

THROUGH THE YEARS

THE TUCSON OPEN IS THE NINTH OLDEST TOURNAMENT ON THE PGA TOUR AND GENERATES MILLIONS OF DOLLARS FOR SOUTHERN ARIZONA YOUTH ATHLETIC PROGRAMS.



1945

Ray Mangrum wins the first Tucson Open defeating Byron Nelson at El Rio Golf Club with a 12-under-par 268. Mangrum collected the \$1,000 first-place prize from the \$5,000 purse. The field included 47 professionals.



1946

The Tucson Open purse doubles to \$10,000, the field increases to 57.

1949

Lloyd Mangrum, brother of Ray, smashes the 72-hole tournament record at El Rio Golf Club with a sizzling 17-under-par 263 for the win.

1950

A record gallery of 8,000 fans follows favorites Sam Snead and Manuel de la Torre who finished 2nd and 3rd behind Chandler Harper.

1957

The Tucson Open purse increases to \$15,000 and the event records its first 18-hole playoff. The playoff was held on Monday with Dow Finsterwald defeating Don Whitt by five strokes.

1961

The Tucson Open records its first sudden-death play-off and second play-off in its history. Dave Hill posted the win over Tommy Bolt on the third play-off hole at El Rio Golf Club.

1963

The Tucson Open purse increases to \$25,000 and moves from El Rio Golf Club to the 49ers Country Club. Don January wins \$3,500.

1965

The Tucson Open moves to Tucson National, the third course in the 20-year event. The purse is now \$46,000.

1966

The Tucson Conquistadores become the official sponsors of the Tucson Open. Their involvement added live national television coverage and an increased purse of \$60,000.



1967

Arnold Palmer makes his second appearance since 1960 and wins the first five-figure check (\$12,000) awarded in the event's history.



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1969

Lee Trevino wins by a seven-stroke margin, the tournament's largest since Don January won by 11 in 1963. Trevino also posts the win in 1970.



1971

The Tucson Open is postponed for the first time, due to weather. The first round is played on Saturday, with the final two rounds played on Monday. J.C. Snead posts the victory.

1971

Dean Martin lends his name to the event and recruits celebrities and television coverage. NBC televised the Tucson Open for the first time and the purse was raised to \$150,000. Miller Barber emerges the winner over George Archer after an 18-hole plus 3-hole playoff on Monday.

1974-76

Johnny Miller dominates winning three consecutive tournaments, shattering records in his 1975 victory. His 18-hole record of 61 and overall score of 263, 25-under-par at Tucson National still holds today.



1979-83

The Tucson Open moves from Tucson National to Randolph North Municipal Golf Course. Bruce Lietzke claims the \$45,000 prize with a 15-under-par 265. The tournament moves back to Tucson National in 1980, then back to Randolph in 1981 when Johnny Miller became a four-time champion. The event is played at Randolph through 1983.

1984-86

The tournament is conducted under match play format. The events bring both PGA TOUR and Senior PGA TOUR players to Tucson. Jim Thorpe wins back-to-back in 1985 and 1986.

1987

The tournament returns to medal play, the Senior's event is dropped and the event moves to TPC at StarPass with a purse of \$600,000.

1988

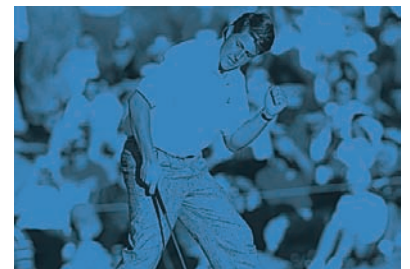
Northern Telecom becomes the tournament's sponsor committing to raise the purse to \$1 million by 1991 and returning network television coverage in 1990.

1990

The former UA All-American Robert Gamez becomes the first golfer to post a victory in his initial tournament as a member of the PGA TOUR. The tournament uses two courses: StarPass and Randolph North.

1991-96

Phil Mickelson, a junior at Arizona State playing on a sponsor's exemption, becomes the youngest amateur to win a PGA TOUR event in 1991. He forfeits the \$180,000 first-place prize. Mickelson also posts victories in 1995 and 1996 at Tucson National collecting \$225,000 each year.



1999-01

Touchstone Energy assumes sponsorship in 1999 and moves the purse up to \$2.75 million in 1999 and \$3 million in 2000.

Tucson records first-time PGA TOUR winners in 2000 (Jim Carter) and 2001 (Garrett Willis).

2002

For the third consecutive year, Tucson produces a first-time PGA TOUR winner (Ian Leggatt).

The fourth and final year of Touchstone Energy's title sponsorship produces records galleries and record charitable contributions of over \$850,000.

The Tucson Conquistadores sign a four-year sponsorship agreement with the Chrysler brand to sponsor the tournament through 2006.

2003

Wet weather dampened the course during the week but not the spirit of competition nor the success of the tournament. For the first time over \$1 million was raised for Conquistadores' charities in a single year.

2004

The Chrysler Classic of Tucson produced another first-time PGA TOUR winner.

Heath Slocum and Aaron Baddeley seasawed birdies all day Sunday. At the 18th, Baddeley bogeyed and Slocum parred out for a one-stroke win.

2005

Geoff Ogilvy posted his first PGA TOUR win in Tucson, the 14th player in Tucson Open history to do so, and the eighth time the tournament champion was decided in a playoff. Ogilvy and Kevin Na eliminated Mark Calcavecchia on the first playoff hole (#18) and Ogilvy sealed the win at hole #10.

Ogilvy returned to Tucson in February 2006 and captured the WGC—Accenture Match Play Championship.



2006

Barring a resurrection in future years, Kirk Triplett could be the last golfer to hoist the infamous Tucson Conquistador helmet trophy in Tucson.

Triplett started his final round with five straight birdies and had another four straight on the back nine Sunday, shooting a 63 to reach 22 under and claim his third PGA TOUR victory at the Chrysler Classic of Tucson.

