

117th SCGA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Barona Creek GC | July 8-10, 2016

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Dear Contestant,

Welcome to the 117th SCGA Amateur Championship!

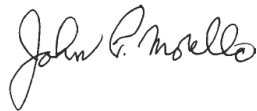
We at the SCGA are very grateful to the Barona Tribe for hosting the SCGA Amateur Championship at Barona Creek Golf Club. This awesome venue speaks for itself. I would also like to personally thank the Tribe for all of the charity that they distribute to the community of San Diego.

The SCGA Amateur Championship has been conducted each year since 1900 and is the second-oldest continuously contested amateur championship in the United States (the Utah State Amateur began in 1899). Several of Southern California's golfing greats have earned their way onto our Association's most prestigious prize. Players like George Von Elm, Charles Seaver, Roger Kelly, Bruce McCormick, Al Geiberger, Tiger Woods, John Merrick, Patrick Cantlay, and Beau Hossler have all won the SCGA Amateur. We look forward to welcoming one of you to this esteemed company this July.

The SCGA appreciates your participation in our championships and we want to encourage you to partake in other SCGA member benefits. We offer numerous other competitive playing opportunities, including our One-Day Series, Team Play, Scratch League and our newly-created Golf Leagues. We also offer Rules of Golf education, an extensive Member Outings program, and great deals throughout Southern California through our Member Advantage program. We manage and support youth access and instructional programs through our SCGA Junior Golf Foundation, and so much more. Additionally, we are extremely proud of scga.org, which is where you can expect to find complete coverage of this championship, including live scoring, videos, recap stories and more.

We hope you enjoy your experience at Barona Creek Golf Club, and I look forward to welcoming each of you on the first tee.

Bets of luck,



John Morello
President, SCGA



June 1, 2016

Dear Contestants,

Haawka (Welcome)! On behalf of the Barona Band of Mission Indians and the Barona Resort & Casino, we are honored to host the 117th SCGA Amateur Championship. It is our pleasure to welcome you and we are delighted that you have joined us here to play our beautiful Barona Creek Golf Club.

Opened in 2001, the Barona Creek Golf Club is the highest rated San Diego resort destination course in the *Golfweek Magazine* Top 10 and consistently ranked among legends such as Pebble Beach, Pasatiempo and Spyglass Hill.

The championship course, designed by Gary Roger Baird Design International and Todd Eckenrode, blends the best of golf tradition with environmental innovation. Each of the 18 holes at the Barona Creek Golf Club incorporates the land's natural rugged beauty and modern design testing a golfer's skill and providing a relaxed, serene recreational setting.

As stewards of the Barona Indian Reservation, our Tribe is passionate about preserving natural resources and we have led the golf industry in a variety of conservation efforts. We conserve water through state-of-the-art water recovery and retention programs and were one of the first golf courses in the country to implement a major turf reduction program which has served as a model for the industry. The Barona Valley is home to a wide variety of wildlife, and we are dedicated to enhancing the wildlife habitat. Our eco-friendly programs have been recognized by Audubon International, Golf Digest and San Diego Earthworks.

Over the years, Barona Creek has attracted top tournaments including the Web.com Tour Championship, the U.S. Open local qualifier, 2009 Southern California PGA Section Championship and numerous San Diego PGA Chapter tournaments. We are thrilled to host this prestigious amateur tournament this year.

We wish you the best of luck and hope you have some time to enjoy all that Barona has to offer during your visit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. M. LaChappa".

Clifford M. LaChappa
Chairman of the Barona Band of Mission Indians

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND FORMAT

Friday, July 8

Breakfast will be available for contestants in the Golf Events Center starting at 6 a.m.

Rounds 1 & 2 (36 holes, stroke play).

84 players will play two rounds.

Round 1 tee times from 7 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.

Lunch will be available in the Golf Events Center between rounds.

Round 2 tee times from 12:45 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.

Following the second round, the field will be cut to the low 42 scores (plus ties).

Saturday, July 9

Breakfast will be available for contestants in the Golf Events Center starting at 6:30 a.m.

Round 3 (18 holes, stroke play).

Tee times from 7:30 a.m. – approx. 9 a.m.

Lunch will be available in the Golf Events Center after the round.

Sunday, July 10

Breakfast will be available for contestants in the Golf Events Center starting at 6:30 a.m.

Round 4 (18 holes, stroke play).

Tee times from 7:30 – approx. 9 a.m.

Lunch will be available in the Golf Events Center after the round.

Awards will be presented immediately following the final round.

In the event of a tie for first place only, a three-hole aggregate playoff will commence immediately following the conclusion of regular play to determine the champion.

STARTING TIMES AND PAIRINGS

Starting times and pairings will be e-mailed to players and posted online at scga.org. Players are encouraged to arrive at their assigned tee well in advance of their starting time, as the SCGA starter will have information to discuss and distribute to each player in the group. Furthermore, players arriving late will be penalized under Rule 6-3a of the *Rules of Golf*. For example, the 9:00 a.m. starting time is defined as 9:00:00, and players arriving after that time are considered late. Lead groups should plan to be at their assigned tee 10 minutes in advance of their starting time. Subsequent groups are encouraged to arrive in time to watch the group in front of them tee off.

PRACTICE ROUNDS

One complimentary practice round will be issued to each championship contestant. Players wishing to schedule a practice round must contact Barona Creek Golf Club at (619) 387-7018 – **reservations will be accepted beginning on June 17**. A practice round block has been reserved on Thursday, July 7, beginning at 10 a.m. Requests for practice rounds outside that block will be issued on a space-available basis at the sole discretion of the club. Practice round cart fee: \$25 per player.

PARKING AND REGISTRATION

Ample parking is available surrounding the golf club and casino. All participants must check in at the SCGA registration table located adjacent to the bag drop area upon arrival on either Thursday or Friday morning.

DRIVING RANGE

The driving range will be open by 5:45 a.m. on each day of the championship. Range balls will be provided compliments of Barona Creek GC.

TEES AND HOLE YARDAGES

Play will predominantly be from the course's back yardages; however, there will be significant variety throughout the championship. Course Rating from Black Tees: 75.8 / Slope: 144 / Maximum Yardage: 7,393. See complete course details on pages 6 – 9.

LOCKER ROOM

Players will have access to the club's locker room facilities throughout the championship.

DRESS CODE

Players and caddies 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.

FOOD SERVICE – PLAYERS

The SCGA will host a complimentary buffet breakfast and lunch for players each day in the Golf Events Center. The snack bar will be open and available for players to purchase items with cash or credit cards.

FOOD SERVICE – CADDIES AND SPECTATORS

Caddies and spectators may purchase breakfast, lunch, and snack items at the snack bar which is located next to the golf shop.

PURCHASES AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

Cash and credit cards will be accepted for purchases in the golf shop and at the snack bar.

SPECTATOR INFORMATION

Spectators are welcome and encouraged to attend this event. Spectators must adhere to the dress code listed within this document and must walk. If spectators have any questions leading up to the event, please contact the SCGA Rules and Competitions Department at (818) 980-3630.

Spectators may purchase food and beverage items from the snack bar with cash or credit cards. Restrooms are located near the snack bar and on the course near the 5th and 13th tees.

CELL PHONE POLICY

Players, caddies, and spectators should turn cell phones off or to silent mode while on the property and limit calls to the club's parking lot. Live scoring will be available throughout the championship at scga.org.

PHOTO GALLERY

Professional photos will be taken throughout the championship. Photos will be available online and prints are available for download and purchase at scga.fototime.com.

CLUB CONTACT INFORMATION

Barona Creek Golf Club
1932 Wildcat Canyon Road
San Diego, CA 92040
barona.com

From San Vicente Freeway (67 Northbound), keep right and follow signs for Maplevue Street. Slight right onto Maplevue Street, turn left onto Ashwood Street for 1-mile, continue onto Wildcat Canyon Road for 5 ¼-miles, use two left lanes to turn left onto Founders Way for ¼-mile to the club.

[CLICK HERE FOR DIRECTIONS TO BARONA CREEK GC](#)

LODGING

A limited number of rooms have been secured at the Barona Resort and Casino. Players are strongly encouraged to secure reservations while supply lasts.

Barona Resort and Casino

1932 Wildcat Canyon Road
Lakeside, CA 92040
877-287-2624

Rate: \$129 (Thursday, July 7); \$199 (Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9)

*To obtain this rate, participants **must call the phone number listed above by June 21 while supply lasts** and reference the group code "SCGA Amateur Championship: GSCGA16."

RULES OF PLAY

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf, effective January, 2016. 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.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES AND CELL PHONES

A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. 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. A multi-functional device, such as a smartphone or PDA, may be used as a distance-measuring device, but it must not be used to gauge or measure other conditions where doing so would be a breach of Rule 14-3. Any questions about such devices should be resolved before the start of the stipulated round. Otherwise, cell phone use is discouraged during the stipulated round.

AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Automotive transportation is not permitted for players, caddies or spectators. Any player seeking a golf cart due to a disability must contact the SCGA Rules and Competitions Department at (818) 980-3630 to obtain information on the procedure for submitting such a request.

PULL OR PUSH CARTS

Pull or push carts are permitted; however, the club does not rent them.

CADDIES

Players may provide their own caddie. All caddies must adhere to the dress code listed in this document. Caddies will be issued an official SCGA caddie bib at the tee prior to each round which must be worn during the round and returned each day. Players bringing their own caddie are responsible for their conduct at all times while on Barona's property.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

By submitting an entry for any SCGA-administered competition, the contestant understands that his/her participation is at the sole discretion of the SCGA. A contestant may be removed from any competition at the discretion of the SCGA staff or Rules and Competitions Committee at any time before or during the competition. Incidents of unbecoming conduct or actions deemed to be detrimental to the image of the SCGA or the "Spirit of the Game" are grounds for such removal and suspension from future SCGA-administered competitions. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Willful damage of the golf course or golf course property
- Club throwing or unnecessary club tossing
- Offensive or unbecoming language
- Public criticism of golf course or verbal abuse of SCGA staff, officials, volunteers, host club staff or other contestants
- Potential endangerment of others
- Conduct deemed unbecoming
- Failure to post scores for handicapping purposes
- Manipulation of scores posted for handicapping purposes

CANCELLATION POLICY

To withdraw for any reason prior to the start of an SCGA competition, a player must notify the SCGA Rules and Competitions Department at (818) 980-3630, or by clicking [here](#).

If a player needs to withdraw on the morning of the event, notify the SCGA staff person through the golf shop staff at the host venue. Failure to notify the SCGA will subject the player to suspension from future SCGA competitions. Requests for refunds prior to the entry closing date will be honored less a \$10 administrative fee. Requests received after the entry closing date and 48 hours prior to the event will be honored less 50% of the entry fee. No refunds will be honored within 48 hours of the event.

PACE OF PLAY POLICY

The Tournament Committee will determine the maximum allowable time each group is permitted to play the stipulated round. This time will be posted on each player's score card and each player is expected to maintain a pace faster than the maximum allowable time. The stipulated round is complete when the last player in the group completes play of the final hole and the flagstick is replaced.

Lead Groups:

The lead group(s) must finish their stipulated round within the maximum allowable time established by the committee. If they finish over the maximum allowable time, each player will be assessed a penalty of two strokes to their score for the final hole.

Exception: If the lead group is held up by play that began on the opposite tee, they will be exempt from penalty if they finish over their maximum allowable time but within **14** minutes of the group in front of them.

Following Groups:

Any subsequent group must finish their stipulated round within the maximum allowable time established by the committee. If they finish over the maximum allowable time, they must finish within **14** minutes of the group in front of them. If they finish over the maximum allowable time and more than **14** minutes behind the group in front of them, each player will be assessed a penalty of two strokes to their score for the final hole.

Exemptions from Penalty:

If a group does not finish within their maximum allowable time due to circumstances beyond their control (such as a ruling or a ball search on the final hole, or any other circumstances which the Committee deems to be exceptional) but was otherwise in position during the play of the final four holes, the Committee may be justified in waiving the penalty. Being in position means to be immediately behind the group in front of you.

Any group that has a slow, deliberate or non-responsive player(s) may report the player(s) to SCGA Staff or a SCGA Rules Official at any time during the stipulated round, and the player(s) will be monitored. If SCGA Staff or a SCGA Rules Official identifies that a player(s) in the group is the cause of the group failing to maintain pace of play and determines other players are playing within the requirements of this policy, those meeting the requirements of this policy may be absolved from penalty while the others may not.

The SCGA reserves the right to review all penalty situations.

ABOUT BARONA CREEK GOLF CLUB

Club Established: 2001

Architect: Todd Eckenrode

Men's Course Record: 60 (Michael Letzig)

Greens: A-4 Bentgrass

Fairways: Bermuda

Rough: Bermuda

Course Rating: 75.8

Slope: 144

Yardage: 7,393

General Manager: Rick Salinas

Executive Director of Golf Operations: Don King

Superintendent: Sandy Clark



NOTES FROM BARONA CREEK GC

Yardages represent potential range during the championship

No. 1: 541 yards, Par 5

This slightly uphill par 5 is a nice starting hole to get your round off to a good start. You should favor the left side off the fairway because everything slopes more to the right than it appears. Many balls that appear safe down the right side end up in the fairway bunker. A giant oak tree in the center of the fairway, approximately 70 yards from the green, must be carefully negotiated for the second shot. Players that are unable to carry the oak tree should play left of the oak tree for an easy approach shot to the green. Once on the green, be careful, the green slopes from back to front more than it appears.

No. 2: 390 – 450 yards, Par 4

This is the second shortest Par 4 at Barona Creek GC. The aiming point off the tee is the right side of the bunker that guards the left side of the fairway. Once again, your tee shot will run to the right when it hits the fairway. For your second shot, if the hole location is front left, it is critical that you stay below the hole on your approach. The slope on the left side of the green kicks all balls toward the middle of the green. As you will find out, your work is not over once you are on the green. Putts are extremely fast from back to front.



No. 3: 196 – 260 yards, Par 3,

The first of four challenging par 3's. From the tee this hole looks extremely difficult. Although it is the longest of the par 3's, 260 from the black yardage, the prevailing wind at your back will allow you to take two clubs less than the yardage suggested. Tee shots that stray left will generously kick on the green. Also, remember this is the largest green on the course – 50 yards from front to back.

No. 4: 449 – 471 yards, Par 4,

This is the first risk/reward hole and is the number one handicap hole. The safe play is to stay to the right of the enormous bunker that dissects the center of the fairway. This will leave you with a mid-iron for your second shot. If you decide to take the risk and shorten the hole by going left of the bunker, beware that all balls that go that route tend to kick left into the native grass. But if you pull it off, you will have a short iron into the green.

No. 5: 396 – 423 yards, Par 4

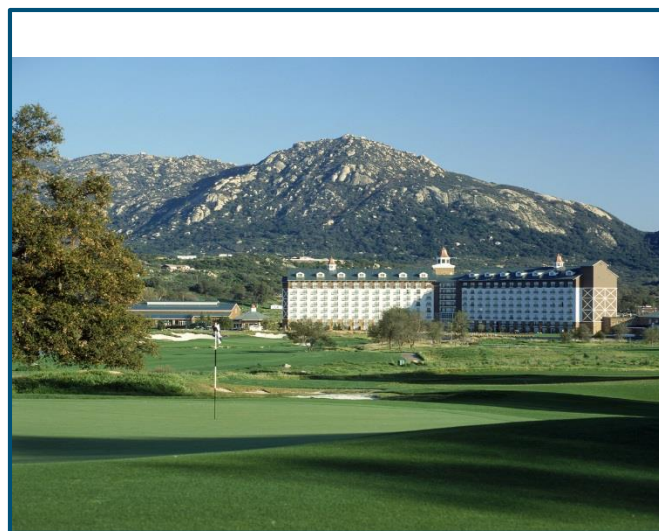
Hitting driver off the tee is not necessarily the play on this par 4. You're better off hitting a fairway wood and playing safe to avoid the series of bunkers on the right and lateral water hazards on the left. However, a warning to the player that chooses to hit driver – any ball that hits on the left border of the fairway will tend to kick toward the hazards. The large bunker on the right can be a safe place and does not play that difficult. Don't be long on your approach shot. It can be very difficult to get up and down from behind the green. The bunker guarding the front is much more forgiving than being long.

No. 6: 522 – 575 yards, Par 5

This downhill scenic par 5 is your best chance to make birdie. Keep your tee shot to the right of the rock that is on the left side of the fairway in the landing area. Any ball on that line or left of that will tend to kick into the native grass. If you have a chance to go for the green on your second shot, don't flirt with the right side or you may find your ball in the hazard that guards the right side of the green. There is a lot more room to the left of the green than there appears. However, any ball that is left of the green is almost impossible to get up and down. If you want to play it safe, play short of the green. Any third short from 100 yards and in should have a reasonable chance to make a birdie. All putts tend to break severely toward the creek.

No. 7: 171 – 191 yards, Par 3

The prevailing right to left wind must be considered when playing this up-hill par 3. If you tend to draw the ball you may get away with one less club than normal. But if you fade the ball, take at least one, or two, extra clubs. Pay close attention to the hole location. Once your ball hits the green it will kick to the left. It is extremely tough to make a par if you miss this green to the right.



No. 8: 299 – 406 yards, Par 4

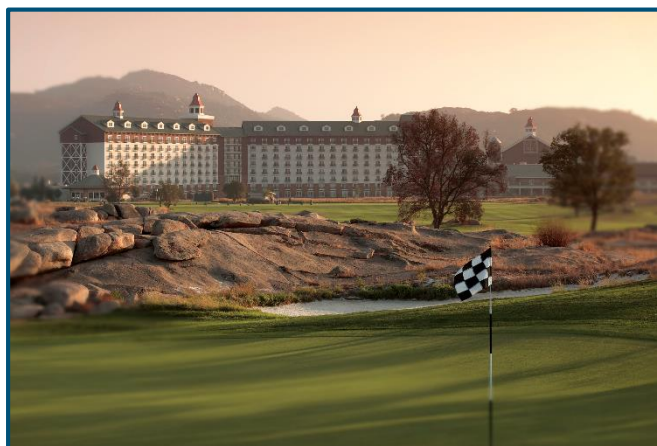
This is a very forgiving driving hole. The bunker on the left should not be a problem. This hole is all about the approach shot. Once again, knowledge of the hole location is extremely important. This green is 43 yards deep and poorly positioned approach shots can almost guarantee a three-putt. Take at least one, or two, clubs more than usual because of the prevailing head wind. Balls that land in the bunker guarding the right side of this green tend to plug. Balls in the bunker guarding the left side of the green are almost impossible to get close.

No. 9: 408 yards, Par 4

The closing hole on the front nine is very picturesque with the Barona Valley Ranch Hotel in the background and enormous Augusta white bunkers surrounding the green. This hole gives you the option of hitting a wood or iron off the tee. Your aiming point off the tee is the pot bunker that is in front of the green. The fairway slopes toward the water and the farther you hit it down the fairway the narrower it becomes. Approach shots that hit long back left will roll back toward the middle of the green.

No. 10: 449 yards, Par 4

The prevailing wind will help make this par 4 play easier than it appears. The fairway bunkers will generally not come into play, but any ball hit down the right side tends to kick right into the native grass. It is extremely difficult to get the ball up and down if you miss this green to the left. Any ball that hits short of the green will not roll up to the green. Be careful when putting toward the front, it can be very fast.

**No. 11: 125 – 189 yards, Par 3**

A spectacular par 3. You are generally hitting back into the wind, so take an extra club. There are no bail out areas on this hole.

No. 12: 419 yards, Par 4

This is the only blind driving hole on the course. There is no need to hit driver. Take a club you hit 200 – 225 yards and aim left of the fairway bunker. This will leave you with a reasonable approach into this dogleg right par 4. If you're feeling aggressive, take your driver and aim over the right side of the series of bunkers with a little fade and you will be perfect. However, don't miss it too far to the right or you will be in the native grass scrambling for a par. Also note, this green plays firmer than most and generally has the wind behind you.

No. 13: 534 – 566 yards, Par 5

The tee shot on this hole is critical. Make sure you aim slightly left of the bunkers. Any ball that starts fading to the right will more than likely end up in the native area that guards the fairway. If you elect to lay up, your second shot should be played left of the native area that dissects the fairway toward the series of trees to the left of the greenside bunker. If you have the opportunity to reach this green in two, do not miss your shot to the right. Any ball that strays to the right of this green will definitely end up in the native grass with an almost impossible downhill chip shot.

No. 14: 275 – 338 yards, Par 4

The most fun hole on the course. If you consider yourself a long hitter, take your driver and aim toward the greenside bunker on the left and let it rip. With a little fade you should have a putt for eagle. Miss hit it and you're looking at a double bogey. The safe play is to take a club that you hit 200 yards and you will take all the trouble out of play. Your next challenge is the severe slope of this green. Come up short and you will find your ball rolling 20 yards off the green. On paper this hole looks like a sure birdie; in reality, take your par and run.

**No. 15: 446 yards, Par 4**

The black tee is the highest point on the golf course and offers a breath taking view of the entire Barona Resort. When ready to tee off, aim toward the right side of the fairway where the slope will kick your ball toward the center. It is critical on your approach shot to have the correct yardage to the hole. The green is 43 yards deep and somewhat crowned. Any ball that hits the far left side of the green will roll down into a collection area making it difficult to save par.

No. 16: 136 – 174 yards, Par 3

Don't let all the bunkers that surround this green intimidate you. There is more room than it appears. Also, the green will appear to be closer due to the enormous size of the bunkers that surround it. A high ball flight is a must to get the ball to stop close to the hole. The prevailing wind is generally behind you and the green is firm.

No. 17: 566 – 580 yards, Par 5

Aim toward the windmill and let it rip. You have a lateral hazard that dissects the fairway and must be negotiated on your second shot. Your decision to go for the green in two should be based somewhat on the hole location. If you decide to lay up and the hole location is back, play to the right fairway. If the hole is up front, play to the left fairway. And if the hole is in the middle, flip a coin. This is definitely a risk/reward second shot coming down the stretch.

**No. 18: 484 yards, Par 4**

This is one of the best finishing holes you will find. Your aiming point for your tee shot should be the Golf Events Center. Also note that there is more room to the left than there appears. Most players will have a mid to long iron into to the green. On the approach shot, don't go left or you will be in the lake. There is plenty of room to the right to bail out. Unfortunately, it is extremely hard to get up and down from the right side collection area. Par is a great score on this difficult finishing hole.

SCGA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP EXEMPTIONS

- The past ten SCGA Amateur Champions (2006-2015)
- 2015 SCGA Amateur Championship (Top 10 finishers)
- 2016 SCGA Mid-Amateur Championship (Top 5 finishers)
- 2016 California Amateur Champion
- The past ten California Amateur Champions (2005-2014)
- 2015 California Amateur Championship - Match Play Qualifiers
- 2015 SCGA Senior Amateur Champion
- 2015 California Senior Amateur Champion
- 2015 SCGA Match Play Champion
- 2015 SCGA Public Links Champion
- 2015 SCGA Points List (Top 10 finishers)
- 2015 Winner of SCGA Tournament of Club Champions - Championship Flight
- 2016 SCGA Junior Amateur Boys Qualifier
- SCGA members who qualified for the 2015 U.S. Open Championship
- 2015 U.S. Amateur and U.S. Mid-Amateur - Match Play Qualifiers
- 2016 CIF-SCGA High School Champion
- 2016 CIF-CGA State High School Champion
- 2015 Southern California Junior Amateur Boys Champion
- SCGA members listed on the top 300 on the WAGR as of May 15, 2016
- Special Exemptions as selected by the Rules and Competitions Committee



Nathan Celusta
2015 SCGA Amateur Champion

117TH SCGA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP



2015 CHAMPIONSHIP RECAP

It had been quite some time since Nathan Celusta had found the winner's circle. So long, in fact, that he can't even remember his last tournament win. This one, though, will be hard to forget.

Celusta, a 38-year-old from Newbury Park, Calif., shot a 1-under-par 70 in the final round to claim victory at the 116th SCGA Amateur Championship at Oakmont CC, joining a list of past champions that includes Tiger Woods, Al Geiberger, John Merrick, Patrick Cantlay and Beau Hossler. He finished 4 strokes better than runner-up and University of Oregon sophomore Aaron Wise, who finished with a four-round total of 4-under-par 280.

Celusta held the outright lead after Rounds 2 and 3, and at one point in Round 4 extended his advantage over the rest of the field to 6 shots. With six holes to play and a 6 shot lead over Wise, Celusta looked like he had the tournament in the bag. But Wise was back in the mix after Celusta bogeyed the par-4 13th, his first blemish of the day, and a Wise birdie on No. 14. On hole 15, Celusta found himself in the front greenside bunker, again giving Wise the chance to creep a little closer.

With the door starting to crack open enough for a comeback, Celusta quickly slammed it shut, getting up and down on 15 and draining a long birdie putt on No. 16 to all but secure victory.

"When I look back at this tournament those are the two things that are going to stick out to me, that par save on No. 15 and the putt on No. 16, which really had no business going in the hole," said Celusta. "Aaron was putting so well, and I had been starting to leak a little oil, so to be able to turn it around right there was huge for me."

Celusta would finish the round with back-to-back bogeys, but the ending had already been written. With a tap-in bogey to end his day in front of a gallery of more than 100, Celusta would finally breathe a sigh of relief.

"This is the biggest win of my life," said Celusta, who spent a brief amount of time on the Web.com Tour nearly a decade ago. "I'm extremely proud of myself. To win this event, with this strong field, it certainly means a lot to me."

Celusta played solidly all weekend, putting together rounds of 67, 68, 71 and 70. He carried a hot putter all tournament, taming the tough Oakmont CC greens that he said reminded him a lot of the greens at his home course, Saticoy CC.

"I played in a qualifier on Monday prior to the tournament and I just seemed to figure something out with my putter towards the end," said Celusta, who works as the controller at Sherwood CC. "I was fortunate enough to be able to stay in that mental space and rely on my putter all week."

Joining Celusta and Wise in the Top 5 was Jonathan Sanders of the University of Washington, who finished at 3-under-par, and Corby Segal and Pete Fernandez Jr., who both finished at 2-under-par. It was Fernandez who shot the low round of the tournament, blazing Oakmont for a 6-under-par 65 on Saturday.

SCGA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

The SCGA Amateur is one of the nation's oldest continuously contested amateur golf championships. The first SCGA Amateur was held less than one year after the Southern California Golf Association was formed on July 29, 1899. Only the Utah Amateur, begun in 1899, has a longer consecutive string (the U.S. Open and U.S. Amateur both predate the SCGA Amateur, but both USGA events were suspended during war years).

A match play format was used for the first 58 years of the tournament. In 1957, the format was changed to 72 holes of stroke play. In 1973, increasing interest and the number of entries resulted in regional qualifying with a 36-hole finale. The 72-hole stroke play format was reinstituted in 1974. In addition to the championship itself, for many years the tournament also had net competition in flights. However, due to the increasing popularity of this portion of the tournament, a separate SCGA Amateur Net Championship was created in 1993.



Johnny Dawson (1942, 1944, 1945, 1952)

Notable winners in the 1950s included future PGA Champion Al Geiberger (in 1956 and 1959) and car dealer Fletcher Jones, while future PGA Tour members Barry Jaeckel, John Jacobs, Mark Pfeil, Tony Sills, Jeff Hart, Greg Twiggs, Dave Sheff, David Hobby, Paul Stankowski, Todd Demsey, Charlie Wi and John Merrick have won in subsequent decades.



Beau Hossler (2013, 2014)

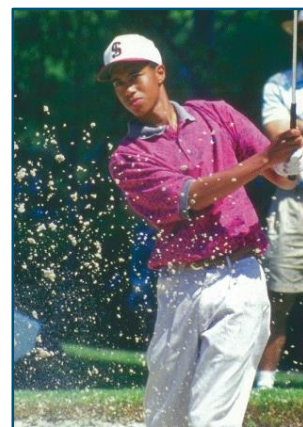
The list of SCGA Amateur champions includes many of the legendary names of golf. Charles E. Orr, who won the first title with a 6 and 4 win over SCGA President Charles Maud, was described as a "crack player from the Pasadena Country Club." Another Pasadena resident, Dr. Paul Hunter, won a record five SCGA Amateur titles from 1912 to 1929. In 1925, George Von Elm became the only player ever to win the SCGA Amateur, NCGA Amateur and California Amateur in the same year (a year later, he became the first Southern Californian to win the U.S. Amateur).

In 1933, another legendary amateur, Charles Seaver (who was also the father of baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Tom Seaver), won the California Amateur and NCGA Amateur. When he won the SCGA Amateur in 1934, he held all three titles at the same time for a few weeks; only Von Elm has equaled that feat.

The '40s were a golden age of golf in Southern California, with the likes of Johnny Dawson, Bobby Gardner and Bruce McCormick — all eventual Walker Cuppers — capturing SCGA Amateur titles.



George von Elm (1922, 1925, 1927)



Tiger Woods (1994)

In recent years, Craig Steinberg has won four SCGA Amateur titles (1988, 1991, 1992, 1997), just the third person to accomplish that feat, joining Dawson, who won four times, and Hunter, who won five titles. Scott McGihon joined the list of three-time winners when he won back-to-back titles in 2005-06, in addition to his 2000 win. In 1994, Tiger Woods, the most celebrated golfer of the current generation, won the SCGA Amateur at Hacienda GC, setting a four-round scoring record of 270, helped in large measure by a single-round record 62 in the third round. Woods scoring record held up until 2010 when Scott Travers finished the championship in a record setting 16-under-par. Patrick Cantlay capped off one of the great amateur golf summers by winning the SCGA Amateur in 2011 and Beau Hossler won back-to-back titles in 2013 and 2014.

Among those who have tried to win the SCGA Amateur and failed are Craig Stadler, Scott Simpson, Corey Pavin, Mark O'Meara, Phil Mickelson, Duffy Waldorf and Jason Gore.

SCGA AMATEUR CHAMPIONS

| YEAR | CHAMPION | SITE | YEAR | CHAMPION | SITE |
|------|-------------------|------------------------|------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| 2015 | Nathan Celusta | Oakmont CC | 1957 | Verne Callison | Lakeside GC |
| 2014 | Beau Hossler | Rancho Santa Fe GC | 1956 | Al Geiberger | Santa Ana CC |
| 2013 | Beau Hossler | San Diego CC | 1955 | Jerry Steelsmith | Annandale GC |
| 2012 | Bhavik Patel | Big Canyon CC | 1954 | Ted Richards, Jr. | San Gabriel CC |
| 2011 | Patrick Cantlay | San Gabriel CC | 1953 | Fletcher Jones | Los Angeles CC |
| 2010 | Scott Travers | La Cumbre CC | 1952 | John Dawson | Hillcrest CC |
| 2009 | Austin Graham | Wilshire CC | 1951 | Jim Ferrie | Virginia CC |
| 2008 | Kevin Marsh | Saticoy CC | 1950 | Jim Ferrie | Oakmont CC |
| 2007 | Brett Kanda | Victoria Club | 1949 | Jerry Douglas | Victoria Club |
| 2006 | Scott McGihon | Bakersfield CC | 1948 | Bruce McCormick | Wilshire CC |
| 2005 | Scott McGihon | Tijeras Creek | 1947 | Bruce McCormick | Los Angeles CC |
| 2004 | Tim Hogarth | Hillcrest CC | 1946 | Bobby Gardner | Virginia CC |
| 2003 | Roy Moon | Torrey Pines GC | 1945 | John Dawson | San Gabriel CC |
| 2002 | Nico Bollini | El Caballero CC | 1944 | John Dawson | Lakeside GC |
| 2001 | John Merrick | La Jolla CC | 1943 | Smiley Quick | Hillcrest CC |
| 2000 | Scott McGihon | Rancho Santa Fe GC | 1942 | John Dawson | Los Angeles CC |
| 1999 | John Pate | Industry Hills GC | 1941 | Pat Abbott | Oakmont CC |
| 1998 | Greg Padilla | The SCGA Members' Club | 1940 | Smiley Quick | Lakeside GC |
| 1997 | Craig Steinberg | Lakeside GC | 1939 | Frank Hixon | Annandale GC |
| 1996 | Kevin Marsh | Santa Maria CC | 1938 | Pat Abbott | California CC |
| 1995 | Charlie Wi | Santa Ana CC | 1937 | Jack Gaines | Riviera CC |
| 1994 | Tiger Woods | Hacienda GC | 1936 | Roger Kelly | San Diego CC |
| 1993 | Todd Demsey | Brentwood CC | 1935 | Harry Westbrook | Los Angeles CC |
| 1992 | Craig Steinberg | Fairbanks Ranch CC | 1934 | Charles Seaver | Bel-Air CC |
| 1991 | Craig Steinberg | Bel-Air CC | 1933 | Harold Thompson | Brentwood CC |
| 1990 | Pat Duncan | Wilshire CC | 1932 | Jack Gaines | San Gabriel CC |
| 1989 | Paul Stankowski | Glendora CC | 1931 | David Martin | Los Angeles CC |
| 1988 | Craig Steinberg | Annandale GC | 1930 | Fay Coleman | Midwick CC |
| 1987 | Greg Starkman | Braemar CC | 1929 | Gibson Dunlap | Bel-Air CC |
| 1986 | Dave Sheff | Hillcrest CC | 1928 | Fay Coleman | Midwick CC |
| 1985 | Brad Greer | Virginia CC | 1927 | George Von Elm | Lakeside GC |
| 1984 | Brad Greer | San Gabriel CC | 1926 | Paul Hunter | California CC/Brentwood CC |
| 1983 | David Hobby | Santa Maria CC | 1925 | George Von Elm | Los Angeles CC |
| 1982 | Mark Blakely | Stockdale CC | 1924 | Paul Hunter | Annandale GC |
| 1981 | Greg Twiggs | Stardust CC | 1923 | Willie Hunter | Midwick CC |
| 1980 | Jon (Bud) Ardell | Oakmont CC | 1922 | George Von Elm | Flintridge CC/Pasadena GC |
| 1979 | Jeff Hart | Hacienda GC | 1921 | Paul Hunter | Los Angeles CC |
| 1978 | Brian Gaddy | Bel-Air CC | 1920 | E.H. Seaver | Los Angeles CC |
| 1977 | Doug Clarke | La Jolla CC | 1919 | Douglas Grant | Los Angeles CC |
| 1976 | Tony Sills | California CC | 1918 | R.J. Cash, Jr. | Los Angeles CC |
| 1975 | Lee Davis | Wilshire CC | 1917 | Windsor B. Walton | Midwick CC |
| 1974 | Jim Porter | Brentwood CC | 1916 | Harold B. Lamb | Los Angeles CC |
| 1973 | John Richardson | El Niguel CC | 1915 | E.S. Armstrong | Midwick CC |
| 1972 | Mark Pfeil | Hillcrest CC | 1914 | Carleton Wright | San Gabriel CC |
| 1971 | John Beetham | Virginia CC | 1913 | Norman Macbeth | Los Angeles CC |
| 1970 | Gary Sanders | Oakmont CC | 1912 | E.S. Armstrong | Los Angeles CC |
| 1969 | U.T. Thompson III | Hacienda GC | 1911 | Norman Macbeth | Los Angeles CC |
| 1968 | Barry Jaekel | Lakeside GC | 1910 | Wm. Frederickson | Annandale GC |
| 1967 | Greg Pitzer | Riviera CC | 1909 | Paul Hunter | Annandale GC |
| 1966 | John A. Jacobs | Victoria Club | 1908 | Paul Hunter | Los Angeles CC |
| 1965 | Richard Davies | Annandale GC | 1907 | Sterling Liness | Los Angeles CC |
| 1964 | Larry Brown | San Gabriel GC | 1906 | Wm. Frederickson | Los Angeles CC |
| 1963 | Bruce McCormick | Hillcrest CC | 1905 | Walter Fairbanks | Los Angeles CC |
| 1962 | Larry Bouchey | Virginia CC | 1904 | W.K. Jewett | Los Angeles CC |
| 1961 | Ted Richards, Jr. | Los Angeles CC | 1903 | Walter Fairbanks | Los Angeles CC |
| 1960 | Ben Alyea | Brentwood CC | 1902 | H.M. Sears | Pasadena CC |
| 1959 | Al Geiberger | Oakmont CC | 1901 | Walter Fairbanks | Los Angeles CC |
| 1958 | Frank Hixon | Wilshire CC | 1900 | Charles E. Orr | Los Angeles CC |





2016 Championship Calendar

Register online at scga.org



| GROSS EVENTS | LOCATION | DATES | ELIGIBILITY |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------|---|
| Foursomes Championship | Dove Canyon GC | Mar. 28 - 29 | 6.4 and below |
| Mid-Amateur Championship* | Brentwood CC | Apr. 11 - 12 | 5.4 and below, Age 25+ |
| CIF/SCGA Southern California High School Championship | Brookside GC | May 26 | N/A |
| Senior Amateur Championship* | Wilshire CC | June 27 - 29 | 10.4 and below, Age 55+ |
| 117th Amateur Championship* | Barona Creek GC | July 8 - 10 | 5.4 and below |
| Women's Southern California Amateur Championship* | Rancho Santa Fe GC | Aug. 8 - 9 | 9.4 and below |
| Public Links Championship | Brookside GC | Aug. 12 - 14 | 5.4 and below |
| Match Play Championship* | Coto de Caza (North) | Aug. 22 - 24 | 5.4 and below |
| Senior Match Play Championship* | Coto de Caza (North) | Aug. 22 - 24 | 10.4 and below, Age 55+ |
| Super Senior Championship | Ojai Valley Inn and Spa | Sept. 12 - 13 | 10.4 and below, Age 65+ |
| Senior Four-Ball Championship | Sandpiper GC | Sept. 26 - 27 | 7.4 and below, Age 55+ |
| Southern California Junior Amateur Golf Championship | Industry Hills GC | Oct. 15 - 16 | Age 18 & below, 5.4 (boys), 9.4 (girls) |
| Four-Ball Championship* | La Purisima GC | Nov. 7 - 8 | 6.4 and below |
| Stableford Team Championship | Westin Mission Hills (Gary Player) | Dec. 8 - 9 | 6.4 and below |
| Honors Matches | La Quinta CC | Dec. 11-12 | N/A |

NET EVENTS

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Amateur Net Championship* | Industry Hills GC | Apr. 4 - 5 | All skill levels |
| Public Links Net Championship | Brookside GC | Aug. 13 - 14 | All skill levels |
| Senior Net Championship | Moorpark CC | Sept. 20-21 | All skill levels, Age 50+ |
| Senior Four-Ball Net Championship | Temecula Creek Inn (Creek/Oaks) | Oct 31 - Nov 1 | All skill levels, Age 50+ |
| Stableford Team Net Championship | Westin Mission Hills (Gary Player) | Dec. 8 - 9 | All skill levels |

CLUB EVENTS

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|---|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Team Play | The River Course at the Alisal | Apr. 17 | Championship Matches |
| Affiliate Team Championship | Monarch Beach GL | Aug. 29 - 30 | All skill levels |
| Four-Ball Net Championship* | Arroyo Trabuco GC | Sept. 28 - 29 | All skill levels |
| | Indian Wells Golf Resort (Celebrity) | Nov. 28 | 2.4 and below |
| | Indian Wells Golf Resort (Players) | Nov. 28 | 5.4 and below, Age 55+ |
| Tournament of Club Champions (Gross, Senior Gross, Net Divisions) | Classic Club | Dec. 5 | All skill levels |
| | Desert Falls | Dec. 5 | All skill levels |
| | La Quinta Resort (Dunes) | Dec. 5 | All skill levels |
| Scratch League | Industry Hills GC | Nov. 18 | Southern California Finals |
| | Red Hill CC | Dec. 1 | State Championship Match |

CALIFORNIA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

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|---|----------------|--------------|------------------------|
| CIF State High School Championship | San Gabriel CC | June 1 | N/A |
| California Amateur Championship* | Valencia CC | June 20 - 25 | 4.4 and below |
| California Senior Amateur Championship* | Lake Merced GC | Nov. 14 - 16 | 7.4 and below, Age 55+ |

*The SCGA conducts qualifiers for these championships