

# **Carolinas Golf Association**

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TO: 101<sup>st</sup> Carolinas Amateur Championship Contestants

FROM: Andy Priest, Carolinas Golf Association

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TOPIC: Carolinas Amateur Championship Player Information

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The Carolinas Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 101<sup>st</sup> playing of the Carolinas Amateur Championship at Greensboro Country Club (Farm Course) in Greensboro, NC from July 9-12, 2015. Note that Greensboro Country Club has two facilities. The main club is located in town and is referred to as Irving Park. The Farm course is located on the northwest side of town at 5121 Hedrick Drive. Please review the following championship information. Remember that we are guests of the club, need to conduct ourselves in a proper manner and adhere to all host club policies. Also, make sure to be at your assigned tee ready to play at least five minutes before your starting time. Call me at the CGA office if you have any questions or e-mail me at <a href="mailto:andy.priest@carolinasgolf.org">andy.priest@carolinasgolf.org</a>. We hope you have a great championship!

Championship Website: http://www.carolinasgolf.org/championship/home/15am/year/2015

## **Championship History**

This year marks the 101st playing of the Carolinas Amateur Championship and the second time that Greensboro Country Club has hosted the Carolinas Amateur Championship (1921 at Irving Park). The Championship was first played in 1910 at Sans Souci Country Club in Greenville, SC which is now known as Greenville Country Club. Berrien Brooks of Columbia, SC defeated F.M. Laxton of Charlotte, NC, 2 and 1 to win the inaugural event. The Championship was not played in 1917-18 due to World War I and from 1943-45 due to World War II. Format was changed from match play to stroke play in 2010.

# **Championship Registration**

There will be a formal registration for all competitors in the Farm course clubhouse Grill Room on Wednesday, July 8 from 9:00am-5:00pm. Please register to pick up your player gifts, materials and have your photo taken for website scoring. Players unable to register may pick-up registration materials following their first round at the scoreboard.

# **Greensboro Country Club - Farm Course Information**

PGA Director of Golf: Jim Deaton

PGA Head Golf Professional: Mary Thomas Director of Golf Course Maintenance: Doug Lowe Farm Course Superintendent: Brooks Turner

Farm Course Physical Address: 5121 Hedrick Dr, Greensboro, NC 27410

Club Website: www.greensborocc.org

Golf Shop Phone: 336-288-4461 or 336-288-4470

Golf Shop Hours: 6:30am-7:00pm Practice Facility Hours: 6:30am-7:00pm

Food & Beverage Hours: 7:00am-5:00pm (Turnhouse); 11:00am-7:00pm (Bar/Dining Room)

Championship Yardage: 7244 yards, par 35-37--72

Course/Slope Rating: 74.7/139

Course Architect: Donald Steel (2009 redesign)

Course Turfgrass: Tees/Fairways (Zeon Zoysia); Rough (419 Bermuda); Putting Greens (A1/A4 Bentgrass)

## Map to Greensboro Country Club - Farm Course

https://goo.gl/maps/s5hKt

# **Greensboro Country Club Policies (READ CAREFULLY)**

Cell Phone Policy: Cell phones may only be used on the golf course in case of an emergency, to call the golf shop in need of a ruling, view tournament leaderboard or as a distance measuring device. We ask that phones are set to silent while on club grounds. Silent communications (text, email) may be used inside buildings. Verbal communication (phone calls) must be outside buildings.

Player Access to Locker Room: Farm course clubhouse has a small locker room available for players. Players should use a Locker Room to change into golf shoes and appropriate golf attire. Shower facilities are available.

Parking: Due to the limited amount of parking available at the Farm course we ask that players, caddies and family members car pool as much as possible on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Overflow parking will be on the shoulder of Hedrick Drive.

*Dress Code:* Appropriate golf attire must be worn. Slacks or Bermuda shorts. No cut-offs, no denim, no cargo pants or cargo shorts. Men must wear shirts with collars and sleeves, tucked in at all times. Non-metal spikes only. Dress code applies to caddies and spectators.

Coolers: Personal coolers are not allowed.

Accepted Forms of Payment: Club accepts <u>CASH ONLY</u> for practice round fees and for food & beverage purchases. For golf shop equipment or merchandise purchases, MasterCard/Visa or American Express may be used.

#### **Practice Rounds and Practice Facility**

You are entitled to <u>one</u> practice round on any weekday when tee times are available and on weekends after 3:00pm. You may call the golf shop (336-288-4461) anytime for a practice round on Wednesday, July 8 (tee times from 8:00am-4:00pm). Call three days in advance for a practice round tee time request on any other day. Make sure to identify yourself as a Carolinas Amateur Championship participant. It would be helpful if you make your own group before calling. Do not just show up at the course and expect to be accommodated for a practice round.

There is a mandatory \$25.00 fee (CASH ONLY) for the practice round whether you walk or use a cart.

Guests may play with a championship contestant on any practice round day except for July 8 (players only). Guest fee is \$96.35 per person and is payable by cash or check.

Players are limited to playing one ball except from the teeing ground. Players seen hitting multiple shots from other areas of the course (bunkers, fairways, putting greens) will be removed from the golf course.

Players are welcome to use the practice range and putting green throughout the championship.

# **Championship Format and Schedule**

Championship is conducted at 72 holes of stroke play. After 36 holes, the field is cut to the low 60 scores and ties for the final two rounds. An on-course play-off is used to break a tie for the championship. Top 30 scores will receive merchandise and are exempt into the 2016 Carolinas Amateur Championship.

Wednesday, July 8 All Day: Practice rounds.

9:00am-5:00pm: Player Registration in the Farm course Clubhouse.

Thursday, July 9 Round 1: Tee times at 7:30am & 12:30pm off #1 & #10 tees.

11:00am-3:00pm: Hosted player lunch in the Farm course Clubhouse.

Friday, July 10 Round 2: Tee times at 7:30am & 12:30pm off #1 & #10 tees.

11:00am-3:00pm: Hosted player lunch in the Farm course Clubhouse.

Cut to low 60 scores and ties. Field re-grouped according to score.

Saturday, July 11 Round 3: Tee times at 8:00am off #1 & #10 tees.

12:00pm-3:00pm: Hosted player lunch in the Farm course Clubhouse.

Field re-grouped according to score.

Sunday, July 12 Round 4: Tee times begin at 8:00am off #1 & #10 tees.

Awards ceremony immediately following play at scoreboard.

Top 30 finishers receive merchandise credit in the Greensboro CC golf shop.

# **Capers Cup Club Team Competition**

The Capers Cup competition is held during rounds one and two of the championship proper. Three or four bona fide members from the same club comprise a team. The low three scores count each round. The CGA will contact clubs with more than four eligible players to select their team roster. Otherwise, the CGA will select the four players with the lowest USGA Handicap Index. Team rosters are due to the CGA by July 6.

# **Starting Times**

Starting times for July 9-10 will be available on July 3 by 5:00pm. Check the CGA website at www.carolinasgolf.org or call the CGA office.

## Championship Cart and Range Fees; Push Carts

<u>Cart and range fees for all championship rounds are paid by the CGA</u>. Contestants have the option to walk or use a cart during championship rounds.

Personal push carts are not allowed but the club has 10 push carts available on a first come, first serve basis. Inquire in the golf shop about availability.

# Caddies

Caddies are permitted, but during the play of a hole, either the player or the caddie may ride in a golf cart but not both at the same time. Caddies will be required to wear a CGA caddie bib during championship rounds to help identify their status on the course. Caddie bibs will be available at the starting tees and must be returned to the scoring area following each round. Caddies will not be available at the club.

# **Spectators**

Spectators are welcome at CGA championships however they are not allowed to ride in a player's golf cart at any time or rent a spectator cart except as provided in the <u>CGA Tournament Manual</u>. Club owned spectator carts are not allowed. Due to the limited number of available carts, spectator carts may not be available on July 9-10. Spectators are asked to remain on or near cart paths and adhere to the club's dress code policy. Spectators requesting a cart must notify the CGA staff in advance.

#### **Food and Beverage**

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Greensboro Country Club. The Turnhouse will be open to service all food needs beginning at 7:00am each morning and lunch will be available in the clubhouse Grill Room. Cash only for all food purchases.

#### Hosted Player Lunch on July 9-11

The CGA will provide lunch for players from 11:00am-3:00pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the Farm course clubhouse. Lunch is for players only. Caddies and spectators may purchase food and beverage at the Turnhouse or in the clubhouse.

Course Set-Up/Yardage (\*All yardage is subject to change based upon wind direction and weather conditions)

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	438	539	222	392	161	463	526	208	436	3385	604	422	466	570	184	411	451	194	555	3859	7244
Par	4	5	3	4	3	4	5	3	4	35	5	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	5	37	72

<sup>\*</sup>CGA may use the following tee locations in addition to the above yardages as conditions warrant: Hole #3 (179, 209 & 249), Hole #4 (326), Hole #5 (138).

#### **Championship Policies**

Greensboro Country Club is a soft-spike facility. The penalty for non-compliance is disqualification.

Any player who is discovered taking more than 40 seconds to play a stroke is subject to a penalty of one stroke. A second violation will result in a two stroke penalty, followed by disqualification.

Local rule allowing the use of conforming distance measuring devices will be in effect (i.e. measure distance only). Note that if a smartphone or tablet is used as a distance measuring device, the distance measuring application must measure distance only and the device must not have any other applications that would render the device non-conforming (i.e. GPS altimeter or anemometer). Compass and weather applications are now permitted on the device.

#### Lodging

Lodging is available at the Hyatt Place Greensboro (336-852-1443) located approximately 18 minutes from the Farm course on Stanley Road off Wendover Avenue. There are numerous restaurants located around the hotel. Hotel offers free high-speed Internet access, free continental breakfast each morning. Please identify yourself with the "Carolinas Amateur Championship" to receive the discounted rate of \$99.00 + tax for King room or 2 Double room. All rooms have a sleeper sofa bed. Hotel room rate is valid until June 26. Rooms and rates after the group cut-off date are subject to current rates and availability.

Hotel Address: 1619 Stanley Road, Greensboro, North Carolina 27407

Online reservations may be made at the below link:

http://www.greensboro.place.hyatt.com/en/hotel/home.html?corp\_id=G-CGAC

#### Twitter

The CGA will post any tournament delays or cancellations via our Twitter account. Follow @cgagolf1909.

# **CGA North Carolina License Plate Campaign**

The NCDMV is accepting online applications for CGA North Carolina license plate. Your purchase of a CGA license plate will help the CGA continue to financially support the CGF and many other worthwhile Carolinas initiatives and will show your support of amateur golf every time you drive your vehicle. Click link to order online. https://edmv.ncdot.gov/VehicleRegistration/SpecialPlate/Detail?PlateID=176#term=

#### **Phone Numbers**

Carolinas Golf Association: 910-673-1000 Greensboro CC Golf Shop: 336-288-4461 Hyatt Place Greensboro: 336-852-1443

<sup>&</sup>quot;Notice to Players" rules sheet is available on the Carolinas Amateur Championship website.