



# 4TH SCGA WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

JULY 30-31, 2018 | VALENCIA CC



# FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GOLF

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DEAR COMPETITORS,

On behalf of all the members and staff at Valencia Country Club, we would like to welcome you to the 4th SCGA Women's Amateur Championship.

Known to everyone as the Big V, Valencia CC is a championship golf course designed by Robert Trent Jones, Sr. in 1965. Valencia CC hosted the PGA TOUR's 1998 Nissan Open and from 2001 to 2009 hosted the AT&T Champions Classic on the PGA Champions Tour. We also hosted the 2016 California Amateur Championship along with numerous collegiate events including the 2013 Pac-12 Women's Championship.

Good luck to all the participants and please make yourselves at home during the Championship.

Play Well,

*Hide Yoshinaga*

Director of Golf



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# PLAYER & CADDIE INFORMATION

## FORMAT

### 54 HOLES OF STROKE PLAY

MONDAY, JULY 30	72 players competing in groups of three. 72 players starting between 7:30-9:20 a.m. off tees 1 & 10; 72 players starting between 1:00-2:50 p.m. off tees 1 & 10.
<b>FOLLOWING THE SECOND ROUND, THE FIELD WILL BE CUT TO THE LOW 30 SCORES (PLUS TIES).</b>	
TUESDAY, JULY 31	30 players and ties competing in groups of three starting between 7:30-9:20 a.m. off tee 1.

## ENTRY FEE

The championship entry fee is \$125. There is no additional fee if a player advances through sectional qualifying. In addition to the tournament rounds, the entry fee includes lunch each day and range balls.

## STARTING TIMES AND PAIRINGS

Starting times and pairings will be e-mailed to players and posted online at [scga.org](http://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.



## REGISTRATION: REQUIRED FOR ALL CONTESTANTS

All players must register with SCGA staff prior to their first round of stroke play on Monday. On Monday, July 30th, registration begins at 6:00 a.m. and will be located at the event lawn near the 10th tee. At registration, players will receive important last-minute information about the host facility and the tournament.



## PRACTICE ROUNDS: CONTESTANTS ONLY

Players may make arrangements for practice rounds at their own expense after July 10th by calling the Valencia CC Golf Shop at (661) 287-1880. After July 10th, Tuesday-Thursday after 12 p.m., Mon. July 16, and limited availability after 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 29.

**\*NO PULL CARTS ARE ALLOWED FOR PRACTICE ROUNDS.**

GREEN FEE: \$75, \$50 on July 16

CART FEE: included

NOTE: Food and beverage may be purchased from the Snack Bar during the practice round. Credit card and reciprocal club charges are accepted.

## TEES AND YARDAGES

A variety of yardages will be used throughout the championship, CR: 77.1/ Slope: 139 / approximately 6,294 – 6,453 yards. See pages 13 - 15 for hole-by-hole descriptions and information about Valencia CC.

## DRIVING RANGE

The Driving Range opens at 6:00 a.m. each day of the championship.

## FOOD SERVICE – PLAYERS

The SCGA will host lunch for all players on Monday and Tuesday.

The snack bar, located next to the 18th green, will be open on both days for additional purchases for players, caddies and spectators.

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## PARKING

Contestants may park anywhere in the parking lot.

## 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.



- The Note to Rule 14-3 will be in effect, allowing players to use devices that measure distance only.
- Automotive transportation is prohibited.

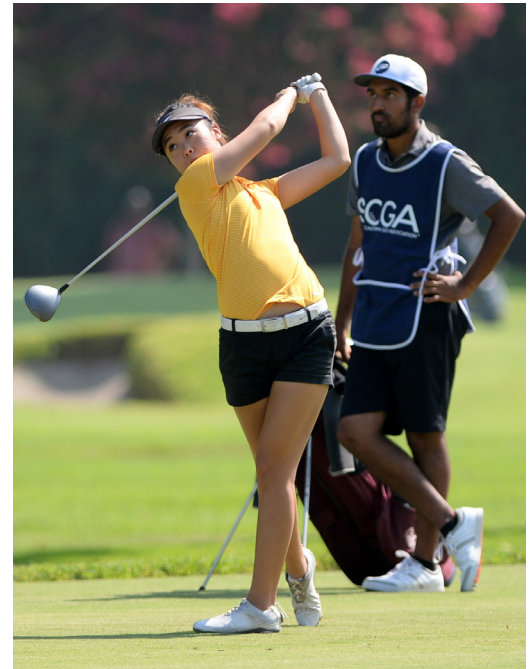
## TRANSPORTATION

Automotive transportation is not permitted for players or caddies. Disabled players must file a “Disabled Cart Request” form with the SCGA. Forms may be requested from the SCGA Rules and Competitions Department at (818) 980-3630.

PULL OR PUSH CARTS ARE PERMITTED.

## CADDIES

Players may carry their own golf bag or provide their own caddie. All caddies must adhere to the dress code. Players bringing their own caddie are responsible for the conduct of their caddie at the championship.



## DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES AND CELL PHONES

During the play of all SCGA competitions, 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.

If a cell phone is not being used as a distance measuring device, the use of cell phones is permitted in the parking lot. On course, no verbal communication on a phone is allowed.

# DRESS CODE

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## VERY IMPORTANT – APPLIES TO PLAYERS, CADDIES AND SPECTATORS

The Valencia CC dress code will apply. A player or caddie violating this dress code will not be permitted to start the competition. If during play the dress code is violated by either the player or her caddie, the violation must be rectified without undue delay or the player will not continue to play and the caddie will not be allowed to perform the acts of a caddie. Spectators in violation will be asked to rectify their situation as well or will have to leave the property.

Valencia is a non-metal spike facility (soft spikes or “spikeless” golf shoes are mandatory for all players.





# SPECTATOR INFORMATION

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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.

## RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located on the course.

## FOOD

The snack bar, located next to the 18th green, will be open on both days for additional purchases for players, caddies and spectators. Spectators may purchase food and beverage items from the snack bar with cash or reciprocal club charge.

## TRANSPORTATION

Pull or push carts are permitted.





# PACE OF PLAY POLICY

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The SCGA 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 in the field, 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 contact the SCGA at (818) 980-3630 or talk to a SCGA official prior to your round.

## STROKE PLAY

The Tournament Committee at each competition will determine the maximum allowable time each group is permitted to play the stipulated round. This time will be posted on each player's scorecard 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 GROUP(S)

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 was sent out before them or 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 COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVIEW ALL PENALTY SITUATIONS.

HERE ARE SOME PACE OF PLAY RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE EXPECT ALL PARTICIPANTS TO FOLLOW:

- Play ready golf throughout the entire round.
- Walk fast.
- The first person to complete each hole should immediately go to the next tee and be the first person to tee off. The second person to finish should replace the flagstick.
- Know where your group is in relation to the group in front of you – don't worry about the group behind you.
- Get your yardage before it is your turn to play. Be ready to play before it is your turn.
- If someone isn't ready to play, another should go before them.
- Walk ahead when another player has to wait.
- When any shot heads toward rough, a water hazard or trees all players should watch closely as to where the ball lands.
- Read your putt before it is your turn to play.
- Recognize when someone will need the flagstick tended or your ball marked.
- Place golf bag or golf cart off the putting green near the next teeing ground.
- If your ball might be lost outside a water hazard or out of bounds, play a Provisional Ball (Rule 27-2).
- Rule 3-3 (Doubt as to How to Proceed): this procedure is on the back of your scorecard, don't hesitate to use it.



# CLUB INFORMATION

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## VALENCIA COUNTRY CLUB

27330 N. Tourney Rd.

Valencia, CA 91775

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CLUB ESTABLISHED: 1965

ARCHITECT: Robert Trent Jones, Sr.

YARDAGE: 6,294 – 6,453

GREENS: Poa Annua

FAIRWAYS: Ryegrass / Bermuda

ROUGH: Ryegrass

COURSE RATING: 78.2

SLOPE: 142



# HOLE-BY-HOLE DESCRIPTIONS

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## NO. 1: 492 YARDS, PAR 5

Two well-played opening shots will offer the best chance to make birdie out of the gates. Strategic bunkering can make the green difficult to hit for longer approach shots, and two-putting can be a challenge given the wide variety of difficult hole locations. Players may reach the green in two with a long drive down the right center of the fairway.

## NO. 2: 377 YARDS, PAR 4

One of Valencia's most difficult holes, an accurate, right-to-left tee shot is required to set up the ideal approach shot into this well bunkered and elevated green. Par is a good score on this hole.



## NO. 3: 141-154 YARDS, PAR 3

Water on the right and a difficult up-and-down from the left makes this Valencia's toughest Par 3. It is imperative for players to aim for the left center of the green as the right side slopes towards the lake guarding the right side.

## NO. 4: 354 YARDS, PAR 4

This medium-length Par 4 features the deepest green on the golf course. Hitting the fairway is important as this hole puts a premium on distance control into this well-guarded, three-tiered green.

## NO. 5: 356 YARDS, PAR 4

Don't let this hole's short yardage deceive you. Valencia's deepest bunker guards the right front of this elevated, shallow green. The front left portion of the green slopes severely back towards the fairway. Distance control is the key to playing this hole well.



## NO. 6: 393 YARDS, PAR 4

A long tee shot to the left part of the fairway will set up the player to attack this difficult green. Water lurks deceptively all the way to the large green's front edge that features an extreme slope to the right.

## NO. 7: 152-172 YARDS, PAR 3

Conservative tee shots towards the center of the green will allow the player to putt to any part of this green while avoiding the water short and right of this narrow putting surface. Shots missing the green on the left or behind will make getting up and down difficult.

## NO. 8: 354 YARDS, PAR 4

From the tee, consider a fairway wood or long iron to miss the water on the right side of the fairway. Short iron second shots must find the correct tier to produce a reasonable birdie opportunity.



## NO. 9: 469-500 YARDS, PAR 5

Tee shots challenging the bunkers on the right side of the fairway will shorten this hole. Controlling the distance into this green will be the key to making a good score

## NO. 10: 470 YARDS, PAR 5

The back nine starts with Valencia's shortest par 5 at 470 yards. Longer hitters have the advantage as they can reach the flat area of the fairway which helps players hit the correct approach shot into this large, well-protected green.

## NO. 11: 356 YARDS, PAR 4

Accurate play from the tee will set up a short iron second shot into this large green. The green is protected by water on the left and bunkers on the right.

## NO. 12: 327 YARDS, PAR 4

Aim for the center of the fairway on this short, dogleg right Par 4. Distance control is important for the second shot as this green has a large mound separating the front and back portions of this green.

## NO. 13: 368 YARDS, PAR 4

Similar to No. 12, a drive to the corner of the fairway will offer an open view of the large green. It is important to get the ball in the correct area on the second shot to take advantage of this short Par 4.



## NO. 14: 158-180 YARDS, PAR 3

This is the only Par 3 without water at Valencia CC. An accurate tee shot is the key to making a good score on this hole.

## NO. 15: 485-515 YARDS, PAR 5

A long tee shot that avoids trees and bunkers on the right will tempt players to reach the well protected green in two. Eagles and Double Bogeys are possible when challenging this Par 5.



## NO. 16: 114-157 YARDS, PAR 3

Hitting the right club is the biggest challenge on the final par 3 at Valencia CC. This wide, shallow green is protected by a large lake in front and bunkers behind.

## NO. 17: 408 YARDS, PAR 4

Two solid shots are required to hit this large, undulating green in regulation. Like No. 4, this is a three tiered green and a miss-club can leave the player a long putt. Par is a great score on Valencia's second longest Par 4.

## NO. 18: 520 YARDS, PAR 5

A great Par 5 finish. Longer hitters can get there in two, while shorter hitters or those who miss the fairway off the tee will need a well-placed wedge to challenge this demanding finishing hole. If a player is out of position off the tee, making par can be a tall task.





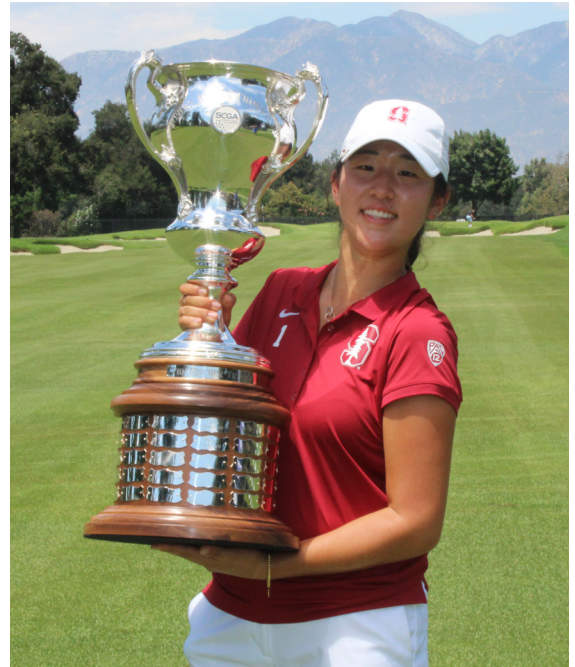
# 2017 CHAMPIONSHIP RECAP

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After one of the most impressive freshmen seasons in the history of collegiate golf, Andrea Lee of Stanford is not losing any steam this Summer. For the second time in the last three years, Lee has staked her claim as the top female amateur golfer in Southern California, coming from behind to win the 3rd SCGA Women's Amateur Championship at San Gabriel CC.

"To win the inaugural event at The Los Angeles CC in 2015 was really special and to win it a second time really means a lot," said Lee. "The best girls in Southern California compete in this event, so to win again feels really good."

Opening Day 1 with a tournament-leading 3-under par 68, Lee came out on fire to start Round 2 later that afternoon, putting together a streak of four consecutive birdies in her first five holes. Fatigue, however, would kick in for Lee, who was coming off a seventh-place finish at the Canadian Women's Amateur Championship that wrapped up Friday. After going three shots up on the rest of the field and looking to be in cruise control at 7-under par, Lee would play her final 13 holes of the day in 5-over. Her 36-hole total of 2-under par would be good enough, however, for solo second place and a spot in the final pairing of the day Tuesday, linking her up with fellow Pac-12 golfer Amy Matsuoka of University of Oregon. Matsuoka would put together opening day scores of 69-68 to hold a three-shot overnight lead.



"I didn't change my game plan going into today just because I was behind a couple of shots," said Lee, who had only one bogey in her final round. "I played really solidly all day, which is what you need to do to win an event like this. Overall it was a great week for me."

The final pairing would open their final round of play steadily, with both Matsuoka and Lee coming out of the gate with six straight pars. But with back-to-back bogeys from Matsuoka on the seventh and eighth holes, the momentum began to shift Lee's way, with the 2015 champion continuing her even par round. With the lead narrowed to just one shot, Lee would fire her tee shot on the par-3 ninth hole to just six feet, putting the pressure on Matsuoka who lay nearly 20 feet from the hole.

Not ready to relinquish her advantage quite yet, however, Matsuoka drained her long birdie putt, putting the pressure back on Lee to match and not once again fall two shots back. Lee would follow suit, sinking her first birdie putt of the day to remain one off the lead.

The tides would fully shift on Hole 10, where for the first time in the event Matsuoka fell off her consistently steady play. After her tee shot found a fairway bunker, Matsuoka, a rising sophomore at Oregon, would take two shots out of the bunker before finding further trouble over the green. She would settle for a triple bogey, and a safely-played par from Lee would turn her one-shot disadvantage into a two-shot lead for the first time since midway through Round 2. The momentum shift seemed to rattle Matsuoka, who despite coming right back with a gutsy birdie on No. 11 would play her final seven holes in 4-over par to finish the tournament T3.

Lee had found her opening. Having taken back the lead the Hermosa Beach resident refused to let it go as the gallery around the final group grew to about 50 people. Lee didn't miss a fairway the rest of the way in, and collected two more birdies along the way, at one point extending her advantage over the rest of the field to five shots, before eventually settling for a four-stroke win. The victory followed up her 3-shot win in the inaugural playing of the event at The Los Angeles CC in 2015, giving Lee two wins in the event in her only two appearances.

The model of consistency all week, it was Fullerton's Beth Lillie who would finish as the event's runner-up, posting her third consecutive score of even par 71. Tying for third was Brigitte Dunne of Camarillo and Matsuoka. Rounding out the Top 5 was Alana Uriell of Carlsbad. With the win, Lee will have her name engraved on The Fischer Trophy, which has been named after Bob Fischer (1948-2017), a member of the SCGA's Board of Directors who was instrumental in the creation of the SCGA Women's Amateur Championship.

Lee's win cements herself as one of the top female amateurs in the nation. Coming into the week, she was ranked No. 6 on the World Amateur Golf Rankings. In addition to her impressive ranking, she is also coming off of a freshman season in which she collected three individual collegiate titles as well as earned Pac-12 Freshman of the Year honors. Lee will turn around and play in the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship at San Diego CC next week, where she hopes to best her impressive performance from a year ago when she lost to the eventual champion in the tournament's quarterfinals.



"This win gives me a lot of confidence," said Lee. "I haven't played a lot of competitive golf this summer, this is only my second event, so winning this really boosts my confidence going into next week. I'm really looking forward to the U.S. Women's Amateur finally being in California and hopefully having some family and friends out there for support."