

# CALIFORNIA SENIOR AMATEUR PLAYER HANDBOOK

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**AMATEUR**  
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NCGA X SCGA

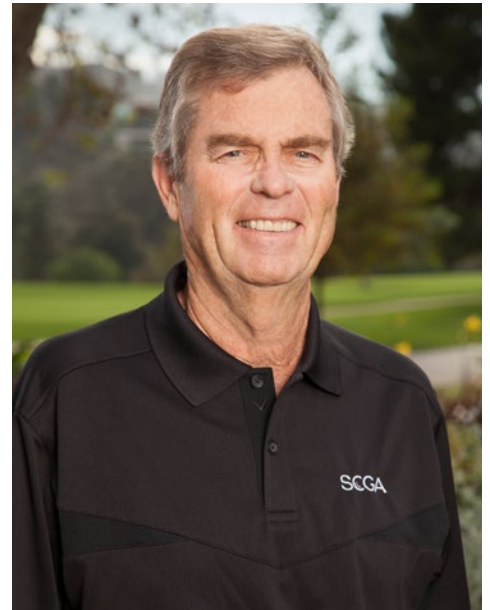


# FROM THE PRESIDENT

## DEAR COMPETITORS,

If you like getting away from the crowded city and traffic, you'll love the location of Pauma Valley CC, site of the 26th California Senior Amateur Championship. Located in the remote foothills of Palomar Mountain, the Robert Trent Jones-designed course is a hidden gem. For you golf historians, it was the site of a 1963 televised match featuring Arnold Palmer and Gary Player vs. Jack Nicklaus and Mike Souchak on Shell's Wonderful World of Golf (yes, one can find the match on YouTube). As an additional bit of trivia, the John Wayne Ranch House served as the club's temporary clubhouse in the 1960s and an airstrip was constructed in 1966.

Winning our California Senior event in 2014 and 2016, defending champion John Pate joined Jeff Burda (2008, 2009 and 2010) and Jim McMurtry (1994, 1995 and 1998) as the only multiple winners. Jeff and John will both return to the competition at Pauma. On a personal note, congratulations to each of our ninety players who will compete in the championship. More than 300 players entered our qualifying events and we are pleased to welcome each of you who have earned the right to be here.



About the rules: not until 2019 will you be able to putt with the flagstick in the hole, and for now you will still have five minutes to search for a wayward ball. Seriously, we plan for ample officials to provide timely rulings when a questionable situation arises. And expect the Pauma Valley and SCGA staffs as well as our many volunteers to be eager to assist you from your arrival until your departure. We aim to please and hope to make this a memorable championship.

So, let it fly!

*Keenan Barber*

Keenan F. Barber

*Your prez*

# FROM PAUMA VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

## WELCOME TO THE NCGA AND THE SCGA AND THE PLAYERS PARTICIPATING IN THE 2017 CALIFORNIA SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

On the behalf of all of us here at Pauma Valley CC, we wish you success and enjoyment during your time at Pauma Valley.

Pauma Valley CC, designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr., opened in 1960 and has been listed as a top 100 club in the United States and top ten club in California by Golf Digest. Pauma Valley has hosted many prestigious events such as Shell's Wonderful World of Golf, USGA qualifiers, SCGA Mid-Amateur Championships and SCGA Senior Amateur Championships.



The membership and staff are excited to be hosting the California Senior Amateur Championship and look forward to doing whatever necessary to provide an outstanding experience while at Pauma Valley.

Sincerely,

David Mudgett, *Club President*

Jeremy Clevenger, *Golf Professional*

Paul Devine, *General Manager*

Doug Rudolph, *Course Superintendent*

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND FORMAT

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Breakfast will be available for contestants in the Great Hall starting at 6:30 a.m.

Round 1 (18 holes, stroke play).

Tee times from 8 – 10 a.m. off Holes #1 & #10.

Lunch will be available in the Great Hall after the round.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Breakfast will be available for contestants in the Great Hall starting at 6:30 a.m.

Round 2 (18 holes, stroke play).

Tee times from 8 – 10 a.m. off Holes #1 & #10.

Lunch will be available in the Great Hall after the round.

*Following the second round, the field will be cut to the low 30 scores (plus ties).*

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Breakfast will be available for contestants in the Great Hall starting at 6:30 a.m.

Round 2 (18 holes, stroke play).

Tee times from 7:30 – 9:30 a.m. off Holes #1.

Lunch will be available in the Great Hall after the round.

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## NORTH / SOUTH CHALLENGE

The North / South Challenge is a two-day competition between the NCGA and the SCGA, 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 two scores out of three for each of the teams over the course of the first two rounds.



# PLAYER & CADDY INFORMATION

## 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.

## TEE TIMES

Tee times will be available online at [ncga.org](http://ncga.org) and [scga.org](http://scga.org) approximately one week prior to the championship.

## PARKING AND REGISTRATION

Ample self-parking is available for players, caddies and spectators in Pauma Valley 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. Registration will be located adjacent to the bag drop area.

## PRACTICE ROUNDS – CONTESTANTS ONLY

Pauma Valley CC will host one complimentary practice round for each contestant between the dates of October 30 – November 5. Players must contact Head Golf Professional, Jeremy Clevenger, by e-mail at [jclevenger@paumavalleycc.com](mailto:jclevenger@paumavalleycc.com) to arrange a time. 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. 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 Mr. Clevenger with the group's request. To be fair to all participants, **requests for practice rounds will not be accepted until Thursday, October 19.**

- 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. The cart fee is \$25/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 dining facilities during the practice round. Cash, credit cards, and reciprocal charges will be accepted.

## DRIVING RANGE

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

## 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: 73.1 / Slope: 129 / Approx. 6,811 yards / Par 71. See p. 10 for further details.

## LOCKER ROOM

Players will have access to the club's locker room facilities throughout the championship. Lockers will be available upon request. The locker room opens at 6:30 a.m. daily.

## DRESS CODE

Players and caddies must be properly attired in golf shirts, slacks, Bermuda-length dress or golf shorts and soft spike shoes. **Neither cargo pants nor cargo shorts will be allowed.** 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 ONLY)

A hosted buffet breakfast and lunch will be available each day for players only in the club's Great Hall. Breakfast will be available each morning beginning at 6:30 a.m.; lunch will be available following the round. The other dining facilities will also be available for contestants to purchase items with cash, credit cards or reciprocal charge.

## FOOD AND BEVERAGE (CADDIES AND SPECTATORS)

Caddies and spectators may purchase food and beverage items in the dining facilities. Cash, credit cards, and reciprocal charges will be accepted for all purchases.

## 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 [ncga.org](http://ncga.org) and [scga.org](http://scga.org).

## PHOTO GALLERY

Professional photos will be taken throughout the championship. Photos will be available online and are available for download and purchase at [scga.pixieset.com](http://scga.pixieset.com).

## 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. 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.

## TRANSPORTATION

Golf carts are permitted for players and caddies and will be included. 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; the club has a limited number for rent.

## **CADDIES**

Players may provide their own caddie. All caddies must adhere to the dress code. Caddies will be issued an official 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 Pauma Valley CC'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.

## CLUB CONTACT INFORMATION

Pauma Valley Country Club  
15835 Pauma Valley Drive  
Pauma Valley, CA 92061  
(760) 742-3721  
[paumavalleycc.com](http://paumavalleycc.com)

[Click Here](#) for directions.

## HOTEL INFORMATION

There are a limited number of rooms available onsite at Pauma Valley CC. To make arrangements, contact Joyce Thatcher at (760) 742-3721.

Additionally, a discounted rate of \$109/night has been secured at the nearby Harrah's Resort Southern California.

### Harrah's Resort Southern California

777 South Resort Drive  
Valley Center, CA 92082

[HarrahsSoCal.com](http://HarrahsSoCal.com)

To make reservations, you may either call 1-800-427-7247 and reference the group code **S11SC7** or [click here](#) to make reservations online. **Reservations must be made by Monday, October 23.**

## AIRPORTS

Ontario Airport – ONT (approx. 75 miles from Pauma Valley CC)  
San Diego Airport – SAN (approx. 50 miles from Pauma Valley CC)





# 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.

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# 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 NCGA/SCGA reserves the right to review all penalty situations.*

# ABOUT PAUMA VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB

**Club Established:** 1960

**Architect:** Robert Trent Jones, Sr.

**Blue Yardage:** 6,811

**Course Rating:** 73.1

**Slope:** 129

**Greens:** Bent / Poa Annua

**Fairways:** Bermuda / Rye

**Tees:** Bermuda

**Rough:** Bermuda / Rye

**Men's Course Record:** 63 (Greg Casagranda)

[Click here](#) to take an online tour of Pauma Valley CC and its property.





# HOLE-BY-HOLE CHAMPIONSHIP

## YARDAGE RANGE

HOLE	YARDAGE RANGE	PAR
1	520	5
2	352 - 392	4
3	155 - 187	3
4	434	4
5	401 - 452	4
6	404 - 420	4
7	154 - 187	3
8	423	4
9	411	4
10	380	4
11	496 - 559	5
12	167 - 210	3
13	296 - 378	4
14	429	4
15	377 - 397	4
16	157 - 179	3
17	488 - 513	5
18	422 - 447	4
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# CALIFORNIA SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONS

YEAR	CHAMPION	SITE
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
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