



# 103<sup>rd</sup> Amateur Championship of the Carolinas Golf Association

July 13-16, 2017

The Golf Club at Briar's Creek, Johns Island, SC

Entries Open: April 2 (8:00pm) Entries Close: May 25 (11:59pm)



## ELIGIBILITY

Entry is open to any male amateur golfer who has reached his 13<sup>th</sup> birthday by July 13, 2017, 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 **7.4**. 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. All players must conform to the "USGA Rules of Amateur Status" as specified in "The Rules of Golf".

**College Student Eligibility:** A college student is considered a resident of their parent(s)/guardian(s) "Legal Residency Criteria" as stated in the CGA Tournament Manual unless said student (a) has no dependency on his/her parents; and (b) lives full time in North Carolina or South Carolina.

For complete residency and eligibility requirements, refer to the [CGA Tournament Manual](#).

Approximate championship field size: 144 players.

## ENTRY FEES (All Cart/Range Fees Paid by the CGA to the Host Club)

**Sectional Qualifying Entry Fee:** \$130.00 (includes sectional qualifying cart/range fees)

**Concurrent Qualifying with Carolinas Amateur:** \$230.00 (includes all fees for both qualifiers)

**Successful Qualifier Championship Entry Fee:** \$60.00 (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 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.

**Withdrawal 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.

## 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.

## COURSE FEES; GOLF CARTS; CADDIES; SPECTATORS

**Sectional Qualifying:** Qualifying round cart fee paid by the CGA and is included in the entry fee. Cart rental is mandatory for practice rounds.

**Championship Site:** CGA will pay cart and range fees for all championship rounds. Competitors have the option to either walk or use a golf cart during championship rounds. Cart and range fee 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.

## FORMAT

The championship format is 72 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.

## CAPERS CUP 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 players with the four lowest USGA Handicap Indexes. Team rosters are due to the CGA by July 6.

## PRIZES

Champion receives a trophy, merchandise from host club and name inscribed on the *Richard S. Tufts Trophy*. Merchandise prizes are awarded to the top 30 finishers at the championship proper. Trophies are awarded to members of the winning team of the Capers Cup Competition. Trophies and merchandise are awarded to the medalist(s) at each sectional qualifying site.

## 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 2007.
2. Champions of the North Carolina Amateur since 2012.
3. Champions of the CGA South Carolina Amateur Match Play since 2012.
4. Champions of the Carolinas Mid-Amateur since 2012.
5. Champions of the North Carolina Mid-Amateur since 2012.
6. Players who finished in the top 30 at the 2016 Carolinas Amateur.
7. Champions of the SCGA South Carolina Amateur since 2012.
8. Champions of the SCGA South Carolina Mid-Amateur since 2012.
9. Champions of the North Carolina Amateur Match Play since 2012.
10. 2016 Carolinas Senior Amateur champion.
11. 2016 Carolinas Junior Boys Champion.
12. 2017 Carolinian Amateur Champion.
13. 2017 Carolinas Four-Ball champions.
14. 2017 Carolinas Senior Four-Ball champions.
15. 2016 Carolinas Men's Player of the Year.
16. 2016 Carolinas Senior Men's Player of the Year.
17. 2016 Carolinas Junior Boys Player of the Year.
18. USGA individual and four-ball champions since 2012.
19. 2016 USGA Championship qualifiers.
20. Most recent Walker Cup Team members.
21. Two exemptions for championship host club.
22. Players ranked in Top 50 of CGA Men's Amateur Rankings as of opening date.
23. 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.

## CONCURRENT QUALIFYING WITH NC AMATEUR & NC AMATEUR MATCH PLAY

Players who choose to qualify for two championships concurrently **must** sign up for both qualifiers; your single score will count for both qualifiers. You may choose to only enter one qualifier.

## QUALIFYING SCHEDULE

### June 7

Mimosa Hills Country Club, Morganton, NC\*

### June 21

Green Valley Country Club, Greenville, SC

### June 21

Mill Creek Golf Club, Mebane, NC

### June 26

Columbia Country Club, Blythewood, SC

### June 26

Cabarrus Country Club, Concord, NC\*

### June 29

Wilmington Municipal Golf Club, Wilmington, NC

### July 6

The Club at 12 Oaks, Holly Springs, NC\*

\*Concurrent with NC Amateur Qualifying

\*Concurrent with NC Match Play Qualifying

## CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, July 12

Tee times available for practice.

### Thursday, July 13

First round. 18 holes of stroke play.

### Friday, July 14

Second round. 18 holes of stroke play.

Field cut to low 60 scores and ties.

### Saturday, July 15

Third round. 18 holes of stroke play.

### Sunday, July 16

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:

The Golf Club at Briar's Creek, Johns Island, SC: 843-768-3050

### Qualifying Sites:

Mimosa Hills Country Club, Morganton, NC: 828-437-2967

Green Valley Country Club, Greenville, SC: 864-246-2141

Mill Creek Golf Club, Mebane, NC: 919-563-4653

Columbia Country Club, Blythewood, SC: 803-754-8109

Cabarrus Country Club, Concord, NC: 704-786-3104

Wilmington Municipal Golf Club, Wilmington, NC: 910-791-0558

The Club at 12 Oaks, Holly Springs, NC: 919-285-3680



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**Exempt Players**

**1. Champions of the Carolinas Amateur since 2007**

Logan Harrell, Scott Harvey, Carter Jenkins, Ben Kohles, Patrick Rada, Christian Sease and Carson Young

**2. Champions of the North Carolina Amateur since 2012**

Steven Brame, Matt Crenshaw, Carter Jenkins, Nicholas Lyerty and Joshua Martin

**3. Champions of the CGA South Carolina Amateur Match Play since 2012**

Connor Bruns, Adam Goins, Bradley Kauffman, Matt Laydon and Andrew Novak

**4. Champions of the Carolinas Mid-Amateur since 2012**

Sherrill Britt, Matt Crenshaw and Scott Harvey

**5. Champions of the North Carolina Mid-Amateur since 2012**

Jeff Allen, Greg Earnhardt, Scott Harvey and Joe Jaspers

**6. Players who finished in the top 30 at the 2016 Carolinas Amateur**

Eric Bae, Josh Branyon, Matt Carter, Preston Cole, Tim Conover, Chad Cox, Eric Edwards, Matt Elliott, Reilly Erhardt, Stephen Franken, Scott Harvey, Keegan Hoff, Bryce Howell, Joe Jaspers, Chris Jones, Julian Keur, Eric Mitchell, Chandler Mulkey, Kevin O'Connell, John Pitt, William Rainey, Doc Redman, David Sargent, Patrick Schweitz, Christian Sease, Justin Tereshko, Andrew Ward, Hunter Watkins, Carson Young and Austin Zoller

**7. Champions of the SCGA South Carolina Amateur since 2012**

Keenan Huskey, Andrew Novak, Cody Proveaux and Carson Young

**8. Champions of the SCGA South Carolina Mid-Amateur since 2012**

Robert Dargan, Chris Eassy, Todd Hendley and Lee Palms

**9. Champions of the North Carolina Amateur Match Play since 2012**

Matt Crenshaw, Al Dickens IV, Carter Jenkins, David Kocher and William Rainey

**10. 2016 Carolinas Senior Amateur champion**

Preston Edmondson

**11. 2016 Carolinas Junior Boys Champion**

Jacob Bridgeman

**12. 2017 Carolinian Amateur Champion**

Will be posted May 22

**13. 2017 Carolinas Four-Ball champions**

Will be posted May 7

**14. 2017 Carolinas Senior Four-Ball champions**

Will be posted June 9

**15. 2016 Carolinas Men's Player of the Year**

Scott Harvey

**16. 2016 Carolinas Senior Men's Player of the Year**

Paul Simson

**17. 2016 Carolinas Junior Boys Player of the Year**

Trent Phillips

**18. USGA individual and four-ball champions since 2012**

Scott Harvey and Paul Simson

**19. 2016 USGA Championship qualifiers**

Anthony Baker, Geno Berchiatti, Akshay Bhatia, Brett Boner, Tim Bunten, Miller Capps, Michael Childress, Brad Clark, Bryan Colquitt, Carter Cook, Robert Dargan, Brian Dreier, Eric Edwards, Frank Ford, Stephen Franken, John Freeman, Jim Gallagher, David Gies II, Jeremy Grab, Benjamin Griffin, Jarrett Grimes, Aman Gupta, Scott Harvey, Todd Hendley, Jacob Hicks, Matthew Hopper, Thomas Hunter, Charles Ipock, Logan Jackson, Tyler Johnson, Chris Jones, Joe Kastelic, David Kocher, Addison Lambeth, Brian Langley, Nicholas Lyerty, Brandon Mader, Travis Mancill, Ellison McCoy, Nolan Mills, Josh Nichols, Bryson Nimmer, Kevin O'Connell, Richard Oref, Carson Ownbey, Lee Palms, Jack Parrot, John Patterson, Colby Patton, Jim Pearson, Arjun Puri, Brian Quackenbush, Doc Redman, William Register, Samuel Ring, Gary Robinson, Brent Roof, Ben Schlottman, Steve Sharpe, Matthew Sharpstene, Harrison Shih, Henry Shimp, Rob Simmons, Alex Smalley, Conner Sock, Richard Taylor, Thomas Todd, Justin Tereshko, Paul Tucker, Cam Warren, William Wears, Todd White, Stephen Woodard, Trevor Worrell and Grayson Wotnosky

**20. Most recent Walker Cup Team members**

Scott Harvey

**21. Two exemptions for championship host club**

TBD

**22. Players ranked in Top 50 of CGA Men's Amateur Rankings as of opening date**

Eric Bae, Brett Boner, Josh Branyon, Sherrill Britt, Connor Bruns, Miller Capps, Joseph Cansler, Matt Carter, Preston Cole, Tim Conover, Wesley Conover, Chad Cox, Greg Earnhardt, Thomas Eldridge, Matt Elliott, Stephen Franken, David Gies, Benjamin Griffin, Jarrett Grimes, William Gordon, Scott Harvey, Johnson Holliday, Bryce Howell, Keenan Huskey, Julian Keur, David Kocher, Steve Liebler, Thomas Lilly, Nicholas Lyerty, Dustin Moore, Bryson Nimmer, Andrew Novak, Kevin O'Connell, Trent Phillips, Brian Quackenbush, William Rainey, Doc Redman, William Register, David Sargent, Ben Schlottman, Christian Sease, Alex Smalley, Jackson Spires, Blake Taylor, Justin Tereshko, Paul Tucker, Thomas Walsh, Todd White, Carson Young and Austin Zoller

**23. Special exemption bestowed by the CGA**