

COLONIAL'S DIFFICULTY STANDS TEST OF TIME

Tournament Records

Using the tournament scoring record of each 72-hole event's current courses on the PGA Tour, as well as majors, Colonial's historic and challenging layout ranks it among the top 16 toughest of the year against par, and the thirteenth toughest of full field Tour FedExCup events.

Record	Tournament	Course/Par
-13 (267)	Honda Classic*	PGA National (70)
-14 (274)	Valero Texas Open*	TPC San Antonio (72)
-16 (268)	U.S. Open	Congressional (71); Erin Hills
-18 (262)	Safeway Open	Silverado Resort (72)
-18 (270)	Masters	Augusta National Golf Club (72)
-18 (266)	Valspar Championship	Westin Innisbrook Resort (71)
-19 (261)	Northern Trust*	Glen Oaks Club (72)
-19 (261)	AT&T Byron Nelson Classic	Las Colinas Four Seasons (70)
-20 (268)	PGA Championship	Whistling Straits (72)
-20 (264)	RBC Heritage Classic	Harbour Town Golf Links (71)
-20 (268)	Sanderson Farms Classic*	Country Club of Jackson (72)
-20 (264)	Genesis Open	Riviera Country Club (71)
-20 (268)	Memorial Tournament	Muirfield Village Golf Club (72)
-20 (268)	Houston Open*	Redstone Golf Club (72)
-20 (264)	British Open	Royal Troon (71)
-21 (259)	Charles Schwab Challenge	Colonial Country Club (70)
-21 (267)	Wells Fargo Championship	Quail Hollow Club (72)
-21 (267)	RBC Canadian Open*	Glen Abbey GC (72)
-21 (263)	OHL Classic at Mayakoba	El Camaleon (71)
-22 (265)	AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am*	(three courses) (72)
-22 (258)	Travelers Championship*	TPC River Highlands (70)
-22 (266)	Farmers Insurance Open	Torrey Pines Golf Club (72)
-22 (258)	Wyndham Championship*	Sedgefield Country Club (70)
-22 (258)	Greenbrier Classic	Old White TPC (70)
-22 (260)	RSM Classic	Sea Island GC ; two courses
-23 (261)	BMW Championship*	Conway Farms (71)
-23 (257)	TOUR Championship	East Lake Golf Club (70)
-24 (264)	Arnold Palmer Invitational	Bay Hill Club (72)
-24 (264)	PLAYERS Championship	TPC Sawgrass (72)
-25 (263)	Shriners Hospital Open	TPC Summerlin (72)
-26 (258)	John Deere Classic	TPC Deere Run (71)
-26 (258)	FedEx St. Jude Classic	TPC Southwind (71)
-27 (253)	Sony Open	Waialae Country Club (70)
-28 (260)	CareerBuilder Challenge	PGA West (72)
-28 (256)	Waste Mngt. Phoenix Open	TPC Scottsdale (71)
-31 (261)	Sentry Tnmt. of Champions	Kapalua Planation Course (73)

*event's official tournament scoring record is even lower, but at a different golf course.

Champion Scoring

Using the champion's winning score versus par, Colonial's challenging layout again shows its toughness. The course is in the top 13 overall, and the 9th hardest of full-field Tour FedExCup events. In 2017, Colonial ranked 7th hardest of all Tour events and majors, in relation to par. Here are the 72-hole PGA Tour event winners' average number of strokes under par per round, beginning with 1990.

Champ avg. since '90	Tournament	Course/Par
-1.12	U.S. Open	various courses
-2.37	British Open	various courses
-2.59	TOUR Championship	various courses
-2.69	PGA Championship	various courses
-2.77	Masters	Augusta National G. C. (72)
-2.82	Valspar Championship	Westin Innisbrook Resort (71)
-2.96	Honda Classic	PGA National (70)
-3.05	Wells Fargo Championship	Quail Hollow Club (72)
-3.12	The Northern Trust	Glen Oak Club (72)
-3.15	PLAYERS Championship	TPC Sawgrass (72)
-3.27	RBC Heritage Classic	Harbour Town Golf Links (71)
-3.29	Genesis Open	Riviera Country Club (71)
-3.39	Charles Schwab Challenge	Colonial Country Club (70)
-3.43	Arnold Palmer Invitational	Bay Hill Club (72)
-3.46	AT&T Byron Nelson Classic	TPC Las Colinas (70)
-3.49	RBC Canadian Open	various courses
-3.52	Travelers Championship	TPC River Highlands (70)
-3.64	Memorial Tournament	Muirfield Village G. C. (72)
-3.66	Farmers Insurance Open	Torrey Pines Golf Club (72)
-3.71	FedEx St. Jude Classic	TPC Southwind (71)
-3.74	AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am	(three courses) (72)
-3.83	Houston Open	TPC Woodlands (72)
-3.84	Greenbrier Classic	Old White TPC (70)
-3.97	RSM Classic	Sea Island Seaside (70)
-4.03	BMW Championship	Conway Farms (72)
-4.04	Valero Texas Open	TPC San Antonio (72)
-4.08	Safeway Open	Silverado Resort (72)
-4.16	Wyndham Championship	Sedgefield Country Club (72)
-4.28	Waste Mngt. Phoenix Open	TPC Scottsdale (71)
-4.34	Sony Open	Waialae Country Club (72)
-4.35	OHL Classic at Mayakoba	El Camaleon (71)
-4.61	John Deere Classic	TPC Deere Run (71)
-4.74	Sanderson Farms Classic	Annandale Golf Club (72)
-4.75	Sentry Tnmt. of Champions	Kapalua Planation Course (73)
-5.63	CareerBuilder Challenge	(four courses) (72)
-5.63	Shriners Hospitals Open	TPC Summerlin (71)

Average 36-Hole Cut Line

Another measure of course difficulty is the 36-hole cut mark. Here are PGA Tour FedExCup events' average cut vs. par, beginning in 1995. Colonial ranks in the top 8 hardest of all events, including majors, and 3rd hardest among regular Tour events.

Avg. cut	Tournament	Avg. cut	Tournament	Avg. cut	Tournament
6.25	U.S. Open	0.75	Wells Fargo Championship	-0.78	RSM Classic*
3.71	Masters	0.71	Honda Classic	-0.92	Safeway Open*
3.67	British Open	0.58	RBC Canadian Open	-1.00	AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
3.21	PGA Championship	0.33	FedEx St. Jude Classic	-1.33	Farmers Insurance Open
2.25	Memorial Tournament	0.21	AT&T Byron Nelson Classic	-1.67	Sanderson Farms Classic
1.58	Arnold Palmer Invitational	0.13	Valero Texas Open	-1.75	Wyndham Championship
1.50	The Northern Trust	-0.25	Houston Open	-2.00	John Deere Classic
1.38	Charles Schwab Challenge	-0.29	Travelers Championship		
1.38	RBC Heritage Classic	-0.58	Sony Open		
1.29	PLAYERS Championship	-0.75	Waste Management Phoenix Open		
1.17	Genesis Open	-0.75	Greenbrier Classic*		
1.00	Valspar Championship				

*event began in 2007 or later

CHAMPIONS' CHOICES

A Colonial tradition has all living champions collectively choose two promising newcomers who have never been invited here as professionals. Colonial's champs have proven they know how to pick future stars. Just two months after he was a Champions' Choice at Colonial, Jack Fleck won the 1955 U.S. Open. Dave Stockton won here as a Champions' Choice in 1967. Here are all the picks:

1953 - Milon Marusic, Fred Wampler	1954 - Bob Inman, Mike Souchak
1955 - Jack Fleck, Dow Finsterwald	1956 - Walker Inman Jr., Don January
1957 - Bill Trombley, Don Whitt	1958 - J. C. Goosie, Dave Ragan
1959 - Johnny Pott, Bert Weaver	1960 - Al Geiberger , Dick Knight
1961 - Gay Brewer, Jacky Cupit	1962 - Tommy Aaron, Jerry Steelsmith
1963 - Miller Barber, Jerry Pittman	1964 - Chuck Courtney, Rod Funseth
1965 - Billy Martindale, Bert Yancey	1966 - Dick Crawford, Tom Weiskopf
1967 - Dave Stockton* , Lou Graham	1968 - Bob Dickson, DeWitt Weaver
1969 - Orville Moody, Grier Jones	1970 - Hale Irwin, Bobby Greenwood
1971 - Hubert Green, Hal Underwood	1972 - Steve Melnyk, L. Thompson
1973 - Tom Jenkins, Jim Simons	1976 - Andy Bean, Ed Dougherty
1977 - Jay Haas, Craig Stadler	1978 - Curtis Strange, Jack Renner
1979 - Jim Thorpe, Lindy Miller	1980 - Dan Pohl , Dan Halldorson and John Cook
1981 - Bobby Clampett, Mark O'Meara**	
1982 - Jim Booros, Denis Watson	1983 - Jodie Mudd, Larry Rinker
1984 - Russ Cochran, Tony Sills	1985 - Paul Azinger, Dan Forsman
1986 - Davis Love III, Tom Byrum	1987 - Scott Verplank, Curt Byrum
1988 - John Huston, Richard Zokol	1989 - Billy Mayfair, Ted Schulz
1990 - Bob Estes, Duffy Waldorf	1991 - Jeff Maggert, Jerry Haas
1992 - Ed Humenik, Bruce Zabriski	1993 - Tad Rhyan, Kelly Gibson
1994 - Guy Boros, Dave Stockton Jr.	1995 - Robin Freeman, Michael Bradley
1996 - Franklin Langham, H. Royer III	1997 - Brent Geiberger, Stewart Cink
1998 - Olin Browne , Brett Quigley	1999 - Notah Begay III, Robert Allenby
2000 - Greg Chalmers, Casey Martin	2001 - Briny Baird, Joe Ogilvie
2002 - Bob Burns, Mathew Goggin	2003 - Pat Bates, John Senden
2004 - M. Gronberg, Tripp Isenhour	2005 - Kevin Stadler, Jason Allred
2006 - Bill Haas, James Driscoll	2007 - Kyle Reifers, Andrew Buckle
2008 - Jason Day, Charlie Wi	2009 - Matt Weibring, Derek Fathauer
2010 - Josh Teater, Chris Tidland	2011 - Jarrod Lyle, D. Summerhays
2012 - Erik Compton, Billy Hurley III	2013 - Jordan Spieth , F. Corpening
2014 - Jeff Curl, Kevin Tway	2015 - Sam Saunders, Cody Gribble
2016 - B. DeChambeau, K. Hickok	2017 - Beau Hossler, J. Sadlowski
2018 - J. Neimann, S. Burns	

*Stockton did the impossible - he won the 1967 NIT, setting one all-time record and tying another. (His opening round 65 and his 36-hole total of 131 went into the record book.)

**Clampett was low amateur in '79; O'Meara played here as amateur in '80.

Note - Seven Champions' Choices have later become Colonial champions - Mike Souchak, Al Geiberger, Tom Weiskopf, Dave Stockton, Dan Pohl, Olin Browne and Jordan Spieth.

75 of Colonial's 129 Champions' Choices have become PGA Tour tournament winners, racking up a total of 415 victories, including 28 major championships. 1970 choice Hale Irwin tops the list with 20 career victories, including three U.S. Open titles. 1986 Choice Davis Love III has 22 victories, including a PGA Championship. 1978 choice Curtis Strange claimed 17 victories, with two U.S. Open wins. Three players have 16 Tour wins: Mike Souchak (1954), Hubert Green (1971) and Mark O'Meara (1981). Other choices who have gone on to double-digit career wins are: Tom Weiskopf (15), Dow Finsterwald (12), Craig Stadler (13), Paul Azinger (12), Jason Day (12), Jordan Spieth (11), Al Geiberger (11), Gay Brewer (11), Miller Barber (11), Dave Stockton (11), Andy Bean (11), Don January (10) & John Cook (10). Other tournament winners include: Jay Haas (9), Bert Yancey (7), John Huston (7), Bill Haas (6), Lou Graham (6), Johnny Pott (5), Billy Mayfair (5), Dan Forsman (5), Jodie Mudd (4), Duffy Waldorf (4), Notah Begay III (4), Bob Estes (4), Robert Allenby (4) and Michael Bradley (4). Champions' Choices who have won major championships include: **U.S. OPEN** - Hale Irwin (3), Curtis Strange (2), Jack Fleck, Lou Graham, Hubert Green, Orville Moody, Jordan Spieth **PGA** - Dow Finsterwald, Al Geiberger, Don January, Dave Stockton (2), Davis Love III, Hubert Green, Paul Azinger **MASTERS** - Gay Brewer, Tommy Aaron, Craig Stadler, Mark O'Meara, Jordan Spieth **BRITISH OPEN** - Tom Weiskopf, Mark O'Meara, Stewart Cink, Jordan Spieth. Champions' Choices who went on to become Rookie of the Year after playing here: Jacky Cupit, 1961; Grier Jones, 1969; Hubert Green, 1971; Mark O'Meara, 1981; Stewart Cink, 1997; and Jordan Spieth, 2013.

THE 20-YEAR CLUB

Forty-eight golfers have played in 20 or more of the Colonial tournaments. These men have won a total of 34 championships at Colonial and have taken home more than \$21 million in Colonial prize money.

Player	Years	Wins	Scoring Avg.	Money
Ben Crenshaw	33	2	70.86	\$490,507
Corey Pavin	32	2	69.37	1,539,924
Keith Clearwater	31	1	72.30	245,916
Rod Curl	31	1	74.70	65,314
Tom Kite	30	-	70.68	181,835
Gene Littler	29	1	71.76	111,883
Dave Stockton	28	1	71.94	85,728
Mark Brooks	28	-	70.70	366,052
Bruce Lietzke	27	2	70.37	452,388
Julius Boros	27	2	72.13	63,035
Don January	27	-	72.23	81,189
Al Geiberger	26	2	71.72	137,000
David Frost	26	1	70.46	590,256
Billy Mayfair	26	-	69.98	972,527
Davis Love III	26	-	70.10	809,779
Ray Floyd	26	-	72.23	71,823
Tom Watson	24	1	69.91	788,695
Tom Purtzer	25	1	71.08	365,607
Charles Coody	25	-	72.33	43,560
Peter Jacobsen	24	1	70.90	228,049
Kenny Perry	23	2	69.17	2,733,347
Fulton Allem	23	1	71.61	351,683
Dan Pohl	23	1	71.59	207,501
Joey Sindelar	23	-	70.84	185,772
Tim Herron	22	1	70.12	1,655,875
Lanny Wadkins	22	1	71.59	218,170
Bob Tway	22	-	70.12	396,495
Gil Morgan	22	-	70.82	145,670
Hale Irwin	22	-	70.86	211,613
John Mahaffey	22	-	71.09	156,325
Mike Reid	22	-	71.01	106,386
Ben Hogan	21	5	71.11	47,857
Lee Trevino	21	2	70.69	162,576
Fuzzy Zoeller	21	1	70.78	190,918
Tommy Bolt	21	1	73.04	17,773
Jim Furyk	21	-	69.03	1,829,929
Justin Leonard	21	-	69.52	1,321,162
Scott Verplank	21	-	70.06	698,860
Steve Elkington	21	-	70.51	159,802
Bob Estes	21	-	70.65	369,008
D.A. Weibring	21	-	70.74	205,801
Chi Chi Rodriguez	21	-	72.00	33,725
Tom Weiskopf	20	1	71.56	75,386
Jeff Sluman	20	-	69.63	1,108,762
Rocco Mediate	20	-	70.09	524,643
David Edwards	20	-	70.53	341,604
Miller Barber	20	-	72.54	23,872
Lionel Hebert	20	-	73.72	12,185

"FIRST" WINS

Champions whose first PGA Tour win came at Colonial:

1957 - Roberto De Vicenzo	1987 - Keith Clearwater
1967 - Dave Stockton	1989 - Ian Baker-Finch
1974 - Rod Curl	2001 - Sergio Garcia
1986 - Dan Pohl	

Champions who won their very first Colonial:

1946 - Ben Hogan*	1987 - Keith Clearwater
1948 - Chandler Harper	2001 - Sergio Garcia
1967 - Dave Stockton	

* first year event was conducted

COLONIAL'S AMATEURS

Colonial has invited amateurs to its select field since its inception in 1946, and now invites one or two amateurs each year. The reigning Ben Hogan Award winner and U.S. Amateur champ always receives the earliest invites.

Colonial's tradition of inviting the SWC champion every year began in 1979, when co-champions Fred Couples and Payne Stewart had a playoff to see who would receive the bid. With the end of the SWC, the tournament reserved any second invitation for a

top national amateur, such as the Hogan Award winner.

Four of Colonial's amateurs over the years returned later to win the tournament: Cary Middlecoff, Homero Blancas, Ben Crenshaw and Jack Nicklaus.

1946	Wilford Wehrle	294	22T	1961	Deane Beman*	293	26T	1985	Steve Elkington	286	61T
	Royal Hogan	309	25		Charles Coe	293	26T		Scott Verplank*	(cut)	
	Reynolds Smith	310	26		Jack Nicklaus	297	38	1986	Jack Kay Jr.	(cut)	
	Cary Middlecoff	76	wd	1963	Charles Coody	297	36T		Jim Sorenson	(cut)	
1947	Wilford Wehrle	302	24		Kermit Zarley Jr.	297	36T	1987	Tray Tyner	282**	46T
	Royal Hogan	303	25		Labron Harris Jr.*	298	41T		Billy Mayfair	(cut)	
	Bob Willits	306	26		Fred Marti	299	44T	1988	Billy Mayfair*	286	48T
1948	Charles Coe	292	20T		Homero Blancas	306	59T		Chip Carter	(cut)	
	Wilford Wehrle	303	31	1971	Ben Crenshaw	289	24T	1989	Ralph Howe III	(cut)	
	Tommy Barnes	306	32	1972	Ben Crenshaw	284	15T		Mark Pfingston	dq	
1950	Charles Coe*	288	10T		Tom Kite	286	22T	1990	Chris Patton*	(cut)	
1951	Juan Segura	320	42	1973	Ben Crenshaw	286	18T		Bobby Gee	(cut)	
1952	William Campbell	291	11T		John Granger	296	62T	1992	Mitch Voges*	(cut)	
	Joe Conrad****	295	17T		Vinnie Giles	(cut)		1993	Justin Leonard*	286	71T
	Charles Coe	296	21T	1974	Randy Simmons	(cut)		1994	John Harris*	283	50T
	L. M. Crannell Jr.	317	42	1976	Keith Fergus	(cut)		1995	Trip Kuehne	(cut)	
1953	Joe Conrad	302	31T		John Grace	(cut)			Anthony Rodriguez	(cut)	
	Don Cherry	305	33	1977	Lindy Miller	289	48T	1997	Alberto Ochoa	(cut)	
	Charles Coe	307	36T		Bill Sander*	(cut)		2000	Hunter Haas	(cut)	
	Billy Erfuth	308	39T	1978	Lindy Miller	288	49T	2006	Edoardo Molinari*	(cut)	
1954	Harvie Ward Jr.	283	3T***		Gary Hallberg	(cut)		2007	Richie Ramsay*	(cut)	
	Ernie Vossler	293	23T	1979	Bobby Clampett	282**	20T	2008	Jamie Lovemark	(cut)	
	Don Cherry	297	28T		Payne Stewart	(cut)		2010	Byeong-Hun An*	(cut)	
	Charles Coe	300	35T	1980	Mark O'Meara*	(cut)		2013	Steven Fox*	(cut)	
	Rex Baxter Jr.	309	44		Ray Barr	(cut)		2014	Julien Brun	(cut)	
1955	Charles Coe	303	37T	1981	Ray Barr	(cut)		2015	Gunn Yang*	282**	65T
1956	Joe Conrad	291	14T		Hal Sutton*	(cut)			Thomas Lim	(cut)	
	Hillman Robbins Jr.	292	19	1982	Willie Wood	(cut)					
	Ed Hopkins	310	50T		Danny Briggs	(cut)					
1957	Harvie Ward Jr.*	287	4T	1983	Brandel Chamblee	288	42T				
1958	Rex Baxter Jr.	302	43T		Mark Brooks	(cut)					
	Hillman Robbins Jr.*	307	45T	1984	Steve Elkington	288	59T				
					Danny Mijovic	(cut)					

*Then reigning U.S. Amateur Champ.

**Amateur scoring record for the tournament (tie).

***Highest/best finish by amateur in tournament.

****With an opening 68, Joe Conrad is the only amateur to hold or share the lead at Colonial, 1952.

Note: Reigning U.S. Amateur champs who played the next year at Colonial as pros were: Tiger Woods ('97), Colt Knost ('08), Danny Lee ('09), Kelly Kraft ('12), Bryson DeChambeau ('16) and Curtis Luck ('17).

COLONIAL'S PLAYOFFS

Colonial has needed only 11 playoffs in its 70-year history to determine a champion. The first two playoffs were 18-hole Monday rounds following Sunday's tie. The sudden-death playoff format has been used ever since, beginning in 1983. The last eight playoffs have all been won with a birdie. Two of the last three involved three players.

1959 - Ben Hogan defeated Fred Hawkins, 69-73. (18 holes)

1962 - Arnold Palmer defeated Johnny Pott, 69-73. (18 holes)

1983 - Jim Colbert defeated Fuzzy Zoeller in sudden death with par on sixth playoff hole (#18). Playoff held on holes 16, 17 & 18, each played twice.

1984 - Peter Jacobsen defeated Payne Stewart with a birdie on the first extra hole (#15).

1986 - Dan Pohl defeated Payne Stewart in this rain-shortened event with a birdie on the first extra hole (#16).

1992 - Bruce Lietzke defeated Corey Pavin with a birdie on the first extra hole (#17).

1994 - Nick Price defeated Scott Simpson with a birdie on the first extra hole (#18).

2006 - Tim Herron defeated Richard S. Johnson with a birdie on the second extra hole (#17).

2007 - Rory Sabbatini defeated Jim Furyk and Bernhard Langer with a birdie on the first extra hole (#18).

2009 - Steve Stricker defeated Tim Clark and Steve Marino with birdie on second extra hole (#17). (Marino exited after first playoff hole.)

2014 - Adam Scott defeated Jason Dufner with birdie on third extra hole (#18).

BRIEFLY SPEAKING

Triple Crown

Colonial is the only club in America to host the U.S. Open (1941), the Players Championship (1975), and an annual PGA Tour event (since 1946). In 1991, it added the U.S. Women's Open to its unique repertoire of championships.

Colonial Sixth To Achieve \$100,000 Gate

When Colonial National Invitation ticket sales totaled \$111,613 in 1961, Colonial thereby became but the sixth tournament in all of golf to achieve a \$100,000 gate. Others previously having done so included: the U.S. Open, the PGA Championship, the Masters, the Houston Open and the Bing Crosby. Today, the annual gate is about \$7 million.

Highest Scores On Par Fours

Five players have cracked double figures - 10 - on a par four hole during the tournament. Tommy Armour III did it first on No. 9 in the 1990 event. Lee Rinker also made a 10 on the ninth hole, in the 1996 tournament. Also in 1996, Mark Calcavecchia made a 10 on No. 17. In 2018 Nick Taylor made a 10 on #9. But in 2001, Dennis Paulson made a 12 on the 9th hole, to set the current high water mark - no pun intended.

The only other 10 ever recorded came in 1990, by David Ogryn, but on the par five first hole.

Twenty-one players have fired nines on par-fours at Colonial: Dick Mayer on No. 7 in 1951; Fred Hawkins on No. 18 in 1952; Al Bessellink on No. 15 in 1955; Jack Harden on No. 15 in 1955; Don January on No. 18 in 1957; Chandler Harper on No. 17 in 1958; Gene Littler on No. 14 in 1959; Lloyd Mangrum on No. 10 in 1961; Tommy Bolt on No. 9 in 1964; John Schlee on No. 10 in 1967; Tommy Aaron and Bunky Henry on No. 12 in 1970; Barry Jaeckel on No. 5 in 1983 and 1984; Gary Hallberg on No. 9 in 1984; Ben Crenshaw on No. 9 in 1985; Larry Rinker on No. 9 in 1986; Mark Wiebe on No. 9 in 1989; Tommy Armour III on No. 9 in 1991; Kevin Na on No. 3 in 2004; Mike Weir on No. 9 in 2005; and Jason Kokrak on No. 18 in 2016.

Way Over Par

Several golfers have scored nines on par four holes, but only Fred Hawkins has carded a nine on a par three. The unfortunate incident occurred in 1965 when Hawkins went six over par on the 16th hole.

Million Milestones

Following a record-breaking Friday crowd of 35,313 during the 1982 tournament, officials announced that Colonial achieved its first \$1 million gate. This was but one of several "million" milestones Colonial has reached:

- The official one millionth visitor passed through the gates at Colonial during the third round of the 1969 tournament;
- Colonial first surpassed the \$1 million mark in total prize money distributed in 1969;
- Colonial offered its first million-dollar purse in 1989;
- Phil Mickelson became the first player to surpass \$1 million in lifetime earnings at Colonial in 2001;
- The first million-dollar first place check was awarded in 2005, to Kenny Perry.

Estimated attendance at the first tournament in 1946 was 16,600. Lowest attendance ever was 1947, an estimated 12,800 after a round was rained out. Paid revenue for the tournament in 1948 (earlier figures are not available) was \$22,696. In 1961, the tournament passed the \$100,000 mark. Then in 1967 the paid attendance soared beyond \$200,000.

Attendance steadily increased until the million dollar mark was cracked in 1982. Sherman Wallace of Fort Worth, designated the millionth visitor in 1969, was given a lifetime pass to Colonial and a new car.

Phil Mickelson became the first player to win \$1 million in his Colonial career with a second place finish in 2001. Nick Price joined him with his second victory in 2002. Now 30 players carry that distinction.

Course Record

Keith Clearwater set the Colonial course record of 61 during the second round in 1993. Then in the fourth round Lee Janzen tied it. The marks broke the eight-year-old record of 62 set by Joey Sindelar in 1985. (Strangely, neither player birdied either one of the par fives during his record round.)

Then in 1999 Greg Kraft tied the record with a 61 in the third round. In the record breaking year of 2003, Kenny Perry and Justin Leonard tied the mark with 61s of their own. Leonard's was under "lift, clean and place" rules, however. Both players shot 29 on the front side on the weekend. Leonard had a shot at 59, but bogeyed the 18th hole. Chad Campbell joined the 61 crowd in 2004 with a round that included two *bogeys*!

Clearwater began his phenomenal round with a non-descript 33 on the front nine, birdieing holes 6 and 7. Then he blistered the back nine with a record seven-under 28, using seven consecutive birdies from holes 12-18. The final birdie putt, on 18, was a 60-foot, double-break stunner from the back of the green. All but two of the back nine birdie putts were from 12 feet or farther.

Janzen did his most damage on the front nine with a five-under 30, birdieing holes 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8. He then closed with a 31 on the back, with birdies on 10, 12, 15 and 18. Kraft fired a 32 on the front and a 29 on the back, including birdies on the last four holes - with a chip-in on #18. His round included a bogey, too.

Sindelar's 62 had been tied twice, by Gene Sauers in 1990 and Steve Elkington in 1991. Ironically, each player started his magical round on the 10th hole. (If not for a bogey on No. 5, Sindelar would have had Colonial's first 61 instead of Clearwater.)

Sindelar cracked the record of 63 held by Dale Douglass and Bruce Lietzke. Douglass claimed the record in 1970 by breaking the oldest mark in the book - Ben Hogan's 65 from the first tournament in 1946. Lietzke carded his 63 in the first round in 1980, with an ace on the 16th hole. Lietzke went on to win the event.

61 is the lowest round ever shot by a champion (Perry), with two others shooting 62 - Sabbatini in 2007 and Toms in 2011 (twice!).

Consecutive Tournaments

Cary Middlecoff was the only golfer to play in each of the first 18 Colonial tournaments. Middlecoff, who won the tournament in 1951, competed here from 1946 through 1964. Ben Hogan competed in the first 16 tournaments before missing the 1963 NIT.

Ben Crenshaw shares the longest consecutive streak record at Colonial. He played in 32 straight from 1971-2002, including two victories. He is tied with Corey Pavin, whose streak of 32 ran from 1984-2015, and has also won twice.

Bruce Lietzke played in 27 consecutive tournaments, and won two of them. Billy Mayfair played in 26 straight from 1987-2012. Mark Brooks played in 26 consecutive tournaments, 1986-2011. 1987 champion Keith Clearwater had a streak of 23 straight, from 1987-2009. Justin Leonard played in 21 straight, from 1995-2015. Lee Trevino played in 20 consecutive events, and won two of them.

Tom Kite played in 22 straight tournaments from 1972-93 and amazingly made the cut in *every one* of them, including his first appearance, as an amateur. Bob Tway also played in 22 straight, from 1986-2007. Dave Stockton played in 19 consecutive tournaments beginning in 1967, the year he won it.

Gene Littler played in 18 straight tournaments, 1954-71, before missing the 1972 event. Illness prevented Littler from playing the year after he won the Colonial championship in '71. Al Geiberger also played in 18 consecutive tournaments, beginning in 1970, and won two of them.

The longest active streak is held by Tim Herron, at 20 - from 1999-2018.

Tournament Chairmen

F. M. (Max) Highfill, 1946-51	Bill Bowers, 1989-91
S. M. (Bing) Bingham, 1952-63	M. C. Hamilton Jr., 1992-93
Frank D. Rogers, 1964-66 and 1969-70	Floyd Wade, 1994-96
Foist Motheral, 1967-68	Sam Day, 1997
Byron L. (Pete) Davis, 1971-73	Phil Thomas, 1998-2001
Joe Cauker, 1974-76	Dee Finley, 2002-04
William W. Spears, 1977-79	Elliott S. Garsek, 2005-07
Rodney Johnston, 1980-82	Harold Muckleroy Jr., 2008-09
Paul D. Cato Jr., 1983-85	Chuck Scherer, 2010-12
Dr. H. Wallace Schmuck, 1986-88	Bobby Patton, 2013-16
	Rob Hood, 2017-

COLONIAL RECORDS

THE BEST

For 72 Holes

259-	Zach Johnson*	2010
260-	Justin Rose*	2018
261-	Kenny Perry*	2003, 2005
262-	Brian Davis	2010
263-	Ben Crane	2010
	Jeff Overton	2010
	Steve Stricker*	2009
	Steve Marino	2009
	Tim Clark	2009
	Jordan Spieth*	2016
	Brooks Koepka	2018

For 54 Holes

192-	Kenny Perry*	2005
193-	Tim Clark	2009
	Kenny Perry*	2003
194-	Brian Davis	2010
	Bryce Molder	2010
195-	Jason Dufner	2012
	Zach Johnson*	2010
	Steve Stricker*	2009
	Steve Marino	2009
	Jason Day	2009
	Scott Simpson	1994
	David Ogrin	1997
196-	Zack Johnson*	2012
	Tiger Woods	1997
	Justin Rose	2018

For 36 Holes

124-	David Toms*	2011
126-	Steve Stricker*	2009
127-	Bryce Molder	2010
	Tim Clark	2009
128-	Jason Bohn	2010
	Vijay Singh	2009
	Kenny Perry*	2005
129-	Jason Dufner	2012
	Brian Davis	2010
	Kris Blanks	2010
	Sean O'Hair	2009
	Tim Clark	2007
	Fulton Allem*	1993
	David Frost*	1997
	Brad Faxon	1997
	Paul Goydos	1997

For 18 Holes

61-	Keith Clearwater	1993
	Lee Janzen	1993
	Greg Kraft	1999
	Kenny Perry*	2003
	Justin Leonard	2003
	Chad Campbell	2004
	Kevin Na	2018
62-	Joey Sindelar	1985
	Gene Sauers	1990
	Steve Elkington	1991
	Patrick Sheehan	2005
	Rory Sabbatini*	2007
	David Toms*	2011
	Chez Reavie	2011
	Ryan Palmer	2013
	Franklin Coppening	2013
	Kevin Na	2018

First Round

62-	Patrick Sheehan	2005
	David Toms*	2011
	Chez Reavie	2011
	Ryan Palmer	2013
	Kevin Na	2018
63-	Jason Bohn	2010
	Jeff Overton	2010
	Blake Adams	2010
	Steve Stricker	2009
	Tim Clark	2009
	Woody Austin	2009
	Bruce Lietzke*	1980
	Brad Faxon	1997
	Anthony Kim	2007
	Kevin Na	2007
	Rickie Fowler	2011
	John Rollins	2013
	Charley Hoffman	2018

Second Round

61-	Keith Clearwater	1993
62-	Bryce Molder	2010
	Rocco Mediate	2001
	Fredrik Jacobson	2006
	David Toms*	2011

Third Round

61-	Greg Kraft	1999
	Kenny Perry*	2003
	Chad Campbell	2004
62-	Steve Marino	2009
	Joey Sindelar	1985
	Steve Elkington	1991
	David Ogrin	1997
	Rory Sabbatini*	2007

Final Round

61-	Lee Janzen	1993
	Justin Leonard	2003
	Kevin Na	2018
62-	Gene Sauers	1990
	Franklin Coppening	2013
63-	Mike Hulbert	1990, 1993
	Wayne Levi	1993
	Phil Mickelson*	2000
	Sergio Garcia*	2001
	Stephen Ames	2006
	K.J. Choi	2006
	Jason Bohn	2015
	Chad Campbell	2016

Front Nine

28-	Wayne Levi	1993
29-	Jerry Kelly	2010
	Tom Watson	1985
	Scott Hoch	1987
	Keith Clearwater	1991
	Sergio Garcia*	2001
	Kenny Perry*	2003
	Justin Leonard	2003
	Rickie Fowler	2011
	Kevin Chappell	2014
	Jason Bohn	2015
	Matt Kuchar	2016
	Bryce Molder	2016

Back Nine

28-	Keith Clearwater	1993
29-	Jeff Overton	2010
	Lee Trevino*	1976
	George Burns	1984
	Mike Hulbert	1990
	Guy Boros	1994
	Greg Kraft	1999

THE WORST

For 72 Holes

331-	Johnny Palmer	1964
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For 54 Holes

250-	Johnny Palmer	1964
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For 36 Holes

168-	Johnny Palmer	1964
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For 18 Holes

87-	Johnny Palmer	1964
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Front Nine

46-	Cesar Sanudo	1972
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Back Nine

45-	Rives McBee	1969
	Phil Rodgers	1975

First Round

87-	Johnny Palmer	1964
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Second Round

86-	<i>Ralph Howe III</i>	1989
85-	Joe Collins	1974

Third Round

84-	Marty Fleckman	1973
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Final Round

84-	Dale Douglass	1967
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Name in italics designate amateur.

Colonial's "Best Ball" Scorecard

Hole	Par	Distance	Best Ball*
#1	5	565	2
#2	4	389	2
#3	4	483	2
#4	3	247	2
#5	4	481	2
#6	4	406	2
#7	4	440	2
#8	3	199	1
#9	4	407	2
Out	35	3,612	17
#10	4	408	2
#11	5	635	3
#12	4	445	2
#13	3	190	1
#14	4	464	2
#15	4	430	2
#16	3	192	1
#17	4	387	2
#18	4	441	2
In	35	3,592	17
Total	70	7,209	34

*won the tournament that year.

*Best score ever made during the tournament.

THE PLAYERS' VIEW OF COLONIAL

"A straight ball will get you in more trouble at Colonial than any course I know."

..... **Ben Hogan**

"This is the best, most traditional course without an ocean we play every year."

..... **Davis Love III**

"I love this golf course. This is a standard by which all golf courses should be built."

..... **Payne Stewart**

"This tournament has been around for so many years. So many of the great players have played here, and won here. To be a part of that is beyond what I can expound on. It's very humbling, and very cool."

..... **Steve Stricker**

"I know this: Whenever I step out here, I feel his (Hogan's) presence."

..... **Ben Crenshaw**

"Colonial has the most class of all the long-running golf tournaments we have on Tour."

..... **Peter Jacobsen**

"This golf course is one of the best tests that we have in the game of golf. To have won this tournament is an amazing feeling. I can't explain how good it feels to have won this championship."

..... **Phil Mickelson**

"I have a special feeling for Colonial. The strength of the field and the golf course make a win there that much sweeter. The great championships, the great finishes and the great champions make the tournament, and Colonial is no different from the Masters in that respect."

..... **Tom Watson**

"Just playing here makes you feel good. There's such a great tradition here. No tournament outside the majors has the prestige this one has. This would be a beautiful U.S. Open course. If this course had thick rough, the scores would be unbelievable. Something like four or five over would be leading. No kidding. That's how good a golf course this is."

..... **Corey Pavin**

"This golf course, you really have to move the ball around. It plays fast. It brings all sorts of elements into play, and usually the wind blows. You need to hit the ball down low in some areas, and you just have to create shots. I really enjoy that, and I don't think we get to play enough courses like this."

..... **Justin Leonard**

"It's a pure ball-striker's golf course. It's one of the finest classic courses we'll ever get to play."

..... **Lanny Wadkins**

"It's one of the great golf courses of the world. Why can't they build them like this today? This is one of those tournaments that, to me, is in the upper echelon. I could play this course every day for the rest of my life."

..... **Curtis Strange**

"Most golf courses dictate what you'll hit. On this course, *you* have to decide."

..... **Fuzzy Zoeller**

"They may have the Masters in Georgia, but Colonial has the Masters in Texas. This is definitely it. It's very, very special."

..... **Dave Stockton**

"I respect the Colonial tournament as in the class with the U.S. Open and the Masters, because it tests a golfer's ability as well as any tournament."

..... **Harvey Penick**

"This is my idea of what a golf course should be. I don't know of a finer course anywhere. This course has everything."

..... **Gary Player**