

Pre-Tournament Notes – Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club

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Dates: March 23-26, 2023

Where: Savannah, Georgia

Course: The Landings Golf & Athletic Club – Deer Creek Course (Par 72 – 7,185 yards)

Course Designer: Tom Fazio (1991)

Format: 72-hole stroke play

Purse: \$1,000,000 (\$180,000/winner)

Defending Champion: T.J. Vogel

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Things to Know

- Following a five-week break, the 2023 Korn Ferry Tour season resumes with the Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club, the fifth event of the season and first domestic event of the year
- This year marks the sixth playing of the Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club, with the Deer Creek course hosting every iteration
- Three past champions are in the field: **T.J. Vogel** (2022), **Evan Harmeling** (2020) and **Dan McCarthy** (2019)
 - The two past champions not in the field are four-time PGA TOUR winner Sam Burns (2018) and TOUR winner Adam Svensson (2021), who are both playing this week's World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play
 - Burns won three times on TOUR last season, while Svensson earned his first TOUR victory at the 2022 RSM Classic this past November
- Ten players in the field played collegiately in the state of Georgia:
 - Georgia Tech (4) – **Christopher Petefish**, **Seth Reeves**, **Ollie Schniederjans**, **Ben Smith**
 - University of Georgia (3) – **Joey Garber**, **Trent Phillips** (sponsor exemption), **Spencer Ralston**
 - Georgia Southern University – **Steven Fisk**
 - Armstrong State University (now Georgia Southern) – **Shad Tuten**
 - Berry College – **Ryan Elmore**
- Players with ties to the state of Georgia in the field include: **Dawson Armstrong** (born in Valdosta), Elmore (Dunwoody native, Brookhaven resident), Fisk (Athens resident), Garber (St. Simons Island resident), **Emilio Gonzalez** (St. Simons Island resident), **Peter Knade** (St. Simons Island resident), **Chase Parker** (Augusta native), Petefish (Cumming native and resident), **Paul Peterson** (St. Simons Island resident), Ralston (Gainesville native, St. Simons Island resident), Reeves (Atlanta native, Suwanee resident), Schniederjans (Alpharetta resident), **David Skinns** (Suwanee resident), Tuten (Augusta native), and sponsor exemption **Dalton Ward** (St. Simons Island resident)
- The eighth and final open qualifier, Anthony Purcea, is a 16-year-old amateur from Buford, Georgia; he notably won the 2022 AJGA Junior All-Star at Quail Creek
- **Ryan Blaum**, who recorded a career-high T2 finish at last year's Club Car Championship, successfully open qualified for the PGA TOUR's Corales Puntacana Championship but elected to withdraw and play this week in Savannah instead; he was the last man in the field at last Friday's commitment deadline

- A number of changes to the Korn Ferry Tour [announced this past June](#) will be implemented for the first time this season, with the most notable changes being:
 - **Increase from 25 to 30 PGA TOUR cards** annually awarded via the Korn Ferry Tour Points List
 - Reimagining of the Korn Ferry Tour Finals
 - *Previous Finals System:* Three-event competition for 25 PGA TOUR cards between the top 75 from the Korn Ferry Tour Points List and Nos. 126-200 on the FedExCup standings
 - **2023 and Beyond Finals System:** Final four events of the season where members will compete for increased purses and points (600 points for winning one of the four Finals events, compared to 500 for winning one of the 22 preceding events) to determine the season-long points race, in addition to a progressive reduction in field sizes
 - Albertsons Boise Open presented by Chevron (August 24-27) – 156 players
 - Simmons Bank Open for the Snedeker Foundation (September 14-17) – 144 players
 - Nationwide Children’s Hospital Championship (September 21-24) – 120 players
 - Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing & Finance (October 5-8) – 75 players [no cut]
 - **One season-long Korn Ferry Tour Points List** as opposed to separate points lists for the regular season and Korn Ferry Tour Finals
 - **Purses increasing** to \$1.5 million for the four Korn Ferry Tour Finals events and \$1 million for the 22 preceding events, with the \$28 million season purse representing the highest single-season total in Korn Ferry Tour history

Field Notes (as of 3/21/23)

- Field includes 44 Korn Ferry Tour winners (tied for a season high) with 60 total wins, including three of this season’s first four winners – **Pierceson Coody, Chandler Phillips, Ben Silverman**
- Field includes six winners from the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour season: Coody, **Brandon Harkins, David Kocher, Andrew Kozan, T.J. Vogel, Norman Xiong**
- Field includes five PGA TOUR winners with nine total wins, led by **Heath Slocum** with four
- Field includes five players currently inside top 200 of the Official World Golf Ranking: **Yuto Katsuragawa** (No. 148), Coody (No. 185), **Lanto Griffin** (No. 191), **Chan Kim** (No. 192), **Kaito Onishi** (No. 197)

2022 Club Car Championship at The Landings Golf & Athletic Club (March 31-April 3)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	T.J. Vogel	69	67	68	67	271 (-17)
T2	Mark Anderson	66	67	68	71	272 (-16)
	Ryan Blaum	71	65	66	70	272 (-16)
4	Jimmy Stanger	69	69	68	68	274 (-14)

- **T.J. Vogel** entered the final round three strokes behind 54-hole leader Mark Anderson and carded a 5-under 67 for a one-stroke victory, his first win on the Korn Ferry Tour in his 104th career start
- Vogel played his first seven holes of the final round at 6-under par (four birdies, one eagle)
- Vogel tallied 24 total birdies (one eagle, 23 birdies) throughout the week, tied for the most by anyone in the field
- Vogel eventually finished No. 27 on the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Points List, barely missing a PGA TOUR card
- **Mark Anderson** held the 54-hole lead but negated his final five birdies with five bogeys across the final 13 holes of regulation, including bogeys at Nos. 16 and 17
- Anderson had made just two bogeys through the first 59 holes
- **Ryan Blaum** recorded a career-high Korn Ferry Tour finish in his 102nd start, and it marked his posted his first top-10 in PGA TOUR-sanctioned play since a T4 at the 2018 RSM Classic on the PGA TOUR
- **Nico Echavarria** (T5) went on and earned his first PGA TOUR card via the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Finals; he became the first PGA TOUR rookie winner for the 2022-23 season at the Puerto Rico Open earlier this month

Past Champions

Year	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total	Margin
2022	T.J. Vogel	69	67	68	67	271 (-17)	1
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 Golf & Athletic Club (Deer Creek Course)

- Years Hosted: 2018-present
- Scoring Average (2022): 71.918 / -0.082 [No. 6 toughest course relative to par on Tour last season]
- Toughest Hole (2022): No. 2, Par 3, 189 yards – 3.292 / +0.292
- Easiest Hole (2022): No. 5, Par 4, 320 yards – 3.644 / -0.356

Tournament Scoring Records

- 18-hole score: 62, **Julián Etulain** (2020, Round 2)
- 36-hole score: 131, **Evan Harmeling** and **Kevin Dougherty** (2020), Erik Barnes (2022)
- 54-hole score: 198, **Evan Harmeling** (2020)
- 72-hole score: 267, Sam Burns (2018), **Evan Harmeling** and **Kevin Dougherty** (2020)
- Playoffs: 2 (2020 and 2021)

Last Time on Tour – Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard (February 9-12)

Pos.	Player	R1	R2	R3	R4	Total
1	Rhein Gibson	68	69	66	64	267 (-16)
2	Kevin Dougherty	63	68	72	68	271 (-12)
T3	Brandon Harkins	70	68	67	67	272 (-11)
	Ryan McCormick	66	70	68	68	272 (-11)
	Brett Drewitt	69	69	66	68	272 (-11)
	Ryan Gerard	67	68	68	69	272 (-11)

- Rhein Gibson earned his second career Korn Ferry Tour victory and his first Tour win in a 72-hole event; his previous win came at the rain-shortened 2019 BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by TD SYNEX
- **Kevin Dougherty** recorded his fourth runner-up finish in his 114th career Korn Ferry Tour start; he has recorded a top-three finish in each of his five seasons as a Korn Ferry Tour member
- **Brett Drewitt**, a two-time Korn Ferry Tour graduate, recorded his Tour-leading third top-10 of the season (T4/The Bahamas Great Exuma Classic at Sandals Emerald Bay; T8/The Panama Championship)
- **Ryan McCormick**, who finished No. 28 on the 2022 Korn Ferry Tour Points List off the strength of a T2 finish at the Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard, recorded his second top-three finish in as many starts at the event; he also ended a drought of 11 starts without a top-10
- **Brandon Harkins** recorded his second top-three finish in his third career start at the Astara Golf Championship presented by Mastercard (T3/2017), as well as his first top-10 since a win at the 2022 The Bahamas Great Abaco Classic at The Abaco Club, the second event of last season
- First-year member Ryan Gerard, who finished No. 5 in the 2022 PGA TOUR Canada Fortinet Cup and T45 at Final Stage of the Korn Ferry Tour Qualifying Tournament for conditional membership this season, recorded his first top-10 in his fifth career Korn Ferry Tour start
 - Gerard is playing this week's Corales Puntacana Championship needing only a 2-way T57 or better to earn Special Temporary Membership for the 2022-23 PGA TOUR season, which would enable him to accept unlimited sponsor exemptions for the remainder of the TOUR season