



## 2022 QBE Shootout

Naples, Fla.

December 9-11, 2022

The Ritz-Carlton Naples, Tiburon (Gold)

Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,382

Purse: \$3,800,00 (\$950,000)

### First-Round Notes – Friday, December 9, 2022

*Weather: Partly cloudy. High of 83. Wind NNW 8-14 mph.*

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

#### **First-Round Leaderboard**

Charley Hoffman/Ryan Palmer	56 (-16)
Corey Connors/K. H. Lee	58 (-14)
Max Homa/Kevin Kisner	58 (-14)
Keith Mitchell/J.J. Spaun	60 (-12)
Tom Hoge/Sahith Theegala	60 (-12)
Brian Harman/Sepp Straka	60 (-12)
Harris English/Matt Kuchar	60 (-12)
Maverick McNealy/Lexi Thompson	60 (-12)
Nelly Korda/Denny McCarthy	60 (-12)
Trey Mullinax/Scott Stallings	61 (-11)
Jason Day/Billy Horschel	61 (-11)
Steve Stricker/Cameron Young	62 (-10)

#### **Charley Hoffman/Ryan Palmer (-16/1<sup>st</sup>)**

- Duo posts 10 birdies and three eagles (Nos. 1, 6 and 17) to open with a 16-under 56, one stroke shy of the tournament Scramble record of 55
- In 2019, Palmer held the first-round lead after a 55 with Harold Varner III, eventually finishing T3, to be one of five teams to shoot a tournament-record 55 in the Scramble format
- Hoffman/Palmer have combined to compete in nine QBE Shootouts prior to this year, but are teamed together for the first time
- Hoffman has Palmer as his sixth different partner at this event – Daniel Berger (2015/T3), Billy Horschel (2016/T3), Zach Johnson (2017/T8), Gary Woodland (2018/T3) and Kevin Kisner (2019/T8) – while Palmer has previously partnered with Jimmy Walker (2014/T9), Harold Varner III (2019/T3, 2020/T10) and Matt Jones (2021/T11)
- The first-round leader/co-leader of the QBE Shootout has converted for the win 16 times, most recently Brian Harman and Patton Kizzire in 2018

#### **Corey Connors/K.H. Lee (-14/T2)**

- Duo cards 12 birdies and one eagle (No. 17) while teaming together for the first time at QBE Shootout
- Connors makes third appearance at this event (Andrew Putnam/2019/T6, Graeme McDowell/2021/T5)
- Lee makes second appearance at this event (Brandt Snedeker/2021/T11)
- Both players were members of the International Team at the 2022 Presidents Cup

### **Max Homa/Kevin Kisner (-14/T2)**

- Duo notches 12 birdies and one eagle (No. 17) while teaming together for the second time at the QBE Shootout; last year at this event, when Homa made his tournament debut with Kisner, the twosome finished T5
- The pair are one of two returning teams this year, joining Harris English/Matt Kuchar (-12/T4); 10 of the 12 teams in this year's QBE Shootout are together for the first time
- Kisner has played with four different partners in six appearances at the QBE Shootout: Kevin Chappell (2016/T4, 2017/T11), Cameron Champ (2018/T12), Charley Hoffman (2019/T8) and Homa (2021/T5, 2022/TBD)
- Both were members of the US Team at the 2022 Presidents Cup, with Homa going 4-0 in his debut

### **Miscellaneous Notes**

- For the first time in tournament history, multiple LPGA professionals teed it up in the QBE Shootout and both sit T4 at 12-under with their respective partners (**Lexi Thompson/Maverick McNealy, Nelly Korda/Denny McCarthy**)
- Three of the six teams at 12-under and T4 are comprised of first-time participants (**Keith Mitchell/J.J. Spaun, Tom Hoge/Sahith Theegala, Nelly Korda/Denny McCarthy**); other than the first year of the tournament in 1989 (Mark O'Meara/Curtis Strange were victorious), the only time two individuals, both making their first start and teamed together, won the QBE Shootout were Keegan Bradley/Brendan Steele
- Ten first-time participants: **Tom Hoge, Nelly Korda, Denny McCarthy, Maverick McNealy, Keith Mitchell, Trey Mullinax, J.J. Spaun, Sepp Straka, Sahith Theegala, Cameron Young**
- Past Champions in the field: **Harris English** (3 wins), **Matt Kuchar** (3 wins), **Steve Stricker** (2 wins), **Jason Day** (1 win)
- **Steve Stricker** (with Cameron Young) makes his 14<sup>th</sup> start in the QBE Shootout, tying Kenny Perry for fourth-most starts in the event (Greg Norman/24, Mark Calcavecchia/20, Peter Jacobsen/16)
- This week's QBE Shootout marks the 34<sup>th</sup> edition of the event; The Ritz-Carlton Naples, Tiburon is hosting for a 22<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year