

32ND CALIFORNIA SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP



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RED HILL COUNTRY CLUB
NOVEMBER 6 - 8, 2023

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CGA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DEAR COMPETITORS,

Congratulations on making the field of the 32nd California Senior Amateur Championship, being held for the first time at Red Hill CC in Rancho Cucamonga, CA! The Southern and Northern California Golf Associations combine each year under the umbrella of the California Golf Association to conduct the state's premier amateur championship for senior golfers. This year's edition of the championship will be held from November 6 – 8, 2023.

Our host site this year, Red Hill CC, is an original George C. Thomas, Jr. design founded in 1921 and is one of the jewels of the Inland Empire. It has hosted numerous SCGA championships and qualifiers along with USGA qualifiers over the years. Despite its modest length, the par-72 layout will test all aspects of a golfer's ability especially on its small, undulating green complexes.

Some of the best names in senior amateur golf in California have captured this illustrious title including, Jim McMurtrey, John Pate, Jeff Buda, Jeff Wilson, and our two-time defending champion, Randy Haag.

So welcome - and please be sure to look for our staff & rules officials - our NCGA and SCGA volunteers will be on the course ready to make this a memorable experience. We wish all of you good luck and enjoy your week in the heart of the Inland Empire!

Good luck,



Gary Fox

President, California Golf Association

COURSE OVERVIEW

CLUB ESTABLISHED: 1921

ARCHITECT: George C. Thomas Jr.

GREENS: Poa Annua

FAIRWAYS: Bermuda

ROUGH: Overseeded Ryegrass



COURSE RATING: 72.1

SLOPE: 129

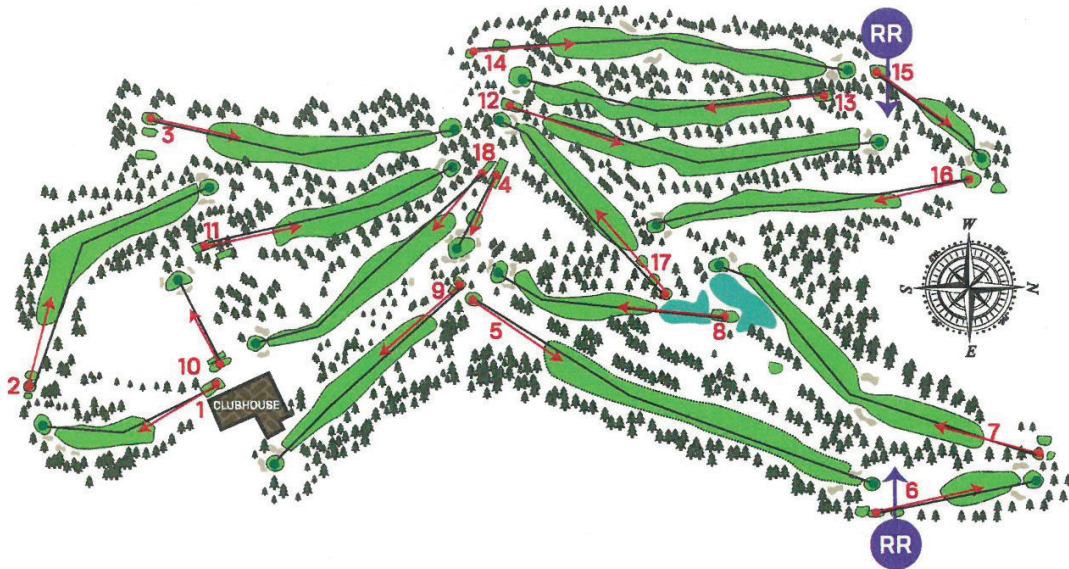
YARDAGE: 6,517

GENERAL MANAGER: Gene Miller

DIRECTOR OF GOLF: Chris Frame, PGA

SUPERINTENDENT: Von San Luis, GCSAA

COURSE MAP



RED HILL COUNTRY CLUB

SCORECARD

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
YARDAGE	265	408	415	136	546	209	505	326	364	3,174
PAR	4	4	4	3	5	3	5	4	4	36

HOLE	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL
YARDAGE	147	376	514	425	510	190	454	319	408	3,343	6,517
PAR	3	4	5	4	5	3	4	4	4	36	72

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND FORMAT

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6:

ROUND 1

Tee times from 8 a.m. – approx. 10:23 a.m. (Holes 1 & 10)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7:

ROUND 2

Tee times from 8 a.m. – approx. 10:23 a.m. (Holes 1 & 10)

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8:

ROUND 3

Tee times from 7:30 – approx. 10 a.m. (Hole 1)

AWARDS

Awards will be presented immediately following the final round. In the event of a tie for first place only, a hole-by-hole sudden death playoff will commence following the conclusion of regular play to determine the champion.

NORTH / SOUTH CHALLENGE

The North / South Challenge is a two-day competition between the NCGA and the SCGA participants, which takes place during stroke play qualifying on Monday and Tuesday. Each day the three lowest scores from each respective association are counted. The results are based on the scores over the course of the first two rounds. The association with the lowest two-day total is awarded the Lampham Trophy.



CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

STARTING TIMES AND PAIRINGS

- » Starting times and pairings will be emailed to players and posted online at scga.org/ncga.org the week prior to the championship.
- » The lead group should plan to be at their assigned tee 10 minutes in advance of their starting time. Subsequent groups are encouraged to arrive once the preceding group has teed off. 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.

PRACTICE ROUNDS

- » Practice rounds will be available on Tuesdays – Sunday, after October 24 on a space available basis.
- » Players to contact the Red Hill CC Golf Shop at (909) 982-4559 to schedule a practice round. Green fee: \$80 per player; cart fee: \$20 per player.
- » Practice rounds are for players only. Players may bring a caddie, but the caddie may not play.

TEES AND HOLE YARDAGES

[Click here](#) to view the maximum hole-by-hole yardage ranges for the California Senior Amateur Championship.

PARKING AND REGISTRATION

- » Ample parking is available at the facility.
- » All participants must check in at the registration table located near the golf shop upon arrival on Monday.

DRIVING RANGE

- » The driving range will be open by 6:30 a.m. on each day of the championship.

FOOD SERVICE

- » Lunch will be hosted for players each day of the championship between the hours of 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- » Additionally, the snack bar will be available for purchases with major credit cards or reciprocal charge.

GOLF SHOP PURCHASES

Major credit cards and in some cases reciprocal charges, will be accepted for golf shop purchases.



SPECTATOR INFORMATION

- » Spectators are welcome and encouraged to attend the California Senior Amateur Championship.
- » Spectators will not be permitted in golf carts.
- » If spectators have any questions leading up to the event, please contact the SCGA Championships & Golf Operations Department at champs@scga.org.

MOBILE DEVICE POLICY

- » Players, caddies, and spectators should turn mobile devices off or to silent mode while on the property and limit calls to inside their vehicle.
- » 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.



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 SCGA Hard Card and the Notice to Players that will be emailed to players the day prior to the qualifier.
- » Click [here](#) to review the SCGA Pace of Play Policy.
- » Prior to participating, participants should review the SCGA's Policies & Procedures.

AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION

- » Golf carts are included as part of the entry fee; however, players who are able and willing to walk may do so.
- » There will be a maximum of two carts per group and two bags per cart. Players wishing to ride will be expected to share a cart with another player.
- » 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.
- » Drivers must be at least 16 years of age (or older if club policy dictates).
- » Pull or push carts are permitted.

CADDIES

Players may provide their own caddie.

DRESS CODE

Red Hill CC dress code will apply.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- » To withdraw for any reason prior to the start of the championship, a player must notify the SCGA Championships & Golf Operations Department at champs@scga.org or (818) 980-3630.
- » Failure to notify tournament staff will subject the player to suspension from future competitions.

Refund Policy:

- » Cancellation prior to the entry closing date: **Full refund less a \$20 administrative fee.**
- » Cancellation after the entry closing date and more than 48 hours prior to the start of the competition: **50% of the entry fee.**
- » Cancellation within 48 hours of the start of the competition: **No refund.**
- » For a complete listing of SCGA tournament policies and procedures, click [here](#).



PACE OF PLAY POLICY

MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TIME:

The Committee at each competition will determine the maximum allowable time each group is permitted to play the round and each hole. This time will be posted on each player's scorecard, and each player and group is expected to maintain a pace that is faster than the maximum allowable time. A hole ends in stroke play when all players have holed out, and in match play, when all players hole out or the result of the hole is decided. See Rule 23.3c for when a hole is completed in four-ball competition.

IN POSITION:

Groups are expected to remain in position throughout the round. Being in position means:

- » Reaching the teeing area of a par-3 before the group ahead has teed off on the next hole.
- » Reaching the teeing area of a par-4 before the group ahead leaves the putting green of that hole.
- » Reaching the teeing area of a par-5 before the group ahead gets to the putting green of that hole.

WARNING, CHECKPOINTS & PENALTIES:

If a group is over its maximum allowable time and out of position, an SCGA official may issue the group a warning and provide a checkpoint by when the group must regain its position (e.g., within the next two or three holes). If a group receives a warning, it will

be monitored by an SCGA official to observe its pace of play.

- » If a group fails to regain its position by an established checkpoint, all players in the group will be informed that the checkpoint was missed and that one or more players in the group will be liable to receive a one-stroke penalty. The SCGA official will then provide another checkpoint by when the group must regain its position.
- » If the group fails to regain its position a second time, one or more players in the group will be liable to receive the general penalty (loss of hole in match play or two penalty strokes in stroke play).



If the Committee identifies that a player (or players) 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 others may.

THE CGA TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REVIEW ALL PENALTY SITUATIONS.

LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION

The Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association and The R&A govern play. These Local Rules and Terms of the Competition are in effect at all CGA championships and qualifying rounds. See applicable championship or qualifying round Notice to Players and Entry Application for modifications or additions to these Local Rules and Terms of the Competition. Complete text of the Rules and Local Rules may be found in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, effective January 2023.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule is the general penalty.

LOCAL RULES

OUT OF BOUNDS — Defined by the line between the course-side points of white stakes and fence posts at ground level.

PENALTY AREAS — When a penalty area is defined on only one side, it extends to infinity. When a penalty area is connected to the out-of-bounds edge, the penalty area extends to and coincides with out of bounds.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR — Defined by white lines. French drains are ground under repair.

Ground under repair may include areas of unusual damage but only when so declared by an authorized member of the Committee. When immediately adjacent to an immovable obstruction, such an area is part of that obstruction.

RELIEF FROM SEAMS OF CUT TURF (SOD SEAMS) — Model Local Rule F-7 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

AERATION HOLES — Model Local Rule E-4 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

EDGING GROOVES — Model Local Rule F-19 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS — White-lined areas of ground under repair and the artificially surfaced roads, paths or other identified obstructions that they are connected to are a single abnormal course condition when taking relief under Rule 16.1.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH — Are loose impediments.

INTEGRAL OBJECTS — Include artificial walls and pilings when located in penalty areas or in or adjacent to bunkers.

PROHIBITING USE OF CERTAIN TYPES OF SHOES — Model Local Rule G-7 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS — Model Local Rule G-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED CLUB — Model Local Rule G-9 as prescribed in Section 8 of Committee Procedures is in effect.

MISSING PLAYER OR MARKER CERTIFICATION — Model Local Rule L-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

PRACTICE — Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 5.2b covering practice in stroke play is modified in this way: A player may not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.

PACE OF PLAY — See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy.

STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY — Model Local Rule J-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

All practice areas are closed during an immediate suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Players who practice on closed practice areas will be asked to stop practicing; failure to stop practicing might result in disqualification.

An immediate suspension will be signaled by one prolonged air horn note. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three consecutive air horn notes. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short air horn notes.

WHEN COMPETITION IS FINAL:

Stroke Play: When the results and/or qualifiers and alternates have been determined. At championships, when the awards have been presented.

Match Play: When the result of a match has been reported to, and verified by, the committee.

CODE OF CONDUCT* — By submitting an entry for any CGA-administered event, the contestant understands that his/her participation is at the sole discretion of the SCGA. A contestant may be removed from an event either before or during the event at the sole discretion of the CGA. 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 SCGA-administered events.

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

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CODE OF CONDUCT

First Offense: Warning

Second Offense: Disqualification

*The Committee may disqualify a player for serious misconduct in failing to meet the Code's standards.

For a complete listing of CGA Tournament Policies and Procedures, [click here](#).

CALIFORNIA SENIOR AMATEUR EXEMPTIONS

California Senior Amateur Championship Exemptions

- » The past 10 California Senior Amateur Champions (2013 – 2022)
- » 2022 California Senior Amateur Championship (Top-10 Finishers)
- » Past Champions of the California Amateur Championship (prior to 2005)
- » NCGA/SCGA members who qualified for match play at the 2023 California Amateur Championship:

NCGA & SCGA Championships

- » Past 3 NCGA & SCGA Senior Amateur Champions (2020-2022)
- » 2022 NCGA Senior Amateur Championship (Top-10 finishers)
- » 2022 SCGA Senior Amateur Championship (Top-10 finishers)
- » 2022 NCGA Super Senior Champion
- » 2022 SCGA Super Senior Champion
- » 2023 NCGA Senior Match Play Champion
- » 2023 SCGA Senior Match Play Champion

USGA Championships

- » NCGA/SCGA members who qualified for match play at the 2022 U.S. Senior Amateur Championship
- » NCGA/SCGA members who qualified for the U.S. Amateur, U.S. Mid-Amateur, U.S. Open or U.S. Senior Open Championships

Ranking Systems

- » 2022 NCGA Senior Player of the Year Points List (Top-10 finishers)
- » 2022 SCGA Senior Player of the Year Points List (Top-10 finishers)

2022 RECAP

HAAG CAPTURES BACK-TO-BACK CALIFORNIA STATE TITLE

When Orinda resident Randy Haag won the 2021 California Senior Amateur, it was like closing the circle. Prior to the victory, the NCGA Hall of Famer had won just about everything except a State Amateur.

Now, the 63-year-old Olympic Club member has two.

Haag carded a final round 3-over 73 and avoided catastrophe on the treacherous par-3 18th to hold off Scott Almquist and Tim Hogarth and win the 31st California Senior Amateur at Pasatiempo Golf Club by a stroke. He's the first repeat winner since Jeff Burda in 2009-10 and joins Burda and fellow NCGA Hall of Famer Jim McMurtey as the only players to go back-to-back.

"Last year's win and this year's win are so different. Last year was special because it was my first State title. To do it back-to-back, it's hard for me to believe," said Haag, who finished at 213 (72-68-73).

When Haag arrived at the 18th tee, he held a three-shot lead over Hogarth, who was playing in the same group, and was two ahead of Almquist, who was already in clubhouse at 214 after a 70. Haag's tee shot landed to the left side of the green, leaving him a lengthy birdie putt, while Hogarth knocked his tee shot to within 5 feet of the flagstick.

With the title on the line, Haag's birdie try skimmed past the cup and rolled down into a collection area. He'd take a deep breath and recollect himself, hitting his next putt to within a few feet of the pin, and would eventually make bogey. It was critical, as Hogarth applied extra pressure by making birdie.

"On 18 I couldn't figure out what club to hit. Out on this course, there are so many times that you find yourself trying to two-putt from 15 to 20 feet. That 18th green aged me three years there at the end," Haag said.

For Haag, the win capped a rollercoaster year. Back in the winter, he had two 6-inch screws inserted into a bum left ankle. At the time, his doctor told him he may be able to return to playing in April, but added "probably not very well." Haag would go on to capture his third NCGA Senior Player of the Year title.

"It hasn't been easy. My left foot moves a lot when I swing. So to compensate I'm timing my arms," Haag said. For Hogarth, it was *deja' vu* all over again. At last year's championship, he also finished a stroke behind Haag.

Hogarth's chances began to fade after back-to-back bogeys on holes Nos. 15 and 16, the 16th being extremely painful after missing a short putt that would've tied Haag. On the 17th, Hogarth's approach



shot hit a mound on the right side of the area of the green and bounded further right. He'd end up with a double-bogey.

"I made a bad swing, and then I ripped my third past the cup. Sooner or later, a lack of knowing what you are doing is going to catch up to you," said Hogarth, who was making his competitive debut at Pasatiempo. "In hindsight, I should've just played for a bogey."

The day started with Haag holding a one-shot lead over Hogarth and a two-shot lead over Jeff Wilson. Hogarth has won over 20 SCGA titles and in 1996 won the now-defunct U.S. Amateur Public Links. Wilson, meanwhile, in 2018 won the U.S. Senior Amateur and has been a USGA medalist nine times. Wilson fell back to a tie for fourth after a 76.

"I look up to Tim and Jeff so much. They're both national champions," Haag said. "I've never seen so much talent around the greens. "I was just trying to not make any mental mistakes."

PAST CALIFORNIA SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONS

YEAR	CHAMPION	SITE
2022	Randy Haag	Pasatiempo GC
2021	Randy Haag	Hillcrest CC
2020	Robert Funk	Poppy Hills GC
2019	Casey Boyns	Wilshire CC
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

YEAR	CHAMPION	SITE
2009	Jeff Burda	Poppy Hills GC
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2007	Gary Vanier	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