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TO: 22nd North Carolina Mid-Amateur Championship Players
FROM: Andy Priest, Carolinas Golf Association
DATE: **Updated August 7, 2015**
TOPIC: North Carolina Mid-Amateur Championship Player Information

The Carolinas Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 22nd North Carolina Mid-Amateur Championship at Bright's Creek Golf Club in Mill Spring, NC on August 28-30, 2015. Please review the following championship information since there is no formal championship registration at the club. Remember that we are guests of the club and we need to conduct ourselves in a proper manner. 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 at 910-673-1000 if you have any questions or e-mail me at andy.priest@carolinasgolf.org.

Club Location: Please note that GPS directional services might route you via an unpassable or dirt road through the mountains. Use this address when using a GPS directional service: 2222 Palmer Road, Mill Spring, NC.

Best way to the club is take Hwy 9 North off Hwy 74 (from Charlotte), Hwy 9 South (from Lake Lure) or Hwy 108 off Hwy 74 (from Asheville) to Mill Spring, turn on Silver Creek Road (heading west), travel 5.5 miles, turn left onto Palmer Drive, proceed 1.5 miles to Bright's Creek gatehouse.

Championship Website: <http://www.carolinasgolf.org/championship/home/15ncmidam/year/2015>

Championship Site Cart and Range Fees

All championship site cart and range fees are included in the entry fee and paid by the CGA. Players have the option to walk or use a golf cart. **Due to the course geography and distances between holes, we recommend all players use a golf cart.**

Bright's Creek Golf Club Information

Club Address: 2222 Palmer Road, Mill Spring, NC

Club Website: www.brightscreek.com

Director of Golf Operations: Brian Stewart

Superintendents: Josh Krigbaum/Paul Beam

Golf Shop Phone: 828-694-4510

Facility Hours: Golf Shop: 7:00am-7:00pm; Practice Range: 7:00am-6:00pm; Short Game Facility/Putting Green: 7:00am-dark

Championship Tees: CGA Tees (7019 yards, par 36-36--72); Course/Slope Rating: 73.3/142

Architect: Tom Fazio (2006)

Locker Room: The men's locker room will be available to players during the championship. Note the locker room is small.

Dress Code: Shirts must have a collar (mock neck is OK if 1 ½ inches in height), no denim, no cargo pants, cargo shorts or cut-off shorts, soft-spike shoes.

Coolers: Personal coolers and outside beverages are not allowed.

Accepted Forms of Payment: Golf Shop=MasterCard, Visa, American Express; Food & Beverage=Cash, MasterCard, Visa, American Express

Cell Phone Policy: Silent communications (email, text) only inside clubhouse. Phone calls must be made outside the clubhouse.

Map to Club: <https://goo.gl/maps/5tkbY>

Championship Format and Schedule

Championship is conducted at 54 holes of stroke play. After 36 holes, the field is cut to the low 60 scores and ties for the final round. 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 North Carolina Mid-Amateur Championship. Merchandise certificates are valid until December 31, 2015.

Thursday, August 27 Tee times available for practice rounds. Must call golf shop in advance.

Friday, August 28 Round 1. Tee times at 8:00am/12:45pm off #1 and #10 tees.

Saturday, August 29 Round 2. Tee times at 8:00am/12:45pm off #1 and #10 tees.

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

Sunday, August 30 Round 3. Tee times begin at 8:00am off #1 and #10 tees.

Awards ceremony immediately following play at scoreboard.

Starting Times

Starting times for August 28-29 will be available on Friday, August 21 by 5:00pm. Check the CGA website at www.carolinasgolf.org, call the CGA office or the Bright's Creek golf shop.

Practice Rounds

You are entitled to one practice round anytime in August when tee times are available. Note the club is closed on Mondays. You may call the golf shop beginning July 28 to schedule a practice round. Make sure to identify yourself as a North Carolina Mid-

Amateur Championship participant. It would be helpful if you make your own game before calling. There is a mandatory \$25.00 cart/range fee for the practice round.

Pull-Carts

Personal pull carts are **NOT** allowed.

Caddies and Spectators

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. 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 CGA Tournament Manual. Club owned spectator carts are not allowed. Due to the limited number of available carts, spectator carts will not be available for any reason on August 28-29. Check with the CGA staff about cart availability for August 30.

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Bright's Creek Golf Club. Food and beverage will be available for championship contestants in the club's Grill Room located downstairs in the clubhouse beginning at 7:30am each morning. Personal coolers are not allowed.

For those players staying on-site at Bright's Creek, dinner reservations are required on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights to ensure appropriate club staffing needs. Call the club's main phone number at 828-694-4500 to make dinner reservations.

Hosted Food Functions

The CGA will host lunch for all championship contestants on Friday, August 28 from 11:00am-3:30pm in the Grill Room.

Course Set-Up/Yardage (*Yardage is subject to change)

We have elected to skip the club's traditional course layout by skipping the par 3 13th hole and playing the "Hog Hole" as the 18th hole. Players will proceed from 12 green directly to the club's 14th hole that will play as the 13th hole for the championship and so forth. We will have signs to direct you to the proper teeing ground. See scorecard below.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	*11	12	13	14	*15	16	17	*18	In	Total
Yards	598	431	176	369	501	218	377	426	444	3540	441	341	384	533	425	178	414	572	191	3479	7019
Par	5	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	4	36	4	4	4	5	4	3	4	5	3	36	72

*Alternate tees: 276-yard tee on #11, 158-yard tee on #15, 136-yard tee on #18

Lodging

Lodging is available on-site at Bright's Creek Golf Club. Club has limited number of lodge rooms, villas and homes for rent. Call the club at 828-694-4500 to inquire about lodging rates and availability or use reservation link below.

Online Reservations: <http://www.brightscreek.com/hospitality.php#.VZSRIPVikp>

Bright's Creek is in a remote location, therefore most traditional hotel lodging options will be at least a 30 minute drive. Other area lodging and travel distances:

- Rumbling Bald Resort - Lake Lure (800-260-1040). Studios start at \$265.00. 30 minutes to club.
Online Reservations: <http://www.rumblingbald.com/mountain-stay-rumbling-bald>
- Days Inn Columbus Tryon (828-894-3303). Rates start at \$135.00. 30 minutes to club.
- Holiday Inn Express Forest City (828-755-2000). Rates start at \$117.00. 40 minutes to club.
- Holiday Inn Express Hendersonville-Flat Rock (828-698-8899). Rates start at \$146.00. 45 minutes to club.

Tournament Policies

Bright's Creek Golf Club is a spikeless facility. The penalty for non-compliance is disqualification. One-ball rule is not in effect. The "Notice to Players" rules sheet is available on the North Carolina Mid-Amateur Championship home page.

Distance Measuring Devices: 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.

Cell Phones: Except for emergencies, a ruling, viewing tournament leaderboard or use as a distance measuring device, cell phone use is not allowed on the golf course during championship rounds. Cell phone use is allowed outside the clubhouse or in the parking lot. Players are permitted to use their smartphone to view the tournament leaderboard as long as the device is on silent, is not used for voice or texting communications and play is not delayed.

Personal Items: Make sure not to leave any valuable personal items unattended such as jewelry, wallets, etc. even if they are tucked away inside your golf bag. It is best to leave your valuables locked in your automobile. Neither the CGA nor the host club will be held responsible for any lost or stolen personal items.

Text Notifications: The Carolinas Golf Association has a new text (SMS) notification feature in the TPP tournament software that will be used to send text messages to your mobile phone in the event of tournament schedule changes, delays and cancellations. This is a free service provided by the CGA. Note that standard texting and data rates apply based upon your cell phone plan.

To Opt-In:

-Enter a mobile phone number into your TPP Player Profile.

(<https://www.ghintpp.com/carolinasgolf/TPPOnlineGolfer/logon.aspx>, click Edit Profile on left menu)

To Opt-Out:

-Call or email the CGA office and request to be opted-out of text notifications (recommended).

-Remove the mobile phone number from your TPP Player Profile (not recommended).

Twitter

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

Phone Numbers

Carolinas Golf Association: 910-673-1000

Bright's Creek Golf Club: 828-694-4510