

2015 CALIFORNIA SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Mesa Verde CC
Nov. 2-4



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Dear Contestant:

Congratulations on qualifying for the 24th California Senior Amateur Championship! Over the years, many great senior amateurs have etched their name on our championship trophy and into the history books – now it's your turn.

This championship originated in 1992 and was held at Ojai Valley Inn for the first two years and then moved to Poppy Hills Golf Course for the next 16 years. Similar to the California Amateur Championship, our state's premier senior amateur championship now rotates to select courses throughout the state. A north/south rotation takes place in opposite years of the California Amateur Championship.

We are pleased to offer you Mesa Verde Country Club as our 2015 championship host venue. Mesa Verde Country Club has volunteered its facilities for the championship and is eager to make this championship a memorable one for everyone involved. Please take time to acknowledge both the members and staff that will be watching and working the event.

Enclosed is important information on all aspects of the tournament. Please review the information as it is intended to help make your championship week run as smoothly as possible.

Have a wonderful championship.

Sincerely,

Al Frank
President, California Golf Association



Welcome California Golf Association and the Players participating in the 2015 California Senior Amateur Championship

Mesa Verde Country Club will carry on a tradition of hosting major Amateur and Professional Tournaments with the playing of the California Senior Amateur. Mesa Verde, designed by William F. "Billy" Bell and opened in 1959 hosted the first of four Orange County Opens that same year. The inaugural event was won by Jay Herbert, followed by Billy Casper in 1960, Bob McCallister in 1961 and "Champagne" Tony Lema in 1962. It was at the Orange County Open Mr. Lema became Champagne Tony by buying the Press Corps champagne to celebrate his victory. Tony Lema went on to win the British Open in 1964 and played on the 1963 and 1965 Ryder Cup Teams but died tragically in a plane crash in 1966.

Mesa Verde hosted the 1979, 1980 and 1981 LPGA Kemper Open won by JoAnne Carner, Nancy Lopez and Pat Bradley. The LPGA returned to Mesa Verde hosting the Uniden Invitational in 1984 (Nancy Lopez), 1985 (Bonnie Lauer), 1986 (Mary Beth Zimmerman).

In 1995 Mesa Verde was host to the Champion's Tour Toshiba Senior Classic won by George Archer over many recognizable names such as Chi Chi Rodriguez, Dave Stockton, Al Geiberger, Tom Weiskopf and Lee Trevino.

Mesa Verde hosted the 1993 USGA Girls Amateur Championship won by Orange County's Kellee Booth. The SCGA Mid Amateur Tournament in 2003 won by Eric Wang and the 2011 SCGA Mid Amateur won by Scott Almquist. Mesa Verde looks forward to hosting the CGA Senior Amateur Championship.

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FORMAT



John Pate

2014 California Senior Amateur Champion

Monday, November 2 – 18 holes of stroke play.

52 players starting at 8 a.m. in groups of four off tee 1;

52 players starting at 8 a.m. in groups of four off tee 10.

Tuesday, November 3 – 18 holes of stroke play.

52 players starting at 8 a.m. in groups of four off tee 1;

52 players starting at 8 a.m. in groups of four off tee 10.

CUT: *The field will be cut to the low 33 players and ties.*

Wednesday, November 4 – 18 holes of stroke play.

33 players and ties starting at 8 a.m. in groups of three off tee 1.

NORTH / SOUTH CHALLENGE

The North / South Challenge is a two-day competition between the Northern California Golf Association and the Southern California Golf Association, which takes place during the first two rounds of the tournament. The winning team will hold the rights to the Senior Cup. Each team is selected by its respective association. The final results are based on the best three scores out of four for each of the teams over the course of the first two rounds.

ENTRY FEE

The championship entry fee is \$200. If you entered sectional qualifying using your credit card through the online registration system, your card will automatically be charged the additional \$200. In addition to the tournament rounds, the entry fee includes one practice round, breakfast and lunch each day, golf cart usage during the championship, and range balls. All exempt players will pay the \$200 entry fee upon registering and will not be charged any additional entry fees.

PAIRINGS

Pairings will be available on the Northern California Golf Association website at ncga.org and the Southern California Golf Association website at scga.org approximately two weeks prior to the championship.

REGISTRATION: REQUIRED FOR ALL CONTESTANTS

All players must register with CGA staff prior to their first round of stroke play on Monday. Registration will be available on Sunday beginning at 9 a.m. as well as on Monday beginning at 6:30 a.m. Registration will be located adjacent to the driving range entrance in the parking lot. At registration, players will receive important last-minute information about the host facility and the tournament.

PRACTICE ROUNDS – CONTESTANTS ONLY

Mesa Verde Country Club will host one complimentary practice round for each participant. Guests will not be allowed. Caddies are permitted to accompany their player during their practice round but will not be allowed to play.

To be fair to all participants, **calls for practice rounds will not be accepted until Friday, October 9.** Contact the Mesa Verde Golf Shop at (714) 549-0522 to reserve a practice round. Reservations will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis and all practice rounds will be issued at the sole discretion of the club.

Practice round blocks are as follows:

- **Saturday, October 31: 1 – 2:30 p.m.**
- **Sunday, November 1: 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. and 1 – 2 p.m.**

Local players are encouraged to play practice rounds at an earlier date in order for those traveling greater distances to be accommodated on the weekend leading up to the championship.

Players and caddies may walk or use a golf cart during their practice round. Cart fee is \$20/player. Players and caddies must adhere to the dress code in this document at all times.

NOTE: Food and beverage may be purchased from the snack bar during the practice round. Cash and reciprocal charge will be the only acceptable methods of payment at the snack bar. Credit cards will only be accepted in the golf shop.

TEES AND YARDAGES

A variety of yardages will be used throughout the championship. In general, the course will play from the club's blue yardage. Course Rating: 71.5 / Slope: 129 / Approx. 6,503 yards / Par 71. See pages 7 – 9 for hole-by-hole descriptions.

DRIVING RANGE AND PRACTICE FACILITY

The driving range and other practice facilities will be available starting at 6:30 a.m. each day of the championship.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE (PLAYERS ONLY)

A hosted breakfast and lunch will be available each day for players only. Breakfast will be served in Mesa Verde's main dining room, and lunch will be served outdoors near the scoreboard. The snack bar will also be available for contestants to purchase items with cash or reciprocal charge.

The following schedule indicates when player meals will be available:

Date	Meal	Time
Monday, 11/2	Breakfast	6:30 – 9:30 a.m.
	Lunch	12 – 3:15 p.m.
Tuesday, 11/3	Breakfast	6:30 – 9:30 a.m.
	Lunch	12 – 3:15 p.m.
Wednesday, 11/4	Breakfast	6:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
	Lunch	11:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE (CADDIES AND SPECTATORS)

Caddies and spectators may purchase food and beverage items at the snack bar. Cash and reciprocal charges will be the only acceptable methods of payment.

SPECTATOR INFORMATION

All spectators must adhere to the dress code and cell phone policies listed in this document. Restrooms are available near the snack bar and on course.

DIRECTIONS

Mesa Verde Country Club
3000 Club House Road
Costa Mesa, CA 92626
(714) 549-0522

Directions: I-405 to Harbor Blvd.; South to Baker; Right ¾-mile to Mesa Verde Dr. East; Right to Clubhouse Rd.

[Click here](#) for directions.

PARKING

Ample parking is available for players, caddies and spectators in the Mesa Verde CC parking lot.

HOTEL INFORMATION

We have arranged a block of rooms at the Courtyard Costa Mesa South Coast Metro.

Courtyard Costa Mesa South Coast Metro

3002 South Harbor Boulevard
Santa Ana, CA 92704
(714) 545-1001

Located 3 ½ miles from Mesa Verde Country Club

Room rate: \$119 + tax

Players may make reservations and secure this discounted rate directly online by clicking here:

[CALIFORNIA SENIOR AMATEUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS](#)

Reservations must be made by October 12, after which the discounted rate will no longer be available.

AIRPORTS

John Wayne Airport – SNA (approx. 6 miles from Mesa Verde CC)
Los Angeles International Airport – LAX (approx. 40 miles from Mesa Verde CC)
Ontario Airport – ONT (approx. 50 miles from Mesa Verde CC)
Burbank Airport – BUR (approx. 55 miles from Mesa Verde CC)

RULES OF PLAY

- Play is governed by the 2012 – 2015 USGA Rules of Golf.
- A Notice to Players addendum will be distributed at the championship site. Disregard all other club posted Local Rules including those on the back of the club's score card.
- The Note to Rule 14-3 will be in effect, allowing players to use devices that measure distance only.

TRANSPORTATION

Automotive transportation during the championship is permitted for players and is included as part of the entry fee. Players have the option of either walking or riding. There will be a maximum of two carts per group and two bags per cart. Each player is entitled to one seat in a cart. If a player brings a caddie, the caddie may ride provided there is a vacant seat in one of the carts. Otherwise, either the player or the caddie must walk.

Players wishing to use a push cart must rent one from Mesa Verde CC; you may not use your own.

CADDIES

Players may provide their own caddie. All caddies must adhere to the dress code. Caddies will be issued an official CGA caddie bib at the tee prior to each round which should be worn during the round and returned each day. Players bringing their own caddie are responsible for their conduct at all times while on Mesa Verde Country Club's property.

CELL PHONES

Phone calls may only be placed in the club's parking lot. While in the clubhouse or on the course, cell phones must either be turned off or to silent mode.

DRESS CODE

APPLIES TO PLAYERS, CADDIES AND SPECTATORS:

All persons must be properly attired in golf shirts, slacks, Bermuda-length dress or golf shorts and soft spike shoes. Jeans (any color or any kind), T-shirts and tank tops will not be permitted. Shirts must be tucked in and hats are to be worn forward at all times. **Neither cargo pants nor cargo shorts are permitted.**

PACE OF PLAY POLICY

The CGA checkpoint pace of play policy will be in effect. The policy leaves the responsibility for maintaining the pace of play where it belongs – with you, the player. If you are the first group out, play efficient golf. If you are in a following group, keep up with the group in front of you and you will not have a pace of play issue. If you have any questions, please talk to a CGA official prior to your round.

MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TIME

Each group will be issued a maximum allowable time to complete 18 holes. Time charts outlining the time per hole, including the finish times for the checkpoint holes, will be detailed on each player's score card. When a group falls behind – regardless of the reason – it must regain its position. Time for ball searches, rulings and walking between holes is included in the maximum allowable time.

OUT OF POSITION

First group: The first group is out of position if it takes more than the maximum allowable time to finish after a checkpoint hole.

Following Groups: A following group is out of position if it:

- a. Takes more than the maximum allowable time to finish after a checkpoint hole, and
- b. Completes play of a checkpoint hole more than 14 minutes after the preceding group completed play of that hole.

When a group is out of position at a checkpoint, it will be notified by a checkpoint official. When a group has been notified of a missed checkpoint, that group is expected to regain its position before reaching the next checkpoint. If that group reaches the next checkpoint out of position, each player in the group may incur the applicable penalty for a breach of these guidelines. Any group that is out of position may be monitored by an official. A player concerned about a non-responsive (slow) fellow-competitor in his group, who is delaying play, should request an official to monitor the group in case the group is or becomes liable to penalty under these guidelines.

PENALTIES

When a group is out of position at any checkpoint, the players in the group are liable to penalty under these guidelines. Players in a group that has missed one or more checkpoints will be liable to penalty according to the following schedule of penalties pending final determination of whether a breach or breaches of these guidelines have occurred. Checkpoints will be on completion (flagstick in the hole) of the 9th and 18th holes.

- 1st missed checkpoint* – warning
- 2nd missed checkpoint – liable to a one-stroke penalty

*If a group clears the first checkpoint without issue but is out of position at the second checkpoint, each player in the group is liable to a one-stroke penalty if, in the Committee's view, a reasonable effort was not made by the players to complete their round within the maximum allowable time.

FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING BREACH / REVIEW PROCESS

Before returning his score card, a player who is liable for penalty during his round may consult with the Pace of Play Committee to determine if he has incurred a penalty under these guidelines. The Pace of Play Committee will determine that a player who has been found to be out of position is not in breach of these guidelines only if:

- a. the player was delayed by the Committee;
- b. the player was delayed by a circumstance beyond the control of the player or group; or
- c. the player was delayed by another player in the group.

A player who was out of position during his round and who elects not to consult with the Pace of Play Committee to determine whether he was in breach of these guidelines is deemed to be in breach of these guidelines and incurs a penalty or penalties according to the above schedule of penalties. If a player or group incurs a penalty, penalties are to be applied to the checkpoint hole where the breach occurred.

ABOUT MESA VERDE COUNTRY CLUB

Club Established: 1959

Architect: William F. Bell

Yardage: 6,503

Course Rating: 71.5

Slope: 129

Greens: Poa Annua

Fairways: Kikuyu

Tees: Over-seeded Bermuda

Rough: Kikuyu / Poa Annua

Men's Course Record: Alan Tapie / John Burckle: 62



HOLE-BY-HOLE DESCRIPTIONS

Yardages below represent the course's blue yardage. There will be variety throughout the championship.

Hole 1: 460 yards, Par 5

Dogleg Right. The long hitter can reach this green in two with a well-placed tee shot. The optimum target is the left-center of the fairway. This will leave a fairway or long iron to the green. The left side of the fairway is guarded by a bunker approximately 230 yards from the blue tee with a necessary carry of 260 yards to avoid. The putting surface is large and undulating, guarded by bunkers left and right.

Hole 2: 358 yards, Par 4

Straightaway, elevated green. This difficult short par-4 can be played several ways. With a right fairway bunker located 250 yards from the blue tee and a narrow fairway, some players choose to lay-up with their tee shot. The putting green has an elevation change of 4 feet back to front, dissected by a large swale dividing the upper and lower portions of the green.

Hole 3: 166 yards, Par 3

This is a straightaway par-3 which is a short to middle iron for the low handicapper. This green is guarded in the front by two large bunkers. An error long and left will find a bunker to contend with and a putting surface that moves from back to front with a swale that challenges making par.

Hole 4: 562 yards, Par 5

A well-played tee shot must negotiate a tree-lined chute for the first 100 yards and is best played to the right-hand side of the fairway. The player whose tee shot lands left must negotiate a large stand of Monterey Pines. The fairway is tree-lined for its entire length and is narrow. The putting surface is well-guarded by bunkers with a swale at midpoint moving down to the rear portion of the green.

Hole 5: 414 yards, Par 4

The optimum tee shot will hug the left side of the fairway leaving a straight shot to the green. The green is surrounded by bunkers and is slightly elevated in the front with subtle undulations that will challenge the players.

Hole 6: 380 yards, Par 4

This is one of the easier holes on the front nine but players will have to negotiate a left fairway bunker approximately 235 yards from the blue tees and a right fairway bunker approximately 255 yards from the blue tees. The green slopes back to front with a swale running diagonally from right to left with bunkers front and back right.

Hole 7: 207 yards, Par 3

This is the longest par three on the course. On top of that, it plays directly into the teeth of the prevailing wind which makes it play one to two clubs longer than its yardage. The green is quite large and the hole locations are fairly accessible except for a back left placement which is hard to get at considering the length and a front-left bunker. The safe play is to the center of the green.

**Hole 8: 388 yards, Par 4**

This is a straight-forward hole. It plays longer because it is into the prevailing wind. There is a fairway bunker on the left side in the landing area approximately 220 yards from the blue tee.

A couple of mature trees overhang the right side of the fairway so the premium on this hole is the tee shot. The front of the green is guarded by bunkers left and right, and the putting surface undulates with numerous subtle hole locations.

Hole 9: 380 yards, Par 4

A great finish to the front nine is what this hole provides. Again, there is a premium on the tee shot because of the lake which starts at about 100 yards from the green and a right fairway bunker 230 yards from the blue tee. The putting surface is guarded by bunkers left and right and slopes from back to front, demanding a well-placed shot below the hole.

**Hole 10: 442 yards, Par 4**

The elevated tee and downwind tee shot makes it a little shorter than the printed yardage. There is a lake on the left side of the fairway and another on the right to swallow up shots that miss the fairway. Once the ball is in play, the golfer is faced with a long approach shot to a green that is very deep and slopes left to right, once again making club selection important. Long putts have both speed and slope to contend with, making three-putting altogether too easy from a misplayed approach shot.

Hole 11: 564 yards, Par 5

The tee shot must be well struck. The left fairway is guarded by a bunker 285 yards from the blue tee. A good tee shot will afford the golfer the opportunity to play a fairway wood to a narrow, elevated landing area. Very long hitters must consider a long iron play because of a lake which comes into play on the right of the fairway and green. A good drive and solid lay-up shot will leave the player with a short iron to a long, undulating green which is guarded by a front-left bunker, the lake and bunker on the right side.

Hole 12: 129 yards, Par 3

While this is the shortest hole on the course, Architect Billy Bell found another opportunity to aim a tee shot right into the teeth of the prevailing wind. The wind adds one, and sometimes two clubs, to the tee shot. Awaiting a poorly struck tee shot are several hazards. There is a bunker left as well as a bunker directly in front of the green. A lake runs from the front of the green to the right side of the green. Out of bounds is behind and left of the green. The green is sloped back to front and is also quite rolling.

Hole 13: 557 yards, Par 5

This hole plays every inch of its yardage and then some due to the wind which is almost always in the golfer's face. To play the hole best, a tee shot down the center is the preferred shot. However, anything in the right half of the fairway is a good shot. There is an aiming bunker on the right side of the fairway 300 yards from the blue tee. The second shot can be anything from a three-wood to a long iron, depending on the player. It is definitely a lay-up shot, and the last hundred yards of approach is guarded by water both left and right. The preferred approach area is about 120 – 140 yards short of the green.

Hole 14: 381 yards, Par 4

This par-4 has a demanding tee shot. The landing area narrows to less than 25 yards and is pinched by fairway bunkers on the right from 225 to 260 yards and a thick stand of pines on the left. A wayward hook can also land the golfer in a lake which extends down the left side up to about 170 yards out from the green. A large yawning bunker protects the left front of the green with a slight false front and swale on the right side of the putting surface.

Hole 15: 360 yards, Par 4

This short par-4 is one of the easier holes on the course. It bends slightly to the right with a fairway bunker on the left side 275 yards from the blue tee and approximately 100 yards from the green.

There is a premium on club selection because of the greenside bunkers and also because of the slope of the green. With a severe back to front slope, those who get too aggressive and end up long and/or left, face a very touchy chip shot that will hold the green.

**Hole 16: 176 yards, Par 3**

Welcome to the “Terrible Ten,” the last ten shots on the course. It starts with a demanding tee shot to reach this narrow deep, well-guarded green. The undulating putting surface is difficult to chip to and offers demanding hole locations. In previous Amateur Championships, Hole 16 has been the second highest scoring hole against par.

Hole 17: 393 yards, Par 4

The second of three great finishing holes, Hole 17 is another terrific golf hole. The fairway begins to drop and turns right at about the 150-yard mark. The optimum tee shot is a fade down the left-center of the fairway. With the green sitting some forty feet below the fairway landing areas, front hole locations can be difficult, especially on the right side where a yawning bunker awaits the miss-hit approach. Shots ending up over the green face a delicate pitch back up the slope. Approach shots play about a club shorter due to the elevation change.

Hole 18: 186 yards, Par 3

Mesa Verde's 18th is a truly great finishing hole. The green is guarded by just about every danger known to a golfer. Bunkers on either side catch short shots. A rear bunker awaits the overly aggressive. Out of bounds sings its siren song along the left of the green and a watery grave awaits a weak or right tee shot.

To top it all off, the last full shot is, once again, directly into the teeth of the wind, which makes the shot one to two clubs longer. Generally, Hole 18 plays as the toughest hole on the course in relation to par.



CALIFORNIA SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONS

YEAR	CHAMPION	SITE
2014	John Pate	Poppy Hills GC
2013	Jim Knoll	San Gabriel CC
2012	Casey Boyns	Del Rio GCC
2011	Mark Nickeas	Saticoy CC
2010	Jeff Burda	Fort Washington GCC
2009	Jeff Burda	Poppy Hills GC
2008	Jeff Burda	Poppy Hills GC
2007	Gary Vanier	Poppy Hills GC
2006	Steve Bogan	Poppy Hills GC
2005	Robert Olds	Poppy Hills GC
2004	Rob Thompson	Poppy Hills GC
2003	Joe Dudley	Poppy Hills GC
2002	Ted Lyford	Poppy Hills GC
2001	Roly LaMontagne	Poppy Hills GC
2000	Mike Riley	Poppy Hills GC
1999	Tom Eastlack	Poppy Hills GC
1998	Jim McMurtrey	Poppy Hills GC
1997	Cliff Davis	Poppy Hills GC
1996	Paul Spengler	Poppy Hills GC
1995	Jim McMurtrey	Poppy Hills GC
1994	Jim McMurtrey	Poppy Hills GC
1993	Paul Ladin	Ojai Valley Inn
1992	Chuck Weil	Ojai Valley Inn