California Senior Amateur Championship

Lake Merced GC Nov. 14 -16, 2016



25TH CALIFORNIA SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP



LAKE MERCED GOLF CLUB

NOVEMBER 14 - 16, 2016



Sunday, November 13th – Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. Practice rounds: 12:15 PM Shotgun Start.

Monday November 14th – 18 holes of stroke play. 45 players starting at 8:00 a.m. in groups of three off tee #1 45 players starting at 8:00 a.m. in groups of three off tee # 10

Tuesday November 15th – 18 holes of stroke play. 45 players starting at 8:00 a.m. in groups of three off tee #1 45 players starting at 8:00 a.m. in groups of three off tee # 10

CUT: The field will be cut to the low 30 players and ties.

Wednesday November 16^{th -} 18 holes of stroke play. 30 players and ties starting at 8:00 a.m. in groups of three off tee #1 only



2015 California Senior Amateur Champion Mark Harding



NORTH/SOUTH SENIOR CHALLENGE MATCHES

The North/South Senior Challenge Matches are a two day competition between the Northern California Golf Association and the Southern California Golf Association which take place on Monday and Tuesday. The winning team will hold the rights to the Senior Cup. Each team is selected by their respective association. The final results are based on the best two scores out of three for each of the teams for a two day total score.

PAIRINGS

Pairings will be available on the Northern California Golf Association website and the Southern California Golf Association website approximately one week prior to the championship.

RULES OF PLAY

*Play is governed by the 2016 Rules of Golf.

*A Local Rules Addendum will be distributed at the championship site. Disregard all other club posted local rules.

*The "**one-ball**" rule will NOT be in effect during the Championship.

* 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.

*Automotive transportation is permitted and are included in the entry fee. Two carts per group only. Pull carts may be used, but players should rent them from the Lake Merced Golf Shop at \$10 per round.

PACE OF PLAY

It is important to understand that the California Senior Amateur Championship check point pace of play policy will be in effect. The policy is enclosed in this handbook for you to review prior to the championship. If you have any questions please contact the NCGA at 831/625-4653 or talk to an official prior to your round.

ENTRY FEE

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

DRESS CODE

VERY IMPORTANT – APPLIES TO PLAYERS, CADDIES AND SPECTATORS

The following dress code is in effect for all players, caddies and spectators (friends, family members, guests, etc.): Contestants, caddies and spectators must be properly attired on the grounds and in the buildings. Collared golf shirts must be worn and tucked in at all times (T-shirts and tank tops are prohibited). Tailored slacks or Bermuda shorts with hem line no

more than three inches above the knee are permitted. Denim of any color, <u>cargo shorts</u>, pants with exterior pockets, warm-ups or drawstring pants (including sweat suits) are not permitted. Billed hats and visors must be worn forward and all hats or visors must be removed when entering the Clubhouse. Ladies' attire must conform to the men's attire (highheeled shoes are not permitted on the golf course).

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 his 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.

Lake Merced is a non-metal spike facility (soft spikes or "spikeless" golf shoes are mandatory for all players).

REGISTRATION: REQUIRED FOR ALL CONTESTANTS

All players must register with NCGA/SCGA staff upon arrival for their practice round on November 13 or before their first round on November 14. Registration will be in the hallway between the Golf Shop and Café 19, which is on the lower level of the clubhouse.

The hours of registration are Sunday, November 13, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Registration on Monday, November 14 will start at 7:00 a.m. At registration you will receive important lastminute information about the host facilities and the championship. A player ID will be given to each player that will allow you access to the clubhouse and food and beverage for the event.

PRACTICE ROUNDS – CONTESTANTS ONLY

Lake Merced GC will host one complimentary practice round for each participant. Players will only be entitled to one practice round. No guests. Club reciprocals will not be accepted for additional practice rounds. Caddies are permitted to walk with their player during their practice rounds. Caddies will not be allowed to play.

A block of times have been set aside for a Shotgun Start at 12:15 p.m. on November 13th.

To be fair to all participants, calls for practice rounds will not be accepted until **Tuesday**, **October 25th starting at 8:30 a.m.**

Reservations will be on a first-come, first-served basis and must be made by Tuesday, November 8th before 4:00 p.m.

NCGA and local players are encouraged to practice in the weeks prior to give SCGA and traveling players the opportunity to play the Sunday prior to the championship. Contact Lake Merced GC Golf Shop for an early practice round at (650) 755-2239.

Players and caddies may walk or use a golf cart during their practice round. Cart fee: \$15. Pull carts may be used, and players may rent them from the Lake Merced Golf Shop at \$10 per round. Players and caddies must adhere to the dress code in this document.

NOTE: Food and beverage may be purchased from Café 19 during the practice round. Cash, credit card or reciprocal club charges accepted.

DRIVING RANGE AND PRACTICE FACILITY

The driving range, practice chipping and putting areas will be available starting at 7:00 a.m. each day of the competition. The driving range will not be available to players after their rounds. Players should avoid hitting balls over the net as players walking down the 10th and 18th fairways are subject to getting hit by shots over the net.

LOCKERS

There are a limited number of lockers available during the championship. Please see the locker room attendant if you are in need of a locker.

CADDIES

Players may carry their own golf bag or 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 must be worn during the round and returned each day.

Players bringing their own caddie are responsible for the conduct of their caddie at the championship.

Lake Merced GC has caddies available for use during practice rounds and the tournament rounds. Caddies should be reserved two weeks in advance by calling the Golf Shop at (650) 755-2239. The fee for caddies is \$75 per bag (paid directly to the caddie). Gratuities are encouraged for good service.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE

A hosted breakfast (7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.) and lunch (12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.) will be available Monday through Wednesday in the Merced Room on the upper floor of the clubhouse. Players must use their Player ID badge to gain access. Café 19 (downstairs) will also be open 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to purchase items with cash, credit cards, or reciprocal club charges.

Caddies and spectators may join the players upstairs in the clubhouse for breakfast and/or lunch for a fee that must be paid by credit card only. Café 19, on the lower level of the clubhouse, will also be open 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for caddies and spectators to purchase items with cash, credit cards, or reciprocal club charges.

CELL PHONES

The use of cell phones is permitted in the Lake Merced GC parking lot **only**.

PARKING

Ample parking is available for players and spectators in the Lake Merced GC parking lot. Please secure all valuable items out of sight.

SPECTATOR INFORMATION

All spectators must adhere to the dress code and cell phone policies listed in this document.

AIRPORTS

San Francisco International Airport - SFO (approximately 10 miles from Lake Merced GC) Oakland International - OAK (approximately 20 miles from Lake Merced GC) Mineta San Jose International Airport - SJC (approximately 30 miles from Lake Merced GC)

HOTEL INFORMATION

We have arranged blocks of rooms at the Hampton Inn/ Daly City

2700 Junipero Serra Blvd. Daly City, CA 94015 650-755-7500 \$199 + tax/night. (free parking) Must call by October 23rd Four short blocks from Lake Merced GC

The following hotels are suggested only for your convenience. You must call them for rates and availability. We also recommend that you check with the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce at <u>www.sfchamber.com</u>

OTHER LOCAL HOTELS:

Hotel Nikko www.hotelnikkosf.com 222 Mason St San Francisco, CA 94102

(415) 394-1111

Holiday Inn Express

<u>www.hiexpress.com</u> 1250 Bayshore Highway Burlingame, CA 94010 650-347-2381

Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport

1333 Bayshore Highway Burlingame, CA 94010 650-347-1234

Hilton San Francisco Towers

333 O'Farrell Street San Francisco, CA 94102 415-771-1400

The Palace Hotel

2 New Montgomery Street San Francisco, CA 94105 415-512-1111

MAP AND DIRECTIONS



Lake Merced Golf Club 2300 Junipero Serra Blvd. Daly City, CA 94015 650-755-2233 ext. 301 www.lmgc.org



Directions to Lake Merced Golf Club

From San Francisco International Airport- South

Merge onto US-101 N toward SAN FRANCISCO approximately 1.1 miles Merge onto I-380 W toward I-280/SAN BRUNO approximately 1.9 miles Merge onto I-280 N toward SAN FRANCISCO approximately 4.1 miles Take the CA-1 exit, EXIT 47, toward PACIFICA/EASTMOOR AVE approximately 0.1 miles Take the exit toward MISSION STREET approximately 0.6 miles Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto JUNIPERO SERRA BLVD. approximately 0.8 miles End at 2300 Junipero Serra Blvd Daly City, CA 94015-1630

From North- Golden Gate Bridge

Take CA-1 S toward 19TH AVE/ GOLDEN GATE PARK approximately 7.1 miles Take the exit toward I-280/ JOHN DALY BLVD. approximately 0.2 miles Take JOHN DALY BLVD EAST exit on LEFT toward I-280/ SAN JOSE approximately 0.1 miles Take JOHN DALY BLVD EAST exit toward JUNIPERO SERRA BLVD. approximately 0.1 miles Merge onto JOHN DALY BLVD. approximately 0.1 miles Turn RIGHT onto JUNIPERO SERRA BLVD. approximately 0.7 miles End at 2300 Junipero Serra Blvd Daly City, CA 94015-1630

From the East Bay- Oakland International Airport

Merge onto I-880 N toward DOWNTOWN OAKLAND approximately 8.7 miles Merge onto I-80 W via the exit on the LEFT toward SAN FRANCISCO/ BAY BRIDGE (Portions toll) approximately 8.5 miles I-80 W becomes US-101 S. approximately 2.0 miles Merge onto I-280 S toward DALY CITY approximately 4.3 miles Take EXIT 49 toward JUNIPERO SERRA BLVD/ JOHN DALY BLVD approximately 0.5 miles Merge onto JUNIPERO SERRA BLVD. approximately 0.7 miles End at 2300 Junipero Serra Blvd Daly City, CA 94015-1630

RESTAURANTS, SHOPPING, LOCAL INFORMATION

Alcatraz Island

Tel: 415-981-7625

Visible from Fisherman's Wharf, Alcatraz Island (also known as The Rock) has seen a checkered history. From the 1850s to 1933, when the army vacated the island, it served as a military post. In 1934, the government converted the buildings of the military outpost into a maximum-security prison. Among the famous gangsters who occupied cell blocks were Al Capone, Robert Stroud, the so-called Birdman of Alcatraz, Machine Gun Kelly, and Alvin Karpis. Tours, including an audio tour of the prison block and a slide show, are given by the park's rangers, who entertain guests with interesting anecdotes. Allow about 2 1/2 hours for the round-trip boat ride and the tour. Wear comfortable shoes (the National Park Service notes that there are a lot of hills to climb on the tour) and take a heavy sweater or windbreaker, because even when the sun's out, it's cold there. You should also bring snacks and drinks with you if you think you'll want them. Although there is a beverage-and-snack bar on the ferry, the options are limited and expensive, and only water is available on the island. The excursion to Alcatraz is very popular and space is limited, so purchase tickets as far in advance as possible (up to 90 days) via the Alcatraz Cruises website at www.alcatrazcruises.com. You can also purchase tickets in person by visiting the Hornblower Alcatraz Landing ticket office at Pier 33. The first departure, called the "Early Bird," leaves at 9am, and ferries depart about every half-hour afterward until 2pm. Night tours (highly recommended) are also available Thursday through Monday and are a more intimate and wonderfully spooky experience.

Arrive at least 20 min. before departure time. Location: Pier 33, near Fisherman's Wharf.

Cable Cars

Although they may not be San Francisco's most practical means of transportation, cable cars are certainly the best loved and are a must-experience when visiting the city. Designated official historic landmarks by the National Park Service in 1964, they clank up and down the city's steep hills like mobile museum pieces, tirelessly hauling thousands of tourists each day to nowhere in particular. *Location:* Powell-Hyde and Powell-Mason lines begin at the base of Powell and Market Sts.; California St. line begins at the foot of Market St

Coit Tower

415-362-0808 In a city known for its great views and vantage points, Coit Tower is one of the best. Located atop Telegraph Hill, just east of North Beach, the round stone tower offers panoramic views of the city and the bay. *Hours:* Daily 10am-6pm *Location:* Telegraph Hill *Transportation:* Bus: 39 (Coit) *Price:* Admission is free to enter; there is a charge for the elevator ride to the top

Fisherman's Wharf

Tel: 415-674-7503

Fisherman's Wharf is one of the most popular tourist attractions in the world. Boasting some of the best seafood restaurants in San Francisco, lots of shops, and traditional San Francisco tourist activities, Fisherman's Wharf is a must see for everyone who visits the City.

Location: At Taylor St. and The Embarcadero

Transportation: Bus: 15, 30, 32, 39, 42, or 82X. Streetcar: F-line. Cable car: Powell-Mason to the last stop and walk to the wharf

Golden Gate Bridge

The 1.7-mile bridge (including the approach), which reaches a height of 746 feet above the water, is awesome to cross. Millions of people visit the bridge each year, gazing up at the tall orange towers, out at the vistas of San Francisco and Marin County, and down into the stacks of oceangoing liners. You can walk out onto the span from either end, but be prepared -- it's usually windy and cold, and the traffic is noisy. Still, walking even a short distance is one of the best ways to experience the immense scale of the structure.

San Francisco Zoo (& Children's Zoo)

Tel: 415-753-7080

Located between the Pacific Ocean and Lake Merced, in the southwest corner of the city, the San Francisco Zoo provides a welcoming environment for visitors who want to see some of the world's most majestic wildlife. Founded at its present site near the ocean in 1929, the zoo is spread over 100 acres and houses more than 930 animals, including some 245 species of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and invertebrates.

The San Francisco Zoo is open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. General Admission Adults \$15.00 Seniors \$12.00 Children 4-14- \$9.00, 3 and under Free

Beaches

China Beach

Tel: 415- 561-4323

<u>parksconservancy.org</u> located on Sea Cliff Avenue in San Francisco (approximately 4 miles from Lake Merced Golf Club).

Baker Beach

Tel: 415- 561-4323 <u>parksconservancy.org</u> located at Lincoln Blvd & Bowley St (approximately 4 miles from Lake Merced Golf Club).

City of Pacifica: Parks Beaches & Recreation Dept

Tel: 650-738-7380 <u>cityofpacifica.org</u> located at 1810 Francisco Blvd, Pacifica (approximately 5 miles from Lake Merced Golf Club).

Pharmacy

Walgreen's 395 S Mayfair Ave Daly City, CA 94015 650-756-4535

Grocery Store Safeway 85 Westlake Center Daly City, CA 94015

Hospitals Seton Hospital 1900 Sullivan Ave Daly City, CA 94015 650-992-4000

Cab Companies Daly City Cab 650-992-8865

Athletic Clubs

YMCA 333 Eucalyptus Dr San Francisco, CA 415-242-7100

Shopping Centers

Serramonte Center 3 Serramonte Center Daly City, CA 94015 650-301-3360

Dry Cleaner

Elliott Cleaners 2390 Junipero Serra Blvd Daly City, CA 94015 650-755-0144 24 Hour Fitness 373 Gellert Blvd Daly City, CA 94015 650-756-3303

Stonestown Galleria 3251 20th Ave San Francisco, CA 94132 415-759-2626

Emergencies Dial 911

For more area information visit: <u>www.sfchamber.com</u>

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PACE OF PLAY POLICY

The 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 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 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 NCGA/SCGA Staff or a NCGA/SCGA Rules Official at any time during the stipulated round, and the player(s) will be monitored. If NCGA/SCGA Staff or a NCGA/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 Committee reserves the right to review all penalty situations.