



35th Mid-Amateur Championship of the Carolinas Golf Association

April 17-19, 2015

North Ridge Country Club (Lakes), Raleigh, NC

Entries Open: February 8 (8:00 pm)

Entries Close: March 17 (11:59 pm)



ELIGIBILITY

Entry is open to any male amateur golfer who has reached his 30th birthday by April 17, 2015, is a legal resident of North Carolina or South Carolina, is a member in good standing of a club which is a member of the Carolinas Golf Association (CGA) and has an active GHIN® USGA Handicap Index® at a CGA member club that does not exceed 5.4. Entries are subject to rejection at any time, including during the event, by the CGA or the host club. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct or unauthorized cell phone use during a stipulated round. All players must conform to the "USGA Rules of Amateur Status" as specified in "The Rules of Golf". For complete residency and eligibility requirements, refer to the CGA Tournament Manual at the CGA website (www.carolinasgolf.org). Championship Field Size: 120 (approximately)

ENTRY FEES (All Course Fees Paid by the CGA to the Host Club)

Sectional Qualifying Entry Fee: \$115.00 (includes sectional qualifying cart/range fees)

Successful Qualifier Championship Entry Fee: \$75.00 (Fee is charged automatically to the player's credit card used for sectional qualifying registration who successfully qualifies and includes all championship site cart/range fees)

Exempt Player Entry Fee: \$165.00 (includes all championship site cart/range fees)

ENTRIES AND ONLINE REGISTRATION

All players, including those exempt, must register online at www.carolinasgolf.org. Mail-in applications are not accepted for this event. Fax, mail, e-mail, telephone, incomplete, illegible, or entries received before the opening date and after the closing date, are not accepted.

Exempt Players: Accepted into the championship proper at time of entry.

Non-exempt Players: Gain entry into the championship proper through sectional qualifying (see "Exemptions from Sectional Qualifying" and "Sectional Qualifying and Alternates" sections).

The CGA is not responsible for errors or delays by any internet service provider. Entries are only accepted between the open and close dates as stated above. Confirmation of acceptance is sent to players when their status is determined. Status may be checked at www.carolinasgolf.org. The appropriate entry fee must be paid at time of registration. **Players who "Did Not Show" (DNS) or "No Card" (NC) are suspended from next year's Carolinas Mid-Amateur Championship.**

REFUND POLICY

Entry fee refund policy schedule:

Open Date to Day Prior to Championship or Qualifying Date: Full refund minus \$30.00 administrative fee regardless of reason if entry accepted into championship or sectional qualifier.

Withdraw on Championship or Qualifying Date; No-Shows: No refund for any reason.

Alternates: Full refund if player does not gain entry into a qualifying site.

*Note: Refund policy and schedule applies to each entry fee stage. Example: Player pays \$115.00 entry fee to qualify. Player is successful in qualifying (\$115.00 entry fee has been used) and is automatically charged the \$75.00 championship entry fee balance due to their credit card. Player withdraws from the championship proper on the day prior to the first round. Player receives a refund of \$45.00 (\$75.00 championship entry fee balance-\$30.00 admin fee).

RULES

USGA Rules of Golf govern play. Questions will be decided by the on-site Rules Committee whose decision will be final. Notice to Players and local rules are posted at host club and distributed at the starting tee(s). The CGA reserves the right to alter the conditions or schedules as stated, including alteration of the stipulated round(s) at any time during the championship including sectional qualifying. The competition is closed when the championship trophy has been presented. Special requests for starting times or pairings are not granted.

CART/RANGE FEES; GOLF CARTS; CADDIES; SPECTATORS (NEW)

Sectional Qualifying: Qualifying round cart/range fees paid by the CGA and are included in the entry fee. Competitors have the option to either walk or use a golf cart during a qualifying round. Cart rental is mandatory for practice rounds.

Championship Site: Championship site cart/range fees paid by the CGA and are included in the entry fee. Competitors have the option to either walk or use a golf cart during championship rounds. Cart rental is mandatory for practice rounds.

Caddies: Caddies are allowed for sectional qualifying and championship rounds. Caddies will not be available at host club.

Caddie/Spectator Cart Policy: During the play of a hole, either the player or his caddie may ride in a golf cart but not both at the same time. Spectators are not allowed to ride in a player's golf cart at any time. Club owned spectator carts are not allowed except as provided in the CGA Tournament Manual.

CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT

The championship format is 54 holes of stroke play. After 36 holes, the field is cut to the low 60 scorers and ties. A tie for the overall championship is decided by an on-course playoff.

PRIZES

Merchandise prizes are awarded to the top 30 finishers at the championship proper and to the medalist at each qualifying site. Champion receives a trophy, merchandise from host club and possession of the *Darby Moore Trophy* for the ensuing year.

EXEMPTIONS FROM SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

Players in the following categories are exempt from sectional qualifying if otherwise eligible. A complete list of exempt players is available on page 2.

1. Champions of the Carolinas Amateur since 2005.
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3. Champions of the North Carolina Amateur since 2010.
4. Champions of the CGA South Carolina Amateur Match Play since 2010.
5. Champions of the North Carolina Mid-Amateur since 2010.
6. Champions of the SCGA South Carolina Amateur since 2010.
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8. Champions of the North Carolina Amateur Match Play since 2010.
9. 2014 Carolinas Senior Amateur champion.
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11. 2014 SCGA South Carolina Senior Amateur champion.
12. Players who finished 30th or better in the 2014 Carolinas Mid-Amateur.
13. 2014 Carolinas Men's Player of the Year.
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15. Players ranked in the Top 25 of the CGA Carolinas Men's Amateur Rankings as of opening date.
16. USGA individual champions since 2010.
17. 2014 USGA Championship qualifiers who advanced to match play at the amateur championships, finished top-100 at the U.S. Senior Open or advanced to the U.S. Open Championship proper.
18. Most recent Walker Cup Team members.
19. One exemption for championship host club.
20. 2014 Captain's Putter Carolinas Regular Team members.
21. Special exemption bestowed by the CGA.

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING AND ALTERNATES

Sectional qualifying is 18 holes of stroke play. The number of qualifiers' places at each site is determined by the CGA after entries close, based on the size of the field. All ties for the final qualifying position qualify for the championship. Assignment is based on the date/time the CGA receives and processes each entry form. **Qualifying site assignments cannot be changed after entries close.**

If a qualifying site is full at the time of registration, a player may opt to be placed on that site's alternate wait list or register at another qualifying site. A player may only register for one qualifying site. Wait list alternates and on-site alternates are ranked according to date/time an entry is received and processed.

Qualifying site player information is sent after entries are accepted.

*Note: Qualifying sites may be cancelled due to a lack of participation.

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING SCHEDULE

March 24

Carolina Lakes Golf Club, Indian Land, SC (Charlotte area)

March 26

Heritage Golf Club, Wake Forest, NC

March 28

Country Club of Whispering Pines (Pines), Whispering Pines, NC

March 30

Forest Oaks Country Club, Greensboro, NC

April 2

The Windermere Club, Blythewood, SC

CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 16

Tee times available for practice.

Friday, April 17

First round. 18 holes of stroke play.

Saturday, April 18

Second round. 18 holes of stroke play.

Field cut to low 60 scores and ties for final round.

Sunday, April 19

Final round. 18 holes of stroke play.

CONTACT INFORMATION

CGA: 910-673-1000 or e-mail: admin@carolinasgolf.org

Championship Site:

North Ridge Country Club: 919-846-9667

Qualifying Sites:

Carolina Lakes Golf Club: 803-547-9688

Country Club of Whispering Pines: 910-949-3000

Forest Oaks Country Club: 336-674-2241

Heritage Golf Club: 919-453-2020

The Windermere Club: 803-786-7888

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Last	First	City	State	Exemption
Allen	Jeff	Jacksonville	NC	5,12
Bowland	Blair	Burlington	NC	12
Brame	Steven	Henderson	NC	3
Branyon	Josh	Honea Path	SC	7
Britt	Sherrill	West End	NC	12
Cassetta	Chris	Winston-Salem	NC	20
Buffaloe	Chris	Raleigh	NC	12
Channell	Dean	Cary	NC	12, 20
Cloninger	Rick	Fort Mill	SC	11,14,17
Crenshaw	Matt	Burlington	NC	2,3,12,20
Dargan	Robert	Columbia	SC	7,12
Earnhardt	Greg	Greensboro	NC	12
Finster	John	Wake Forest	NC	2
Frye	Chad	Davidson	NC	12
Godfrey	Robert	Seneca	SC	2
Goins	Adam	Gaffney	SC	4
Grainger	Jim	Charlotte	NC	9
Grimes	Jarrett	Columbia	SC	2,12
Grisette	Uly	Winston Salem	NC	5,12
Harvey	Scott	Greensboro	NC	1,2,5,12,13,16,17,20
Hendley	Todd	Greer	SC	7,17
Hoft	JD	Bluffton	SC	12
Jackson	Jonathan	Chapel Hill	NC	12, 20
Jaspers	Joe	Huntersville	NC	5,12
Kilgo	Matt	Charlotte	NC	12
Laydon	Matt	Charleston	SC	4
Liebler	Steve	Irmo	SC	2,7,12,20
McClellan	Scott	Cary	NC	1
McNeill	JD	Raleigh	NC	12
Miller	Kelly	Southern Pines	NC	17
Mitchell	Chris	Prosperity	SC	12
Moore	Rion	Georgetown	SC	12
Palms	Lee	Greenville	SC	7
Patterson	John	Bluffton	SC	17
Pearson	Jim	Charlotte	NC	10
Pugh	Gary	Asheboro	NC	12
Sargent, Jr.	Herbie	Greensboro	NC	12
Simson	Paul	Raleigh	NC	1,12,16
Sutton	Lionel	La Grange	NC	12
Swiger	Michael	Raleigh	NC	12
Thompson	Pat	Asheville	NC	12
Todd, Sr	Walter	Laurens	SC	2,12,20
Tucker	Paul	Waxhaw	NC	2,12
Westveer	Brian	Charlotte	NC	5,12,20
White	Todd	Moore	SC	4,17,18
Wong	Jeff	Bluffton	SC	12