



2022 Corales Puntacana Championship
(The 23rd of 47 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
Puntacana Resort & Club (Corales Course)

March 24-27, 2022
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,670

Purse: \$3,700,000
Winner: \$666,000

Second-Round Notes – Friday, March 25, 2022

Weather: *Partly cloudy. High of 85. Wind E 8-14 mph, gusting to 18 mph.*

36-hole cut: *65 players at 1-under 143 from a field of 119 professionals and one amateur.*

Second-Round Leaderboard

Ben Martin	66-66—132 (-12)
Alex Smalley	69-65—134 (-10)
Adam Schenk	67-68—135 (-9)
Chad Ramey	70-65—135 (-9)
Graeme McDowell	68-68—136 (-8)

Things to Know

- Ben Martin holds 36-hole lead/co-lead for third time on TOUR in search of first win since 2014 Shriners Children’s Open
- Martin’s two-stroke lead ties the largest after 36 holes in tournament history (Hudson Swafford/2020)
- PGA TOUR rookie Alex Smalley seeks first TOUR title in 21st career start
- Adam Schenk (T3) is one of four players that have made the cut in all five editions of the Corales Puntacana Championship
- Defending champion Joel Dahmen withdrew prior to the start of his second round due to illness

Second-Round Lead Notes

- 2 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win the Corales Puntacana Championship (Brice Garnett/2018, Hudson Swafford/2020)
- 6 Second-round leaders/co-leaders to win on TOUR in 2021-22 (most recent: Ryan Brehm, Puerto Rico Open)

Ben Martin (1st/-12)

Category	Entering the week
Age	34 (August 26, 1987)
Country	USA
FedExCup	235
OWGR	565
Starts – wins – top-10s in TOUR career	191-1-15
Starts – wins – top-10s in 2021-22	3-0-0
Starts – wins – top-10s at Corales	2-0-1

- Retains lead following back-to-back rounds of 6-under 66
- Holds 36-hole lead/co-lead for third time on TOUR; 0-for-2 to date converting to victory (2014 RBC Heritage/T3, 2014 Zurich Classic of New Orleans/T15)
- Recorded most birdies of any player through 36 holes (16)
- Making third consecutive start in the Corales Puntacana Championship: T52/2020, T9/2021
- Nine of his 10 rounds at Corales Golf Course under par; lone over-par round: 75/R3/2020
- Advanced to weekend once in three prior starts this season: T51/Butterfield Bermuda Championship
- Seeking second PGA TOUR victory in his 192nd start; making 136th start since his first win at 2014 Shriners Children’s Open
- Reached FedExCup Playoffs four consecutive seasons (2014-2017) but has failed to advance since
- Two-time Korn Ferry Tour winner has played two events on Korn Ferry Tour this season with T50 at The Panama Championship marking his best result

Alex Smalley (2nd/-10)

- PGA TOUR rookie overcame a double bogey on his opening hole (No. 10) with seven birdies and an eagle at the par-5 fourth to post a second-round 7-under 65
- Played as a sponsor exemption in two previous Corales Puntacana Championship appearances (T14/2020, T22/2021)
- Seeks his first career PGA TOUR title in his 21st start (best finish: T12/2021 Butterfield Bermuda Championship)
- Best position after any round on TOUR prior to this week: T6/R2/2022 Farmers Insurance Open (T56)
- Seeks to become the first PGA TOUR rookie to win on TOUR since Garrick Higgo (2021 Palmetto Championship at Congaree)

Miscellaneous Notes

- **Adam Schenk** (T3/-9) trails by three strokes following a 4-under 68; his best TOUR finish in 131 starts came earlier this season with T3 at Shriner's Children's Open
- Playing in his 14th round at the Corales Puntacana Championship, 2019 champion **Graeme McDowell** (5th/-8) seeks first top-10 since finishing T4 at last year's event
- After opening with a 1-over 73, **David Lipsky** (T7/-6) made an eight-stroke improvement in round two with a 7-under 65; making second event start (T22/2019)
- Four players have made the cut in all five editions of the Corales Puntacana Championship

Player/Year	Jonathan Byrd	Brice Garnett	Adam Schenk	D.J. Trahan
2018	T54	1	T35	T60
2019	4th	T39	T33	T10
2020	T28	T61	T56	T52
2021	T63	T9	T56	T52
2022	T38/-2 thru R2	T32/-3 thru R2	T3/-9 thru R2	T54/-1 thru R2

- Defending champion **Joel Dahmen** (illness) and **Parker McLachlin** (foot injury) withdrew prior to the second round