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Inaugural Bermuda Championship Winner Brendon Todd Takes Home Trophy Designed by 73-year-old Local Artist



SOUTHAMPTON, Bermuda (November 7, 2019) – Brendon Todd became the first winner of the inaugural Bermuda Championship on Sunday. Todd, who birdied nine of his first 11 holes of the day, finished at 24-under and claimed the \$US 540,000 winner’s share and 300 FedExCup points.

“My goal was just to go out there and play my game, play aggressively, and just fire away, try and birdie every hole,” said Todd. Two months after regaining his TOUR card in the Korn Ferry Tour Finals, Todd described his comeback: “A big win this like this is just a dream come true and hopefully a springboard to a really long, successful career out here.”

Rounds of 68-63-67 put Todd in the final group on Sunday. Todd flirted with 59 before shooting 62, to win by four shots over Harry Higgs for his second PGA TOUR victory. His first came in 2014 at the AT&T Byron Nelson. The win moved him to number 17 in the FedExCup standings.

The 2020 Bermuda Championship will take place on October 26 – November 1.

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About the Bermuda Championship Trophy

“We wanted the Bermuda Championship trophy to be distinctly representative of our island,” said Kevin Dallas, CEO of the Bermuda Tourism Authority, the title sponsor of the tournament. “That the trophy is made of Bermuda cedar by a Bermudian artist is simply perfect.”



The Bermuda Championship trophy, crafted of endemic Bermuda cedar in the shape of a triangle, was made by Bermudian carpenter Clarence Benjamin Lee. Now 73, Lee started working at Village Carpentry at the age of 15 as an apprentice and never left. The business was started by Bermudian George Trott in 1935 and taken over by Jeremy Johnson in 1980. The shop’s craftsmen have made many special pieces for prominent Bermudians—as well as a pair of cedar chairs given to Prince Charles and Lady Diana as a gift from Bermuda to celebrate their 1981 wedding.

“I enjoyed working on the trophy and was happy for the opportunity to make it,” said Lee. On Sunday, the final day of play, he started following players between holes six and seven. By the time he walked up to the 18th, the awards ceremony was already underway. “I was impressed with how beautiful it looked,” he added, “and I was so proud.”

Todd will take home a copy of the trophy. The original will remain on display at Port Royal Golf Course.

To learn more about the Bermuda Championship, visit www.bermudachampionship.com.

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About Bermuda

Out here is closer than you think. Located in the Atlantic Ocean off North Carolina's coast, the island of Bermuda is just a two-hour nonstop flight from most eastern U.S. airports. Attracting adventure seekers, explorers, romantics and originals, Bermuda is where people, cultures and an alluring mystique swirl together, connecting visitors to a place far from everyday life. The island's legendary pink-sand beaches, frozen-in-time historic towns and pastel-coloured buildings stand out at first. But it's Bermuda's original, ever evolving take on island life that brings travellers out here again and again. The Bermuda experience is elegant, relaxed and genuinely warm, celebrating cultures, reveling in nature and staying open to whatever is around the bend. The 35th America's Cup, held in Bermuda in 2017, brought a fresh energy to the destination with new and redeveloped hotels, must-visit attractions and restaurants adding to the island spirit. Visit www.gotobermuda.com, www.facebook.com/bermudatourism, and www.twitter.com/bermuda.

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