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TO: 102nd Carolinas Amateur Championship Contestants
FROM: Rusty Harder, Carolinas Golf Association
DATE: April 25, 2016
TOPIC: Carolinas Amateur Championship Player Information

The Carolinas Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 102nd playing of the Carolinas Amateur Championship at the Country Club of Charleston in Charleston, SC from July 14-17, 2016. 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 rusty.harder@carolinasgolf.org. We hope you have a great championship!

Championship Website: <http://www.carolinasgolf.org/championship/home/16am/year/2016>

Championship History

This year marks the 102nd playing of the Carolinas Amateur Championship and the seventh time that Country Club of Charleston has hosted the Carolinas Amateur Championship (1911, 1915, 1927, 1935, 1995, and 2009). 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 Country Club of Charleston Clubhouse, on Wednesday, July 13 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.

Country Club of Charleston Course Information

PGA Director of Golf: Hart Brown

Head Golf Professional: Brendan Hood

Director of Golf Course Maintenance: Paul Corder

Course Physical Address: 1 Country Club Drive, Charleston, SC 29412

Club Website: <http://www.countryclubofcharleston.com/>

Golf Shop Phone: 843-795-2312

Golf Shop Hours: 6:00am-6:30pm

Practice Facility Hours: 6:30am-4:00pm

Championship Yardage: 6776 yards, par 35-35--70

Course/Slope Rating: 72.0/129

Course Architect: Seth Raynor in 1925 (2006 redesign by Brian Silva)

Course Turfgrass: Tees/Fairways (419 Bermuda); Rough (419 Bermuda); Putting Greens (Champion Bermuda)

Map to the Country Club of Charleston

<https://goo.gl/maps/Npr8TQ9Nj412>

Country Club of Charleston 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. Cell Phone Use is prohibited inside clubhouse.

Player Access to Locker Room: Locker rooms will be available for players. Players should use a Locker Room to change into golf shoes and appropriate golf attire. Shower facilities are available.

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: The Country Club of Charleston accepts **Cash, MasterCard or Visa** for practice round fees and golf shop equipment/merchandise purchases. For food and beverage purchase **MasterCard or Visa** only may be used.

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

You are entitled to one practice round the week prior to the championship on a limited basis or July 13 when tee times are available. You may call the golf shop (843-795-2312) beginning July 6. 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 for the practice round whether you walk or use a cart.

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 2017 Carolinas Amateur Championship.

Wednesday, July 13	All Day: Practice rounds. 9:00am-5:00pm: Player Registration in the clubhouse.
Thursday, July 14	Round 1: Tee times at 7:30am & 12:30pm off #1 & #10 tees. 11:00am-3:00pm: Hosted player lunch in the clubhouse.
Friday, July 15	Round 2: Tee times at 7:30am & 12:30pm off #1 & #10 tees. 11:00am-3:00pm: Hosted player lunch in the clubhouse. Cut to low 60 scores and ties. Field re-grouped according to score.
Saturday, July 16	Round 3: Tee times at 8:00am off #1 & #10 tees. 12:00pm-3:00pm: Hosted player lunch in the clubhouse. Field re-grouped according to score.
Sunday, July 17	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 CC of Charleston 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 8.

Starting Times

Starting times for July 14-15 will be available on July 8 by 5:00pm. Check the CGA website at www.carolinagolf.org or call the CGA office.

Championship Cart and Range Fees; Push Carts

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

Personal push carts are allowed and the club has 12 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 [CGA Tournament Manual](#). Club owned spectator carts are not allowed. Due to the limited number of available carts, spectator carts may not be available on July 14-15. 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 Country Club of Charleston. The Turnhouse will be open to service all food needs beginning at 7:00am each morning and lunch will be available in the clubhouse. MasterCard/Visa only for all food purchases.

Hosted Player Lunch on July 14-16

The CGA will provide lunch for players from 11:00am-3:00pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the 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	436	384	178	409	499	225	373	405	563	3472	403	177	356	378	347	533	464	164	482	3304	6776
Par	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	5	35	4	3	4	4	4	5	4	3	4	35	70

*CGA may use the following tee locations in addition to the above yardages as conditions warrant: Hole #3 (163), Hole #5 (472), Hole #12 (326, 297), Hole #13 (347, 288), Hole #14 (333, 317, 299), Hole #18 (462, 439).

Championship Policies

Country Club of Charleston 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.

“Notice to Players” rules sheet is available on the Carolinas Amateur Championship website.

Lodging

Lodging is available at the Holiday Inn Riverview (843-556-7100) located approximately 10 minutes from the course at 301 Savannah Highway. The Harbor View Restaurant is located within the hotel. Please identify yourself with the “Carolinas Golf Association” to receive the discounted rate of \$89.00 + tax for King room or Double room on Wednesday/Thursday and a rate of \$159.00 + tax on Friday/Saturday. **Hotel room rate is valid until June 17. Rooms and rates after the group cut-off date are subject to current rates and availability.**

Hotel Address: 301 Savannah Hwy, Charleston, SC 29407

Online reservations may be made at the below link:

http://www.holidayinn.com/redirect?path=hd&brandCode=hi&localeCode=en®ionCode=I&hotelCode=chsrvr_PMid=99801505&GPC=CGA

Information on other hotels in the Charleston area [can be viewed here](#).

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

Country Club of Charleston Golf Shop: 843-795-2312

Holiday Inn Riverview: 843-556-7100