



2018 103rd Southwestern Amateur Tournament Summary

The 103rd Southwestern Amateur was held June 13-16, 2018 at the par 70, 6883 yard Cochise Course at the Desert Mountain Club in Scottsdale, Arizona. The 90 player no-cut field played in one morning wave each day. We used the same exemption approach as last year to improve the quality of the field. Exemptions were based upon rankings: on amateur events (top 500 in the Scratch Player World Amateur Ranking (SPWAR), top 200 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR), on collegiate events (Golfstat and *Golfweek* Rankings, on junior events (*Golfweek*, AJGA), on Southwestern Amateur top finishers and past champions, and on special considerations. About 600 invitations were sent out in early January with those that replied affirmatively automatically accepted on a first in – first accepted basis. The field quality stats from SPWAR for 2018 were down from last year (92 to 140) due in part to the reduced field size. The field of 90 players came from 210 entries representing 12 countries, 21 states, 49 universities, colleges and 4 high schools. The field included 18 players in the top 1000 SPWAR with 12 players ranked in the top 500. There were 17 housing hosts with 23 players using host housing. Golf Genius was our official scoring program and included OnCourse scoring for real-time scoring. Volunteers entered three-hole scores directly using the Golf Genius smartphone application.

WELLS PADGETT EDGES JINO SOHN IN PLAYOFF TO WIN 103rd EDITION OF SOUTHWESTERN AMATEUR GOLF TOURNAMENT

Auburn Sophomore Birdies Second Playoff Hole to Defeat 2017 Champion In Dramatic Finish at Desert Mountain

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – Auburn sophomore **Wells Padgett** birdied the second playoff hole Saturday afternoon to win the 103rd Southwestern Amateur Golf Tournament over defending champion **Jino Sohn**, a senior at Arizona State University, in one of the tournament’s most dramatic finishes.

Padgett (66-68-66-68-268) and Sohn (67-68-67-66-268) finished regulation play deadlocked at 12-under-par 268 after participating in a three-way duel for most of the day with Wisconsin senior **Jordan Hahn** (66-67-67-70-270) who started the day as the co-leader with Padgett at 10 under par 200.

Sean Carlon (70-67-69-65-271) of Albuquerque, N.M. finished fourth, three shots behind the leaders.



2018 Champion Wells Padgett

Sohn – who started the day two shots behind the co-leaders -- had a great opportunity to successfully defend his 2017 Southwestern title on the first playoff hole, when he reached the 511-yard, par 5 18th in two. Facing a 70-foot eagle putt, he left the ball five feet below the hole, and then missed his birdie putt to extend the playoff.

Playing the 18th for the third time within a 30-minute span, Padgett seized the moment by hitting a perfect drive and reaching the green from 220 yards with a four iron. His 70-foot eagle putt came up four inches short for an easy birdie, while Sohn hit his second shot into a bush that resulted in a layup that resulted in a two-putt par.

Padgett, a member of the 2018 Southeastern Conference All-Freshman Team, said the victory “is certainly the biggest individual title of my career,” but not as big as Auburn winning this year’s SEC championship in which he made the winning putt.



Jordan Hahn, Well Padgett, Jino Sohn



2018 Champion Wells Padgett

Reflecting on his four-iron second shot on the second playoff hole, the Wichita, Kan. resident said, "I thought about laying up, but then I told myself that I didn't fly here to finish second. I wanted to stay aggressive all day long and thought I needed to shoot 67 today to win the tournament. As it turned out, that was exactly the score I needed, but I came up one short and had to go to the playoff."

Padgett, Sohn and Hahn staged an epic battle over the first 14 holes with the lead exchanging hands several times. Hahn – who birdied the first hole and then rolled off 13 consecutive pars – fell out of contention when he attempted to reach the 548-yard, par 5 15th hole in two. "I had 235 yards to the pin, and hit a five iron just a little skinny," Hahn said. "It was right on line, but in the end that probably ended my chances, as Jino and Wells were playing awfully well."

The field of 88 players played under cloudy skies all day with a persistent drizzle most of the morning and several showers. The second hole of the playoff was played in a heavy downpour.

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Round 1 Summary – June 13

George Markham of Phoenix, Sam Dickey of Las Vegas Shoot Five-Under-Par 65s To Tie for First Round Lead at 103rd Southwestern Amateur

Defending Champion Jino Sohn of Arizona State Tied For Fifth after Three-Under-Par 67

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – **George Markham** of Phoenix and **Sam Dickey** of Las Vegas both shot five-under-par 65s on Wednesday to hold the first-round lead in the 103rd Southwestern Amateur Golf Tournament being played at the Desert Mountain Club's Cochise Course in northeast Scottsdale.

Markham, a senior civil engineering major at the Colorado School of Mines who played his high school golf in the greater Phoenix area at Sunnyslope High School, and Dickey, a junior at the University of New Mexico from Las Vegas, lead a tightly-bunched field after the first round of play on the par 70, 6,889-yard Jack Nicklaus-designed course.

Just one stroke back of the leaders are **Wells Padgett** of Spring Grove, Ill. and the University of Wisconsin, and **Jino Sohn** of Arizona State University.

In close pursuit of the leaders are defending champion **Jino Sohn**, a senior at Arizona State University, and **Sam Hill** of Orlando, Fla. and the University of Texas at Tyler, who both fired three-under-par 67s on Wednesday.

Played under partly cloudy skies with temperatures in the mid-90s, the first round featured almost perfect scoring conditions that resulted in 28 players shooting par or better.

Markham, who plays out of Encanto Park Golf Course in central Phoenix, capped his round by birdieing the par three 17th hole and eagling the par five 18th. "I played very solid golf today with my only slip-up coming when I double-bogied the 15th," Markham said. "Other than that, it was a very solid round of golf."



Dickey, who played every event this past year at the University New Mexico, played the first round without a bogey while missing only three greens. He birdied holes 2, 8 and 12, and made eagle on the par 5 15th when he drained a 20-foot putt. "I couldn't be happier with my round and hope I can play this well for the next three days," he said.

Sohn, who won last year's tournament with a score of 14-under-par 266, had an "up and down round" with seven birdies and four bogies. "I probably turned a 63 or 64 into a 67," the ASU senior from Honolulu said. "But I should be in pretty good position as we go into the final three rounds."

The tournament continues tomorrow morning with tee times beginning at 7:30 a.m. with the third and fourth rounds being contested on Friday and Saturday.

Round 2 Summary – June 14

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JORDAN HAHN HOLDS SLIM ONE-STROKE LEAD AFTER TWO ROUNDS OF 103rd SOUTHWESTERN AMATEUR AT SCOTTSDALE'S DESERT MOUNTAIN

University of Wisconsin Senior Stands at 7-Under-Par after Shooting 67 on Wednesday;
Closely-Bunched Field Features Seven Players within Two Shots of the Lead

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – **Jordan Hahn** carded a three-under-par 67 on Thursday to vault to the top of the leader board after two rounds of the 103rd Southwestern Amateur Golf Tournament being played at the Desert Mountain Club's Cochise Course in northeast Scottsdale.

Hahn (66-67-133), a resident of Spring Grove, Ill., stands at seven under par and holds a slim one-stroke lead over **Wells Padgett** (66-68-134) of Wichita, Kan. and **Trevor Werbylo** (69-65-134), a sophomore at the University of Arizona, who shot the day's low round of five-under-par 65.

Hahn, a senior at the University of Wisconsin, recorded birdies on three of his first four holes on Thursday. Playing the back nine first, he torched the back side, shooting a four-under-par 31 before cooling off with a one-over-par 36 on the front. "I made a whole bunch of putts early in the round," Hahn said, "which provided me with a great deal of confidence as the round wore on. I made one huge mistake on the fourth hole when I didn't commit to my target because of the wind which led to a double bogie. But other than that, I played a very solid round of golf."

The second round was played under clear skies with temperatures in the low to mid 90s, with variable winds.

Padgett – who started the round one shot behind first-round co-leaders George Markham of Phoenix and Sam Dickey of Las Vegas, "never could build any momentum" while shooting his two-under-par 68 on Thursday. "I played defense most of the day because of the wind," Padgett said, "but I am happy with the result." Werbylo, made the biggest charge of the day with his 65 following up a one-under-par 69 during Wednesday's first round. He recorded five birdies and no bogies in the second round, while hitting 16 greens. "I played very well today, and look forward to the final two rounds, the Tucson Salpointe Catholic High School graduate said.

Entering the third round, seven players are within two shots of the lead, including defending champion Jino Sohn (67-68-135) of Arizona State University, Dickey (65-70-135), Markham (65-70-135) and Ryoto Furuya (69-66-135) of Tampa, Fla.

Eighteen players in the 88-man field shot par or better through the first 36 holes of play.

The tournament continues Friday morning with tee times beginning at 7:30 a.m. off the first and 10th holes on Desert Mountain's Cochise Course. The final round begins at the same time on Saturday.

Round 3 Summary – June 15

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WELLS PADGETT, JORDAN HAHN TIED FOR THIRD ROUND LEAD AT 10-UNDER-PAR
ENTERING FINAL ROUND OF 103rd SOUTHWESTERN AMATEUR AT DESERT MOUNTAIN

Defending Champion Jino Sohn of Arizona State Trails Leaders by Two Shots After Shooting Third
Consecutive Sub-70 Round on Friday

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – Jordan Hahn, a senior at the University of Wisconsin, and Wells Padgett of Wichita, Kan. and Auburn University, share the third round lead of the 103rd Southwestern Amateur Golf Tournament being played at the Desert Mountain Club's Cochise Course in northeast Scottsdale.

Hahn (66-67-67-200) and Padgett (66-68-66-200) head into Saturday's final round holding a slim two-shot lead over defending champion Jino Sohn (67-68-67-202), a senior at Arizona State University out of Honolulu.

Friday's action was highlighted by a number of long putts holed and spectacular shots by all three of the leaders, and 23 sub-par rounds on the 6,889-yard Jack Nicklaus-designed layout.

Hahn, a resident of Spring Grove, Ill., birdied three out of his last four holes to shoot 32 on the backside in a round that was highlighted by three long putts measuring over 30 feet. After bogeying two of his first three holes, the lanky Badger made a 40-foot putt on the 470-yard fourth hole, a 30-footer on the 180-yard par 3 seventh, and a 35-footer on the 413-yard 16th hole to help propel him to a three-under-par 67. "It didn't start out very pretty," Hahn said after the round, "but my putting really saved me today. Seven birdies in the round provides me a lot of hope for tomorrow, but I also made four bogies, so I really need to clean some things up on Saturday."

Padgett's round was highlighted by a spectacular birdie four on the par 5, 569-yard eighth hole. After driving the ball into the desert, he finally located it in a bush just short of the five-minute search time limit. He proceeded to hit a seven iron back onto the fairway and then stuffed his approach shot to within five feet of the pin, and made the putt for "an easy four." He concluded his round with back-to-back birdies on the 225-yard par three 17th (hitting a six iron to two feet) and the 511-yard par five 18th. "It was a pretty solid round of golf," Padgett said. "The golf course really fits my eye and seems pretty wide open. I did miss a couple of short putts today that hopefully I can clean up tomorrow."

Sohn, the 2015 Arizona high school champion from Hamilton High School in Chandler, continued his steady play that extends back to last year. His third-round 67 marked his seventh consecutive round in the 60s on the Cochise Course dating back to the 2017 tournament. "I really played very steady golf today," Sohn said. "The conditions today were a little more challenging because of the wind, but I am very happy with the way that I played. I hit a lot of fairways and greens, and am looking forward to tomorrow's final round."

George Markham (65-70-68-203) of Phoenix and the Colorado School of Mines is only three shots behind the leaders, with a trio of players six shots back at 206.

The field of 88 contestants played under mostly cloudy skies with temperatures in the low 80s and variable winds.

The tournament concludes Saturday morning with tee times beginning at 7:30 a.m. off the first and 10th holes on Desert Mountain's Cochise Course. Hahn, Padgett and Sohn tee off number one at 9:36 a.m..

Final thoughts

The top twenty-five players will have exempt status into the 104th Southwestern Amateur which will return to the Desert Mountain Club next year.

The SWGA Tournament Committee wishes to sincerely thank the entire staff at the Desert Mountain Club for graciously hosting this event, especially CEO Damon DiOrio, Director of Golf Mike Scully, Cochise/Geronimo Assistant Head Professional and Tournament Coordinator Peter Swanson, Director of Club Operations Christophe Hermine and his F&B staff, Director of Agronomy Shawn Emerson and his Cochise Course Superintendent and their crews. Special thanks also to Donna Ranslem for heading the Housing Committee, Frank Roth for heading the Volunteers Committee and running the real-time scoring, and our Administration Manager Maree Stone. Thanks to





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INDIVIDUAL SCORING REPORT - FINAL RESULTS

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PAR 70 (280 TOTAL) – 6889 YARDS

* - Playoff winner on 2nd hole

Pos	Player	Hometown	Par	1	2	3	4	Tot
1*	WELLS PADGETT	WICHITA, KS	-12	66	68	66	68	268
2	JINO SOHN	HONOLULU, HI	-12	67	68	67	66	268
3	JORDAN HAHN	SPRING GROVE , IL	-10	66	67	67	70	270
4	SEAN CARLON	ALBUQUERQUE, NM	-9	70	67	69	65	271
T5	RYOTO FURUYA	ALPHARETTA, GA	-5	69	66	72	68	275
T5	TRIPP KINNEY	DES MOINES , IA	-5	69	72	68	66	275
T5	TREVOR WERBYLO	TUCSON, AZ	-5	69	65	72	69	275
T8	GEORGE MARKHAM	PHOENIX, AZ	-4	65	70	68	73	276
T8	TRAVIS McINROE	PLANO, TX	-4	68	72	72	64	276
T8	CHRISTIAN RAJCIC	RAMONA, CA	-4	71	75	65	65	276
11	DEREK BAYLEY	RATHDRUM, ID	-3	68	68	71	70	277
T12	BEN HARDEN	PHOENIX, AZ	-2	70	67	69	72	278
T12	CECIL WEGENER	RIDGELAND, MS	-2	72	65	70	71	278
14	COLIN PRATER	COLORADO SPRINGS, CO	-1	72	71	70	66	279
T15	CORY BACON	CAVE CREEK, AZ	0	71	75	68	66	280
T15	BRAEDEN KORAN	FALLBROOK, CA	0	69	74	67	70	280
T17	JAKE CHANEN	PHOENIX, AZ	1	73	67	74	67	281
T17	DANIEL GURTNER	GUATEMALA CITY, GTM	1	72	69	69	71	281
T17	ZIHAO JIN	SAN DIEGO, CA	1	79	67	66	69	281
T17	CALEB RAMIREZ	BLYTHE, CA	1	71	73	65	72	281
T17	JAKE STAIANO	ENGLEWOOD, CO	1	73	70	69	69	281
T22	JEG COUGHLIN, III	DELAWARE, OH	2	71	68	75	68	282
T22	THOMAS LONGBELLA	CHIPPEWA FALLS, WI	2	73	71	67	71	282
T22	AJ OTT	FT COLLINS, CO	2	70	73	71	68	282
T22	DAVID SNYDER	MCALLEN, TX	2	70	72	65	75	282
T26	BRETT RINKER	SLIPPERY ROCK, PA	3	70	70	71	72	283
T26	SAM VINCENT	HAMILTON, NZL	3	69	72	74	68	283
T28	TAYLOR BIBBS	SAN DIEGO, CA	4	71	73	72	68	284
T28	SAM DICKEY	LAS VEGAS, NV	4	65	70	77	72	284
T28	DAVID RAUER, JR	TUCSON, AZ	4	74	69	75	66	284
T28	CAMERON SISK	EL CAJON, CA	4	70	77	70	67	284
T28	SEAN YU	TAIPEI, TWN	4	73	76	68	67	284
T33	BRIGGS DUCE	SIERRA VISTA, AZ	5	76	70	70	69	285
T33	JOE FRYER	LONG BEACH, CA	5	72	70	73	70	285
T33	CHARLIE HILLIER	TE PUKE, NZL	5	77	70	67	71	285
T33	COLIN KOBER	SOUTHLAKE, TX	5	73	69	74	69	285
T37	GARRETT MARTIN	SAN ANTONIO, TX	6	69	71	73	73	286

T37	TREVOR OLKOWSKI	GRAND JUNCTION, CO	6	73	69	68	76	286
T39	MARIO CARMONA	JUAREZ, MEX	7	72	70	73	72	287
T39	GAVIN COHEN	TUCSON, AZ	7	70	78	72	67	287
T39	BEN EL-COHN	GUAYAQUIL, ECU	7	70	70	78	69	287
T39	GALVEN GREEN	PETALING JAYA, MYS	7	69	73	75	70	287
T39	SAM HILL	ORLANDO, FL	7	67	76	70	74	287
44	ROSS MACDONALD	LONDON, GBR	8	69	75	71	73	288
T45	CHIP GETZ	PARADISE VALLEY, AZ	9	74	73	69	73	289
T45	FRANK LINDWALL	CEDAR RAPIDS, IA	9	74	72	75	68	289
T45	MCCAIN SCHELLHARDT	EDMOND, OK	9	71	75	71	72	289
T48	CHRISTIAN BANKE	DANVILLE, CA	10	71	74	76	69	290
T48	BEAU BRIGGS	COVINGTON, LA	10	72	77	69	72	290
T48	JOSEPH CHUN	IRVINE, CA	10	78	73	67	72	290
T48	FILIP LUNDELL	MALMO, SWE	10	71	77	75	67	290
T48	SEAN O'DONNELL	GLENDALE, AZ	10	69	71	76	74	290
T48	BRAD REEVES	WOODBIDGE, CA	10	68	83	69	70	290
T48	TY STITES	SALLISAW, OK	10	76	68	72	74	290
T48	FINIGAN TILLY	SAN CARLOS, CA	10	74	77	70	69	290
T48	AARON WHALEN	EPHRATA, WA	10	72	74	74	70	290
T57	JERRY LEDZINSKI	CARMEL, CA	11	74	77	75	65	291
T57	TRYSTAN PERKINS	GUERNSEY ENG, GBR	11	74	72	74	71	291
T59	JACK EBNER	EDINA, MN	13	76	68	72	77	293
T59	COLBY HARWELL	ROBINSON, TX	13	72	71	78	72	293
T59	CAMERON MEEKS	LAS VEGAS, NV	13	70	74	75	74	293
62	BEN FERNANDEZ	SOUTHLAKE, TX	14	72	80	73	69	294
T63	THOMAS ALLKINS	DUNCAN BC, CAN	15	76	73	70	76	295
T63	JOE FEWER	EDINA, MN	15	74	75	77	69	295
T63	DRAKE MENDENHALL	GRANITE BAY, CA	15	82	70	72	71	295
T66	RYAN BAILEY	HUMBLE, TX	16	77	72	76	71	296
T66	CHARLES JAHN	SPERRY, IA	16	72	72	78	74	296
T66	DAVID RICCIARDELLI	SCOTTSDALE, AZ	16	78	73	74	71	296
T66	JACKSON SOLEM	LONGMONT, CO	16	72	74	73	77	296
70	EDUARDO GONZALEZ	SAN LUIS POTOSI, MEX	17	69	75	75	78	297
71	CHARLIE NIKITAS	GLENVIEW, IL	19	78	72	77	72	299
T72	BRETT BENNETT	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CA	20	78	72	78	72	300
T72	BEN DOYLE	LA JOLLA, CA	20	72	74	80	74	300
T72	ALFONSO HERRERA	GUATEMALA CITY, GTM	20	76	77	83	64	300
T75	NOAH COMBS	PIKEVILLE, KY	21	77	76	74	74	301
T75	ZINYO GARCIA	SUNSHINE BAY NSW, AUS	21	73	72	81	75	301
T75	BEN SAWAIA	HENDERSON, NV	21	75	73	78	75	301
78	ERIC GILPIN	BLOOMINGTON, IL	22	74	75	78	75	302
T79	NOAH APTER	HIGHLAND PARK, IL	23	78	75	76	74	303
T79	TOM KATSENES	PHOENIX, AZ	23	76	73	76	78	303
T81	J.J. GRESCO	SCOTTSDALE, AZ	26	77	77	78	74	306
T81	JOHN SAND	HOQUIAM, WA	26	77	78	75	76	306
83	NICKOLAS ROBINSON	PALO VERDES ESTATES, CA	27	79	75	77	76	307

84	CANON OLKOWSKI	GRAND JUNCTION, CO	32	74	77	82	79	312
85	LUIS HERRERA	GUATEMALA CITY, GTM	34	82	72	77	83	314
86	GEORGE GARDNER	SOUTHLAKE, TX	38	86	77	75	80	318
87	TREVOR LAMPSON	GILBERT, AZ		74	75	71	WD	WD
88	YASH MAJMUDAR	SINGAPORE, SGP		73	79	WD		WD
89	RYGGS JOHNSTON	LIBBY, MT		WD				
90	BRYAN HOOPS	CHANDLER, AZ		NS				