



2020 RECAP

September 18-20, 2020
Pebble Beach Golf Links
Professional Purse: \$2,100,000

For the second year in a row a playoff determined the winner of the Pure Insurance Championship. Jim Furyk, 50, defeated Jerry Kelly on the first playoff hole on Pebble Beach Golf Links (#18) to secure his second PGA TOUR Champions title in as many starts. Furyk becomes the third player to win his first two starts on the PGA TOUR Champions, joining Bruce Fleisher (1999) and Arnold Palmer (1980).

Kelly carded eight birdies enroute to matching the lowest round of the day with a 7-under par 65, climbing eight places up the Sunday leaderboard. The Wisconsin native owns a total of seven victories, seven runner-up finishes and 38 top-10 finishes in four years on the PGA Tour Champions.

Ernie Els missed the playoff by one shot after bogeying the 18th hole. It was his only bogey of his final round.

“I feel very fortunate, it means a lot,” Furyk said. “I hadn’t won – like I said, when I won at Ally, in five years.” He added, “This is why we play the game, it’s why you work so hard, to have this feeling.”

The week’s weather was mostly sunny with highs near 70 each day.

The field included six past champions of the PURE Insurance Championship. There were three holes-in-one including Ernie Els, Robin Byrd and Robert Karlsson.

The format was different this year due to COVID-19. There were no First Tee participants. Each professional was paired with an amateur participant. The entire tournament was played at Pebble Beach Golf Links. Professional Brandt Jobe and his amateur partner James Smith combined for a three-day total 192, 24 under par to take the 2020 pro-am title. Smith has played in the tournament from the very beginning only missing two events since 2004.