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2019 CALIFORNIA
SENIOR AMATEUR
CHAMPIONSHIP
PLAYER HANDBOOK

NOV. 11-13, 2019 | WILSHIRE CC | LOS ANGELES

FROM THE CGA PRESIDENT

DEAR COMPETITORS,

Charmed with history and celebrating its centennial this year, we are excited for Wilshire CC to host the 28th California Senior Amateur Championship. In the heart of Hollywood, the Norman Macbeth design is unexpectedly serene amongst the bustle of Los Angeles.

Over its 100 years, notable players include industry greats like Howard Hughes, Mickey Rooney and Mark Wahlberg. It's a beautiful yet challenging layout that features hilly terrain and a barranca so notable that Wilshire CC's "Barranca Bar" was named as such shortly after opening.

The California Senior event is littered with legendary names year after year, and the defending champion Jeff Wilson is no exception. Wilson will battle for the title once again with the likes of Three-time winner Jeff Burda who returns this year, as well as 2018 SCGA Senior Player of the Year Craig Davis.

Congratulations to all who qualified and it will be a pleasure to watch such strong competition at a prestigious facility.

Play well,

Chris Wilson

CGA President



FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT

DEAR COMPETITORS,

Welcome to Wilshire Country Club and the 2019 California Senior Amateur Championship. Wilshire is proudly celebrating its 100th anniversary and excited to be part of this year's competition.

During the last 100 years, Wilshire has played host to four PGA tournaments, three PGA Senior tournaments and three LPGA tournaments, in addition to multiple amateur events conducted by the California Golf Association and Southern California Golf Association.

We are delighted to welcome you to the second century of golf at Wilshire Country Club.

Good luck and play well,
Patrick J. O'Grady

*President
Wilshire Country Club*



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & FORMAT

54 HOLES OF STROKE PLAY

MONDAY, NOV. 11	Round 1: Starting times beginning at 8 a.m. off Holes 1 & 10.
TUESDAY, NOV. 12	Round 2: Starting times beginning at 8 a.m. off Holes 1 & 10.
FOLLOWING THE SECOND ROUND, THE FIELD WILL BE CUT TO THE LOW 30 SCORES (PLUS TIES).	
WEDNESDAY, NOV. 13	Round 3: Starting times beginning at 7:30 a.m. off Hole 1.

ENTRY FEE

The championship entry fee is \$150. In addition to the tournament rounds, the entry fee covers one practice round, breakfast and lunch each day, golf cart usage during the championship, and range balls

STARTING TIMES AND PAIRINGS

Starting times and pairings will be e-mailed to players and posted online at scga.org and ncga.org one week in advance of the championship. Players are encouraged to arrive at their assigned tee well in advance of their starting time, as the starter will have information to discuss and distribute to each player in the group. Furthermore, players arriving late will be penalized under Rule 5.3a 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: CONTESTANTS ONLY

One complimentary practice round will be issued to each championship contestant. Players wishing to schedule a practice round must email the club at golfshop@wilshirecountryclub.com to arrange a time which will be at the discretion of the club.

- Please note, practice rounds are for players only.
- If you are making arrangements to play a practice round in a group with other players in the championship field, we encourage only one player to contact the club with the group's request.
- 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 may either walk or use a golf cart during their practice round. Players wishing to use a club caddy should make that request at the time of scheduling the practice round. The practice round cart fee will be \$25.



NOTE: Food and beverage may be purchased from the snack bar during the practice round using reciprocal club charges only.

PARKING AND REGISTRATION

Ample self-parking is available for players, caddies and spectators in Wilshire CC's parking lot. All players must register with NCGA/SCGA staff prior to their first round of stroke play on Monday. Registration will be available on Sunday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. as well as on Monday beginning at 6:30 a.m. at the club's main entrance.

DRIVING RANGE

The driving range and other practice facilities will be available starting at 6:30 a.m. each day of the championship. A shuttle service will be provided from the cart staging area to the driving range.



TEES AND HOLE YARDAGES

A variety of yardages will be used throughout the championship. In general, the course will play from the club's green yardage. Course Rating: 71.8 / Slope: 132 / 6506 yards / Par 71.

LOCKER ROOM

Thanks to Wilshire CC, each player will be issued a personal locker that they may use throughout the championship. The locker room will be open daily by 6:30 a.m.

FOOD SERVICE (PLAYERS)

A hosted buffet breakfast and lunch will be available each day for players only in the club's Hancock Ballroom. Breakfast will be available beginning at 6:30 a.m. and lunch will be served following the round. The snack bar will also be available for contestants to purchase items with cash or reciprocal club charge.

FOOD SERVICE (CADDIES)

Caddies and spectators may purchase food and beverage items at the snack bar with cash or reciprocal club charge. The hosted buffets are for players only.

LODGING

The host hotel is the Sheraton Universal Hotel. [Click here](#) for reservations while supplies last.

The SCGA has also partnered with Affinity Travel to secure discounted lodging rates surrounding its championships. [Click here](#) for more information.

AIRPORTS

Los Angeles International Airport – LAX (*approx. 15 miles from Wilshire CC*)

Bob Hope Airport (Burbank) – BUR (*approx. 10 miles from Wilshire CC*)

RULES OF PLAY

- The Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA and the R&A govern play;
- Local Rules and Terms of the Competition can be found on the [CGA Hard Card](#) and the Notice to Players addendum that will be distributed on site;
- [Click here](#) to review the Pace of Play Policy.

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 inside of their car in the club's parking lot. Live scoring will be available throughout the championship at [scga.org](#) and [ncga.org](#).



PHOTO GALLERY

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

AUTOMOTIVE 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.

PULL OR PUSH CARTS

Pull or push carts are permitted. During practice rounds, players wishing to use a pull or push cart must use one of the club's. During the championship, players may either bring their own or use one of the club's.



CADDIES

Players may provide their own caddie or hire one of the club's caddies. To request a club caddie, send an email to golfshop@wilshirecountryclub.com well in advance of your practice round or the championship to make arrangements. All caddies must adhere to the dress code listed within this Handbook. Caddies will be issued an official caddie bib prior to each round which should be worn during the round and returned each day. Players are responsible for their caddie's conduct at all times while on Wilshire CC's property.

CANCELLATION POLICY

To withdraw for any reason prior to the start of this championship, the player must notify the SCGA Championships and Golf Operations Department at (818) 980-3630, or at champs@scga.org. If a player needs to withdraw on the morning of the event, notify the tournament committee through the golf shop staff at the host venue. Failure to notify the tournament committee will subject the player to suspension from future CGA 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.

SPECTATOR INFORMATION

FOOD SERVICE (SPECTATORS)

Spectators may purchase food and beverage items at the snack bar with cash or reciprocal club charge. The hosted buffets are for players only.

CELL PHONE POLICY

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ADDITIONAL SPECTATOR INFORMATION

Spectators are welcome and encouraged to attend the championship. 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 Championships and Golf Operations Department at champs@scga.org.



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), cargo shorts, cargo pants, T-shirts, and tank tops will not be permitted. Shirts must be tucked in and hats are always to be worn forward.



CODE OF CONDUCT

By submitting an entry for any CGA-administered competition, the contestant understands that his/her participation is at the sole discretion of the CGA. A contestant may be removed from any competition at the discretion of the CGA staff or Championships and Golf Operations Committee at any time before or during the competition. Incidents of unbecoming conduct or actions deemed to be detrimental to the image of the CGA or the “Spirit of the Game” are grounds for such removal and suspension from future CGA-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 CGA staff, officials, volunteers, host club staff or other contestants
- Potential endangerment of others
- Conduct deemed unbecoming
- Failure to post scores for handicapholeg purposes
- Manipulation of scores posted for handicapholeg purposes



CLUB INFORMATION

WILSHIRE COUNTRY CLUB

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CLUB ESTABLISHED: 1919

ARCHITECT: Norman Macbeth

YARDAGE: 6,506

GREENS: Poa Annua

FAIRWAYS: 419 Hybrid Bermuda

ROUGH: 419 Hybrid Bermuda

COURSE RATING: 71.8

SLOPE: 132

HOLE-BY-HOLE DESCRIPTIONS

NO. 1: 378 YARDS, PAR 4

A good opening hole which requires precision off the tee. Bunkers come into play on the left and right side so an accurate drive is imperative. The approach shot to the green is well guarded by bunkers on both sides and it pays to keep the approach shot to the green low and left of the hole due to significant slope from back to front.

NO. 2: 527 YARDS, PAR 5

The lengthy hole calls for an accurate tee shot to either carry the bunker complex on the left at about 235 yards. The longer hitters may elect to carry the bunkers on the right at 275 yards leaving them a good angle for their second shot. A layup to about 75-100 yards leaves the player a good shot into a well bunkered green. There is a hidden bunker on the back left of the green behind the slope and shots that drift right of the green leave a tricky shot out of a swale that borders the green.

NO. 3: 347 YARDS, PAR 4

A short challenging hole that places a premium on tee placement. The barranca borders the right side of the fairway and a row of three bunkers flank the left side with the fairway holeching in at about 230 yards. If the tee shot drifts too far to the right the eucalyptus overhang and obstruct the approach shot. Subtract 5-7 yards on the approach shot and the ball will release to the middle of the green. On the small green, all the breaks move away from the Hollywood sign.

NO. 4: 170 YARDS, PAR 3

A great par-3 with a 64-yard Biarritz style green. The yardage can range anywhere from 100 yards to 205 yards with the front portion of the green surrounded by the barranca and the back portion protected by bunkers. It is imperative to pull the right club when the hole is on the back portion of the green because a shot that comes up short requires navigating a ridge with a five-foot slope.



NO. 5: 378 YARDS, PAR 4

A straight-away hole which gives the player options off the tee. The player can go straight at the green or play it left of a nasty bunker that skirts the left side. The

play to the left gives the player a great angle into the green but it is important to stay far enough away from the bunker on the left off the tee. Approach shots that come up short left will end up tumbling off the green toward the barranca that borders the left side. The second shot plays 5-7 longer due to wind and uphill.

NO. 6: 430 YARDS, PAR 4

The most difficult hole on the course. A dogleg left that requires a right to left shape off the tee and avoid the bunker straightaway at 245 yards. The prevailing wind is into your face on the tee shot and even more so on the second shot, so it plays 6-10 yards longer due to the wind. Stay short left on your approach shot when the hole is down in front, and as a rule, stay below the hole. The most difficult green on the course with a severe slope from back to front and there are very few if any level putts on this green. A four is a very good score here.

NO. 7: 141 YARDS, PAR 3

A very scenic par three that is well bunkered with numerous tee and hole locations. The hole can play anywhere from 95 yards to 155 yards and requires the right yardage and direction on the tee shot. A bunker protects the front of the green that is a must to avoid. Watch your downhill speed if you are long on your approach.



NO. 8: 380 YARDS, PAR 4

A very tight driving hole with a row of five bunkers guarding the left side off the tee and the barranca protecting the right side. Start the drive left center and allow the contour of the fairway leave the approach shot on a flat lie. This green slopes severely from back to front and it is important to get the ball on the proper level for a manageable putt. To the right of the green stands Howard Hughes mansion and the story goes that Katherine Hepburn, who was dating Hughes at the time, would distract his fellow competitor's in his group by sauntering around on the balcony while they were putting.

NO. 9: 428 YARDS, PAR 4

One of Wilshire's iconic holes with the Hollywood sign an aiming point back in the early years. Initially the tees were more to the right and Ben Hogan was playing a practice round in the Los Angeles Open and he asked his caddie where to aim his tee shot and the caddy replied, "At the Hollywood sign," and Hogan ever the perfectionist replied, "which letter." The drive is a blind shot and the proper line is a slight right to left starting at the E in El Royale which should leave an approach in the middle of the fairway. It

is important to leave the approach shot left of the hole with the green sloping severely from right to left. The fastest green on the course from right to left.

NO. 10: 156 YARDS, PAR 3

A great par-3 and should be a very exciting finishing hole. It can play anywhere from 110 yards to 175 yards and the Redan shaped green is a challenging target with the prevailing left to right wind and firmness of the green make it a difficult green to hold. Generous hole placements await the front part of the green but the middle holes off at the bunkers and the back portion is surrounded by the “Bear Trap” which produces more double bogeys than pars. Pick your line and stay committed.



NO. 11: 366 YARDS, PAR 4

A fairly narrow driving hole with a bunker guarding the left side at about 230 yards. Avoid this bunker and it leaves you a good short iron into a green that has the barranca short and right of the hole and bunkers short and right as well. A classic small square shaped green that is best to putt from short of the hole to leave an uphill putt.

NO. 12: 406 YARDS, PAR 4

A challenging par-4 that places a premium on positioning with the barranca protecting the left side and a row of bunkers guarding the right side. It is imperative to play the second shot 5 yards short of the yardage to avoid the back trench bunker behind the green. Any approach shots left of the green leave a challenging shot out of the hollow left of the green so proper club selection and direction are a key to success on this hole.

NO. 13: 185 YARDS, PAR 3

A superb par-3 that plays slightly uphill and has a false front that makes the hole play even longer. It is important to choose the right club and pay attention to the tricky swirling winds on this hole. A challenging bunker on the left and a nasty bunker on the front right protect this hole and if a tee shot is not squarely hit the false front comes into play leaving a very challenging pitch to this elevated green. The green is very quick from back to front.

NO. 14: 513 YARDS, PAR 5

A good driving hole with a fairway that slopes significantly from right to left. It is important to start the drive right of center to prevent it from coming to rest in the left rough. A blind second shot awaits, so pick the proper line down the right side to leave a good angle for the third shot approach. The green is well bunkered and yardage

control is important for the approach to leave the ball on the proper level. Avoid the left greenside bunker and back right greenside bunker at all costs.

NO. 15: 330 YARDS, PAR 4

A short par-4 that can be played aggressively or conservatively off the tee depending on the hole position. A 44-yard kidney shaped green boasts many interesting hole positions and requires the right club choice and the prevailing right to left afternoon wind can wreak havoc on approach shots into this ticklish hole.

NO. 16: 556 YARDS, PAR 5

The longest hole on the course which also boasts the most bunkers with a total of fourteen. It is important to avoid the bunker down the right side which requires a carry of 240 yards and has boundaries on both the left and right side making an accurate drive essential. The second shot requires navigating a row of bunkers on the left side from 160 to 135 yards. A fantastic green complex awaits the third shot and when the hole is on the left use of the ridge is helpful for the approach. The barranca that fronts the green and wraps around the back makes club selection important and some of the front right and back left hole positions are the most difficult on the green.

NO. 17: 364 YARDS, PAR 4

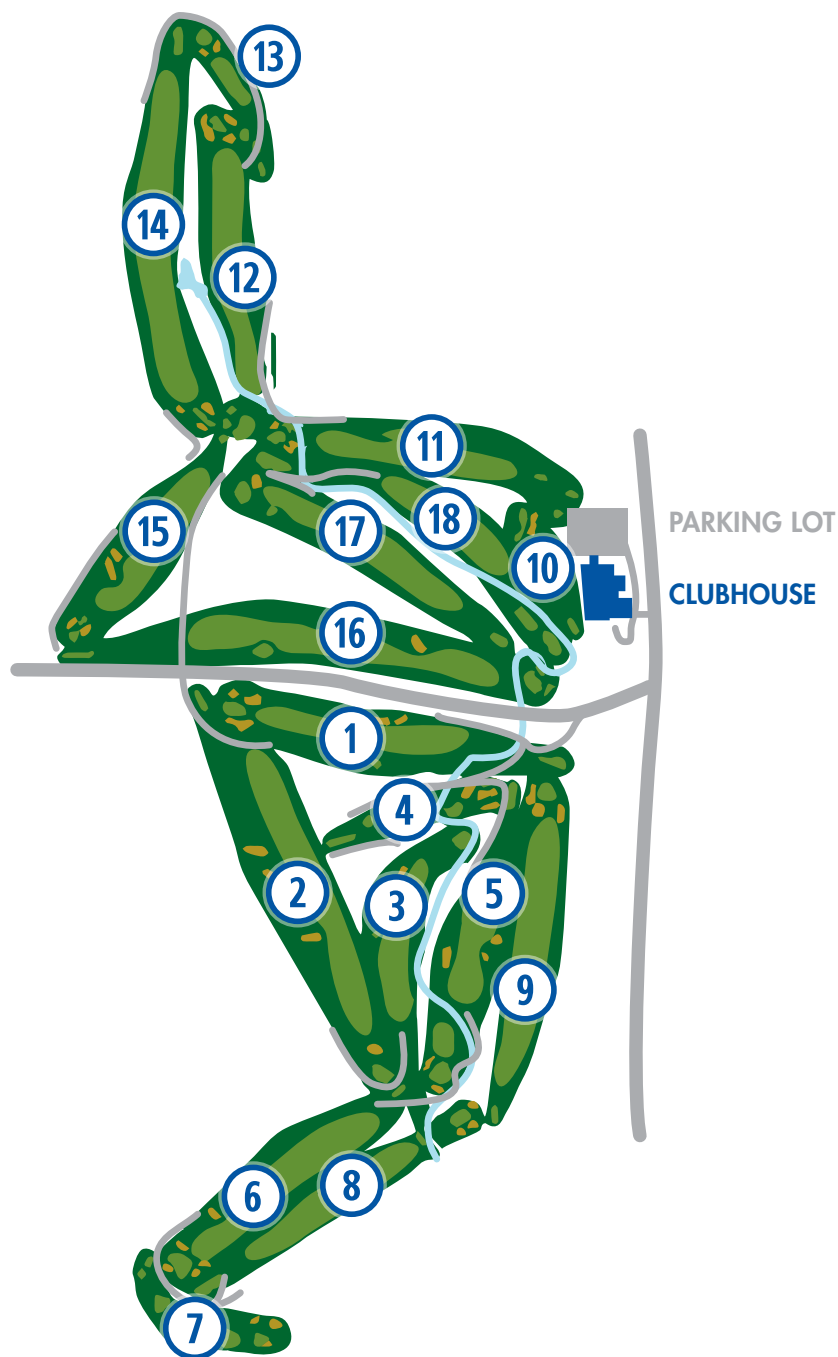
A difficult driving hole that is flanked by bunkers on the left and the barranca that run all down the right side of the hole. The longer hitters may choose a fairway or hybrid off the tee to since the fairway holeches off at about 235 yards. The second shot is to an elevated green with a false front and plays 5-7 yards longer and yardage is deceptive due to the large yawning bunker that sits 15 yards short of the green.

NO. 18: 439 YARDS, PAR 4

Ranked one of the Top 500 holes in the world of golf. The barranca protects the right side on the tee shot and it is important to pick the right line on the tee down the right side which significantly shortens the approach. The approach is surrounded by the barranca to the left, rear and right of the hole. The proper play is to always take one less club into the green since it plays downhill and takes the barranca out of play on the right. It is always best to aim the second shot at the palm trees just right of the green. A very difficult green to read since it doesn't always break away from the Hollywood sign. A four here is a very good score!



COURSE MAP



HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
Yardage	390	506 - 527	347	140 - 170	378	430	110 - 141	380	428	3,109 - 3,191
Par	4	5	4	3	4	4	3	4	4	35

HOLE	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL
Yardage	140 - 156	366	406	155 - 185	492 - 513	279 - 330	556	364	439	3,197 - 3,315	6,506
Par	3	4	4	3	5	4	5	4	4	36	71

2018 CHAMPIONSHIP RECAP

JEFF WILSON CAPS INCREDIBLE YEAR WITH VICTORY

Atop a leaderboard littered with the names of legendary California amateur golfers, it was Jeff Wilson who edged the field and earned a cherry on top of an incredible 2018 season. Playing in the event for the first time, Wilson led after both the first and second rounds but needed to come from behind on the championship's back-nine.

"I don't even know how I got it done today," admitted Wilson. "I was just plain awful on the front-nine but was able to keep it just a couple over par and keep myself in it and I just was able to hit some good shots down the stretch."

After making the turn at 2-over for the day, even for the championship, and tied for the lead with Randy Haag, Wilson found another gear. A gear that few players over the age of 25 in the entire state have.

Wilson birdied No. 10, then rattled off four straight pars before really turning on the jets. On the par-4 15th, Wilson birdied again to give himself a two-shot cushion with three holes to go. On No. 16, Wilson lasered a wedge on the short par-3 to three feet, only to lip out the putt. Meanwhile, Haag birdied to climb back within one stroke.

But Wilson bounced back with an easy birdie on the par-5 17th and gave himself a two-shot advantage heading into the last. After Haag stuffed his shot from the fairway to five feet, Wilson was looking at two putts from 40 feet for the victory. The Fairfield, Calif. native rolled his birdie attempt to the edge of the cup as it teetered on falling in for what seemed to be an eternity, before finally dropping in dramatic fashion.

The victory caps an incredible year for the SCGA stalwart, as Wilson captured an elusive USGA championship earlier this season when he became the first medalist in 31 years to win the U.S. Senior Amateur Championship at Eugene CC. Wilson also outlasted 2018 SCGA Player of the Year Corby Segal in an epic playoff to win his third SCGA Mid-



Amateur Championship at Saticoy CC in April.

"I worked a lot harder on my game this year and obviously the extra time helped," said Wilson. "It gives me confidence that I can just hang in there and know I have the shots in my bag."

In the annual Senior Cup, which pits three players from the SCGA versus three players from the NCGA (best two scores out of three), the NCGA squeezed out a tight 291-292 victory.

On day two, the NCGA was paced by Randy Haag's 73, while Jim Knoll and defending champion Mark Morgan shot 76. Playing from behind, the SCGA nearly caught their northern foes after a 71 from Jeff Burda, a 73 from Robert Funk and a 75 by SCGA Senior Player of the Year Craig Davis.

The NCGA has won the title eight of the last 10 years.



HISTORY

NORTH / SOUTH CHALLENGE

The North / South Challenge is a side competition between the NCGA and the SCGA, which takes place during the first two rounds of the championship. The results are based on the best two scores out of three for each of the teams over the course of the first two rounds. Each team is selected by its respective association, and the winning team will hold the rights to the Senior Cup.

CALIFORNIA SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONS

YEAR	CHAMPION	SITE
2018	Jeff Wilson	The Preserve GC
2017	Mark Morgan	Pauma Valley CC
2016	John Pate	Lake Merced GC
2015	Mark Harding	Mesa Verde CC
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

YEAR	CHAMPION	SITE
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