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TO: 44th South Carolina Amateur Match Play Championship Contestants
FROM: Chris Zeh, Carolinas Golf Association
DATE: March 1, 2016
TOPIC: South Carolina Amateur Match Play Championship Player Information

The Carolinas Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 44th South Carolina Amateur Match Play Championship at Bear Creek Golf Club in Hilton Head, SC on June 15-19, 2016. 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 Chris.Zeh@carolinangolf.org.

Pairings & Results: <http://www.ghintpp.com/carolinangolf/TPPOnlineScoring/Default.aspx?ID=1636>

Participants: <http://www.ghintpp.com/carolinangolf/TPPOnlineGolfer/Participants.aspx?ID=1636>

Entry Form: <http://www.carolinangolf.org/images/carolinangolf/site/tourn/2016/entry/scmatch.pdf>

Withdraw: http://www.carolinangolf.org/tournament_withdraw

Championship Website: <http://www.carolinangolf.org/championship/home/16scmatch/year/2016>

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 distances between holes, we recommend all players use a golf cart.**

Bear Creek Golf Club Information

Club Address: 237 Whooping Crane Way, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

Club Website: www.bearcreekhhi.com

Director of Golf: David Sotelo

Superintendent: Tommy Keating

Golf Shop Phone: 843-681-9510

Golf Shop Hours: 7:00am-7:00pm; Practice Facility Hours: 7:00am-7:00pm

Championship Tees: CGA Tees (6804 yards, par 36-36--72); Course/Slope Rating: 74.2/139

Architect:

Locker Room: The men's locker room will be available to players during the championship. *Note the locker room is very small with a limited number of lockers and facilities.

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: Cash, MasterCard, Visa, American Express;

Food & Beverage: Snack Bar and Clubhouse=MasterCard, Visa, American Express, cash and check

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

Map to Club: <http://www.bearcreekhhi.com/-map-and-directions>

Championship Format and Schedule

Championship format is 36 holes of stroke play to determine 32 qualifiers for match play. The defending champion (Andrew Novak) is seeded number one for match play if otherwise eligible. Players advancing to match play will receive merchandise certificates and are exempt into the 2017 South Carolina Amateur Match Play Championship. Merchandise certificates valid for one year from date of issue.

Tuesday, June 14	Tee times available for practice rounds. Must call golf shop in advance.
Wednesday, June 15	Stroke Play Qualifying Round 1. Tee times at 8:00am off #1 and #10 tees.
Thursday, June 16	Stroke Play Qualifying Round 2. Tee times at 8:00am off #1 and #10 tees. Cut to low 32 scores for match play. Playoff for medalist and last match play position.
Friday, June 17	Round of 32 (AM) and Round of 16 (PM) match play (18 holes each round).
Saturday, June 18	Quarterfinal (AM) and semifinal (PM) rounds of match play (18 holes each round).
Sunday, June 19	Championship match (18 holes). Awards ceremony immediately following play at scoreboard

Starting Times

Starting times for June 15-16 will be available on Wednesday, June 8 by 5:00pm. Check the CGA website at www.carolinangolf.org; call the CGA office or the Bear Creek Golf Club golf shop.

Practice Rounds

You are entitled to **one** practice round starting June 8 when tee times are available. You may call the golf shop beginning June 8 to schedule a practice round. Make sure to identify yourself as a South Carolina Amateur Match Play 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 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 may not be available for any reason on September 13-14. Check with the CGA staff about cart availability.

Food and Beverage

All food and beverage consumed on club grounds must be purchased at Bear Creek Golf Club. Food and beverage will be available for purchase at the Snack Bar located between 9 green/#10 tee. Personal coolers are not allowed.

Hosted Food Functions

The CGA is working on hosting a food function during the championship. Additional information will be sent once confirmed.

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

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yardage	364	178	431	526	366	384	500	196	430	3375	407	404	200	532	186	398	396	382	524	3429	6804
Par	4	3	4	5	4	4	5	3	4	36	4	4	3	5	3	4	4	4	5	36	72

Tees will vary during match play competition

Lodging

- Comfort Suites- \$119.00- 843-815-1700 please identify yourself as a Carolinas Golf Association Participant. Please book your room as soon as possible. May 14th is the cut off date.

Tournament Policies

Bear 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 SC Amateur Match Play home page.

Distance Measuring Devices: Local rule allowing the use of distance measuring devices will be in effect. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3. Cell phones are permitted to use as DMD, provided no features or applications are accessed by the player that would cause a breach of Rule 14-3.

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/carolinagolf/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.

Use #SCAmMatchPlay when tweeting

Phone Numbers

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