



# 55<sup>th</sup> Senior Amateur Championship of the Carolinas Golf Association

September 12-14, 2016

Gaston Country Club, Gastonia, NC

Entries Open: July 3 (8:00pm)

Entries Close: August 16 (11:59pm)



## ELIGIBILITY

Entry is open to any male amateur golfer who has reached his 55<sup>th</sup> birthday by September 12, 2016, and is either:

a. "Legal Resident" of North Carolina or South Carolina, 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® that does not exceed 10.4 at a CGA member club, or

b. "Non-Resident" who is a member of a Type I (Green Grass) CGA member club, has an active GHIN® USGA Handicap Index® that does not exceed 10.4 issued by a Type I (Green Grass) CGA member club, and owns a residence in North Carolina or South Carolina. Note: Non-residents must use their Carolinas residence address when registering for this championship.

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 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](#).

Championship Field Size: 132 players (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.carolinascgolf.org](http://www.carolinascgolf.org). Mail-in applications are no longer 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.carolinascgolf.org](http://www.carolinascgolf.org). The appropriate entry fee must be paid by each player at time of registration. **Players who "Did Not Show" (DNS) or "No Card" (NC) are suspended from next year's Carolinas Senior 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.

## 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 permanent 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 Senior Amateur since 2006.
2. Champions of the North Carolina Senior Amateur since 2011.
3. Champions of the SCGA South Carolina Senior Amateur since 2011.
4. Champions of the Carolinas Amateur since 2006.
5. Players who finished 30th or better at the 2015 Carolinas Senior Amateur.
6. Individual champions of CGA and SCGA championships since 2011.
7. Players who finished top 10 at the 2016 North Carolina Senior Amateur.
8. Players who finished top 10 at the 2016 SCGA South Carolina Senior Amateur.
9. 2015 Carolinas Men's Player of the Year.
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11. 2016 Carolinas Four-Ball champions.
12. 2016 Carolinas Senior Four-Ball champions.
13. Players ranked in the Top 40 of the CGA Carolinas Senior Men's Amateur Rankings as of entry opening date.
14. Past CGA individual champions are exempt in all CGA senior individual events for a period of one year from the date of their 55th birthday.
15. USGA individual champions since 2011.
16. 2015 USGA Championship qualifiers who advanced to match play at the amateur championships (individual or four-ball), finished top-100 at the U.S. Senior Open or advanced to the U.S. Open Championship proper.
17. Two exemptions for championship host club.
18. 2015 Captain's Putter Carolinas Regular Team or Senior Team members.
19. 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.

## QUALIFYING SCHEDULE

### August 22

Brier Creek Country Club, Raleigh, NC

### August 23

Ballantyne Country Club, Charlotte, NC

### August 25

Spring Valley Country Club, Columbia, SC

### September 1

Carolina Trace Country Club (Lake), Sanford, NC

### September 7

Rock Barn Golf and Spa, Conover, NC

## CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

### Sunday, September 11

Tee times available for practice.

### Monday, September 12

First round. 18 holes of stroke play.

### Tuesday, September 13

Second round. 18 holes of stroke play.

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

### Wednesday, September 14

Final round. 18 holes of stroke play.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

CGA: 910-673-1000 or e-mail: [admin@carolinascgolf.org](mailto:admin@carolinascgolf.org)

### Championship Site:

Gaston Country Club: 843-838-8250

### Qualifying Sites:

Brier Creek Country Club: 919-206-4653

Ballantyne Country Club: 704-341-3113

Spring Valley Country Club: 803-788-3084

Carolina Trace Country Club: 919-499-5611

Statesville Country Club: 704-873-8376

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Last	First	City	State	Exemptions	Last	First	City	State	Exemptions
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Ardery	Eric	Durham	NC	5	Liebler	Steve	Irmo	SC	13,16
Arnold	Mike	Mooresville	NC	7	Long	Bill	Ahoskie	NC	5,13
Berchiatti	Geno	Greenville	SC	5,8,13	Long	John	Murrells Inlet	SC	5,13
Boswell	Larry	Jamestown	NC	6	Luzar	Rick	Pinehurst	NC	5,6,13
Brown	Gary	Charlotte	NC	5,13	Masfield	Kim	High Point	NC	13
Burgess	Jim	Murrells Inlet	SC	5,8,13	McClellan	Scott	Cary	NC	4
Byman	Ed	Raleigh	NC	5,7,13,16	Miller	Kelly	Southern Pines	NC	5
Carpenter	Ron	Creedmoor	NC	5,6,13	Newton	Ernie	Winston-Salem	NC	13
Channell	Dean	Cary	NC	13	Odiorne	Walter	Blythewood	SC	5,13
Cloninger	Rick	Fort Mill	SC	1,3,5,13,16	Owens	Doug	Albemarle	NC	7,13
Congdon	Andy	Murrells Inlet	SC	3	Pearson	Jim	Charlotte	NC	2,5,12,13
Davis	Farley	High Point	NC	5,13	Perry	Russ	Winston-Salem	NC	1,2,5,13,18
Davis	Raymond	Apex	NC	13	Pike	Arlis	Kernersville	NC	6,13
Dennis	John	Greenville	SC	1	Porter	Dale	Leland	NC	5,13
Desjardins	Bob	Matthews	NC	6,13	Robinson	Gary	Fayetteville	NC	5,10,13,16,18
Detweiler	Don	Raleigh	NC	5,13	Rudolph	John	Charlotte	NC	5,13
Dirk	Alan	Sanford	NC	7	Rutter	Harrison	Winston-Salem	NC	7
Donlin	Ed	Concord	NC	13	Schmid	Mike	Monroe	NC	5
Eaker	David	Forest City	NC	7	Sharpe	Steve	Greensboro	NC	13
Edens	Bob	Columbia	SC	8,13	Simson	Paul	Raleigh	NC	1,2,7,13,15,16,18
Edmondson	Preston	Morrisville	NC	7,13	Sprouts	Mike	Newton	NC	6
Elam	Johnny	Charlotte	NC	5,13	Stringer	Bob	Blythewood	SC	6
Ford, III	Frank	Charleston	SC	3,5,13	Thompson	Pat	Asheville	NC	1,5,13,16,18
Fritz	John	Mint Hill	NC	5,13	Todd	Walter	Laurens	SC	5,8,13
Gallagher	Jim	Charlotte	NC	5	Turner	Kyle	Greenville	SC	8,13
Grainger	Jim	Charlotte	NC	1,5,7,12,13,18	Varn	Bob	Orangeburg	SC	8,13
Grandy	Matt	Greenville	SC	5,13	Vignati	Joe	Bluffton	SC	1
Hackler	Joe	Myrtle Beach	SC	6,13	Wallace	Holley	Columbia	SC	8
Hargett	Eddie	Blythewood	SC	8,13	Walters	John	Charlotte	NC	1,5,6
Hendley	Todd	Greer	SC	3,5,8,13	Waters	Keith	Raleigh	NC	5,13,18
Hendrick	Joe	Chesterfield	SC	8	Weiner	Mike	Kiawah Island	SC	6
Hite	Carey	Columbia	SC	6	Williford	Billy	Durham	NC	13
Hunter	Roy	Pawleys Island	SC	8,13	Wilson	Steve	Wilmington	NC	13
Kidd	Steven	Liberty	NC	13	Yow	Bob	Clinton	NC	13
King	Kevin	Bluffton	SC	8,13					