes 10 past PGA TOUR winners with 22 total victories, led by Carl Pettersson with five
- Conditional members **Matthew Picanso** and **Ryan Ruffels** both finished T21 last week as an open qualifier and sponsor exemption, respectfully, to earn a spot in this week's field via a top-25
- Eight players gained entry via open qualifying, led by Georgia Southern Golf Course co-medalists **Dalton Ward** and **Mookie DeMoss** and Forest Heights Country Club medalist **Will Dickson** 
  - **Dickson** will make his first start in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event this week
  - Scotland's, Callum McNeill a conditional member, finished second at the Forest Heights site and successfully Monday qualified for a second consecutive week

#	Player	Points	Wins	Top-10s	Top-25s	Result for #TOURBound
1	Carl Yuan	853	1	3	3	Solo 19th or higher
2	Brandon Matthews	835	1	2	5	Solo 12th, 3-way T11, or higher
3	Trevor Werbylo	798	1	3	3	2-way T5 or higher
4	Seonghyeon Kim	725		3	4	Solo 3rd, 4-way T2, or higher
5	Ben Griffin	630		4	5	Solo 2nd or win

# The Chase for PGA TOUR Cards

6	Byeong Hun An	574	1	1	3	Win
7	Brandon Harkins	552	1	1	1	Win
8	Carson Young	541	1	1	1	Win
9	Akshay Bhatia	520	1	1	1	Win
10	Zecheng Dou	489		2	3	Win
11	Eric Cole	485		4	5	Win
12	MJ Daffue	439		3	4	Win

- Following the conclusion of the 23-event regular season at the Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna (August 11-14), 25 PGA TOUR cards will be awarded to the top 25 players on the <u>Korn Ferry Tour</u> <u>Regular Season Points List</u>, making those players "The 25"
- Another 25 PGA TOUR cards will be awarded through the three-event Korn Ferry Tour Finals at the conclusion of the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance (September 1-4)
- Leading points earners of The 25 and Korn Ferry Tour Finals Points Lists receive fully exempt status for the 2022-23 PGA TOUR season and an exemption into the 2023 THE PLAYERS Championship, while The 25's leading points earner (regular season and Finals combined) receives the added bonus of an exemption into the 2023 U.S. Open Championship
- With 16 events remaining in the regular season, the Korn Ferry Tour is currently using 900 points as its fail-safe threshold for players to finish inside the top 25 of the Regular Season Points List and become #TOURBound (see above for the latest points list)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Adam Svensson	68	68	69	66	271 (-17)
2	Max McGreevy	65	67	69	70	271 (-17)
Т3	Brett Coletta	67	67	69	69	272 (-16)
	George Cunningham	68	69	69	66	272 (-16)
	Shad Tuten	67	70	66	69	272 (-16)

#### 2021 Club Car Championship at The Landings Club Recap (March 25-28)

- Adam Svensson birdied the second playoff hole and defeated Max McGreevy, who led outright after each of the first three rounds to earn his second career Korn Ferry Tour victory
- Svensson began the final round four strokes behind McGreevy but played the final 10 holes of regulation at 5-under par and birdied the 71st and 72nd holes
- McGreevy bogeyed the par-3 12th and four-putted for double bogey at the par-4 15th, but forced a playoff with birdies on the final two holes of regulation
- Shad Tuten at one point reached 18-under par and briefly held the lead on the back nine of Sunday's final round, but bogeyed the par-3 12th, par-4 15th, and par-4 16th; his T3 marked the second-highest finish of his rookie season on Tour
- **George Cunningham** birdied the first four holes of his final round en route to his second consecutive T3 in Savannah, both of which remain his career-high finishes on the Korn Ferry Tour
- Brett Coletta finished T3 for a third consecutive time in Savannah
- Taylor Moore moved within a stroke of the lead on the back nine, but bogeyed the par-4 16th and settled for solo sixth; he earned his first PGA TOUR card as a member of The 25 at season's end, finishing No. 4 on the 2020-21 Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Points List

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin	
2021	Adam Svensson	68	68	69	66	271 (-17)	Playoff	
2020	Evan Harmeling	64	67	67	69	267 (-21)	Playoff	
2019	Dan McCarthy	65	67	71	69	272 (-16)	1	
2018	Sam Burns	72	65	65	65	267 (-21)	1	

# Course Information – The Landings Club (Deer Creek Course)

- Years Hosted: 2018-present
- Scoring Average (2021): 71.017 / -0.983
- Toughest Hole (2021): No. 9, Par 4, 480 yards 4.307 / +0.307
- Easiest Hole (2021): No. 5, Par 4, 320 yards 3.398 / -0.602

## **Tournament Scoring Records**

- 18-hole score: 62, Julián Etulain (2020, Round 2)
- 36-hole score: 131, Evan Harmeling and Kevin Dougherty (2020)
- 54-hole score: 198, Evan Harmeling (2020)
- 72-hole score: 267, Sam Burns (2018), Evan Harmeling (2020), Kevin Dougherty (2020)
- Playoffs: 2 (2020 and 2021)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total		
1	Trevor Werbylo	70	69	64	63	266 (-18)		
2	Seonghyeon Kim	68	66	64	68	266 (-18)		
3	Eric Cole	69	67	66	67	269 (-15)		
T4	Anders Albertson	70	67	66	68	270 (-14)		
	MJ Daffue	68	69	68	65	270 (-14)		

#### Last Time on Tour – Lake Charles Championship (March 24-27)

- The Country Club at Golden Nugget hosted the inaugural Lake Charles Championship last week in Lake Charles, Louisiana
- **Trevor Werbylo** defeated **Seonghyeon Kim** with a birdie on the third playoff hole for his first career Korn Ferry Tour victory; the two were 23-year-old rookies in their seventh Korn Ferry Tour starts
- Werbylo and Kim both birdied the 71st and 72nd holes to reach 18-under par and force a playoff
- Werbylo became the second consecutive winner to overcome a five-stroke deficit, as he trailed Kim, the outright 54-hole leader, by five strokes after the third round
- Last Sunday was the Korn Ferry Tour's first three-hole playoff since the 2021 Huntsville Championship
- **Eric Cole** posted his fourth top-10 in his last six starts; he had one top-10 (T3 at the 2020 Club Car Championship at The Landings Club) in his first 42 career starts on the Korn Ferry Tour
- **MJ Daffue** logged his third top-10 of the season; his best Korn Ferry Tour finish prior to 2022 was T15 at the 2019 Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr Pepper
- Anders Albertson posted his highest finish since a T2 at the 2018 Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron

# Alumni Spotlight

- Scottie Scheffler won for the third time in five starts last week at the World Golf Championship-Dell Technologies Match Play and became the fifth Korn Ferry Tour graduate to rise to No. 1 in the Official World Golf Ranking
  - Scheffler joined Tom Lehman (Class of 1991), David Duval (Class of 1994), Jason Day (Class of 2007), and Justin Thomas (Class of 2014) as the only graduates in history to reach world No. 1
- Chad Ramey, who graduated via The 25 in the Korn Ferry Tour's Class of 2020-21, won last week's Corales Puntacana Championship, becoming the first PGA TOUR rookie to win during the 2021-22 season; he moved from 120th to 32nd in the FedExCup Standings with the win