

Goose Creek  
GOLF CLUB



# 121<sup>ST</sup> SCGA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

GOOSE CREEK GOLF CLUB  
AUGUST 17-20, 2020



# 6<sup>TH</sup> SCGA WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

GOOSE CREEK GOLF CLUB  
AUGUST 17-19, 2020



# CONTENTS

**WELCOME..... 3**

FROM THE SCGA ..... 3

**ABOUT THE COURSE ..... 4**

COURSE OVERVIEW ..... 4

COURSE MAP ..... 5

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND FORMAT ..... 6**

**RULES OF PLAY & POLICIES..... 7**

CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION ..... 7

LOCAL RULES AND TERMS OF THE COMPETITION ..... 10

PACE OF PLAY POLICY ..... 11

121<sup>ST</sup> AMATEUR EXEMPTIONS ..... 12

6<sup>TH</sup> WOMEN’S AMATEUR EXEMPTIONS ..... 13

120<sup>TH</sup> AMATEUR RECAP ..... 14

5<sup>TH</sup> WOMEN’S AMATEUR RECAP ..... 15





# SCGA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## DEAR COMPETITORS,

Welcome to the 121st playing of the SCGA Amateur Championship and 6th playing of the SCGA Women's Amateur Championship at the challenging Goose Creek Golf Club in Jurupa Valley.

For the first time in SCGA history, our two premier championships for elite men and women golfers will be played on the same days and contested on the same golf course.

Goose Creek Golf Club's 18-hole championship layout was designed by Brian Curley and Lee Schmidt of Schmidt-Curley Golf Design to emulate the architectural characteristics of famed Riviera Country Club. Goose Creek Golf Club has served as the Inland Empire's signature public host course for numerous USGA qualifying, PGA Tour Genesis Open qualifying and numerous SCGA qualifiers since it opened for daily fee play in 1999.

This year's playing of the SCGA Amateur and Women's Amateur Championship comes at a time of acute public health concern due to the continuing spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes the COVID-19 respiratory disease.

It's remarkably reminiscent of SCGA Amateur Championships in 1918, 1919 and 1920 at Los Angeles Country Club when Southern California residents struggled mightily to "flatten the curve" during a deadly years-long influenza pandemic.

This year, as it was a century ago, the SCGA Amateur Championship proudly continues our uninterrupted annual tradition of elite golf competition. The same holds true for our SCGA Women's Amateur. Both concurrent competitions will adhere to public health guidelines that prioritize the safety of our competitors and guests.

Past SCGA Amateur Champions include legendary names in the game of golf. Past SCGA Women's Amateur Champions have distinguished themselves and are destined to become future legends. Go to [scga.org](https://scga.org) for the [SCGA Amateur](#) champions rundown from 1900 to 2019 and our [Women's Amateur](#) champions rundown.

This week, the opportunity is in your hands as you compete to add your name to our SCGA champion history!



Fred MacFarlane



# COURSE OVERVIEW

**CLUB ESTABLISHED:** 1999

**ARCHITECT:** Brian Curley / Lee Schmidt

**COURSE RATING:** Men - 73.1 / Women - 75.2

**SLOPE:** Men - 131 / Women - 135

**YARDAGE:** Men - 6,839 / Women - 6,262

**DIRECTOR OF GOLF:** Ross Fisher

**SUPERINTENDENT:** Rudy Cardenas

**GOOSE CREEK GC**

11418 68th St.

Jurupa Valley, CA 91752

(951) 735-3982

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





# COURSE MAP



*Goose Creek*  
GOLF CLUB

## MEN'S SCORECARD

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
YARDAGE	381	185	425	587	179	361	532	382	188	3220
PAR	4	3	4	5	3	4	5	4	3	35

HOLE	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL
YARDAGE	393	184	515	425	346	479	220	591	466	3619	6839
PAR	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	5	4	36	70

## WOMEN'S SCORECARD

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
YARDAGE	381	155	389	520	148	340	519	345	159	2956
PAR	4	3	4	5	3	4	5	4	3	35

HOLE	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL
YARDAGE	352	165	515	405	326	422	150	505	466	3306	6232
PAR	4	3	5	4	4	4	3	5	5	37	72

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND FORMAT

## MONDAY, AUGUST 17:

### Round 1

**Men:** Tee times from 7:30 – 9:40 a.m. off Holes 1 & 10.

**Women:** Tee times from 12:30 – 2:20 p.m. off Holes 1 & 10.

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 18:

### Round 2

**Women:** Tee times from 7:30 – 9:20 a.m. off Holes 1 & 10.

**\*Following the second round, the SCGA Women's Amateur field will be cut to the low 30 scores (plus ties.)**

**Men:** Tee times from 12:15 – 2:25 p.m. off Holes 1 & 10.

**\*Following the second round, the SCGA Amateur field will be cut to the low 42 scores (plus ties.)**



## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19:

### Final Round - SCGA Women's Amateur

Tee times starting at 7 a.m. off Hole 1.

### Round 3 - SCGA Amateur

Tee times starting at 9 a.m. off Hole 1.

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 20:

### Final Round - SCGA Amateur

Tee times starting at 7 a.m. off Hole 1.

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



# CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

## 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 starter will have information to discuss with 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 once the preceding group has teed off.
- Materials such as tees, pencils, and hole location sheets will not be distributed until further notice. Refer to the championship's COVID-19 Guidelines for Competitions for further instructions.

## PRACTICE ROUNDS

- Players may make arrangements for practice rounds at their own expense.
- Call Goose Creek GC at (951) 735-3982 in advance of the date you wish to play, or book online in advance of the date you wish to play at [goosecreekgc.com](http://goosecreekgc.com).

## TEES AND HOLE YARDAGES

Please refer to the [SCGA Amateur](#) and [SCGA Women's Amateur](#) championship portal's for hole-by-hole yardages.

## PARKING AND REGISTRATION

- Ample parking is available at the facility.
- All participants must check in at the registration table located at the driving range upon arrival on Monday.

## DRIVING RANGE

- The driving range will be open by 6 a.m. on each day of the championships.
- Players should arrive on site no earlier than one hour prior to their starting time and must limit driving range usage to 15 minutes.

## CADDIES

Caddies are prohibited at this year's championship's.

## DRESS CODE

- Players must be properly attired in golf shirts, slacks, Bermuda-length dress or golf shorts and soft spike shoes.
- Shirts must be tucked in and hats must be worn forward.
- Jeans (any color or any kind), T-shirts, and tank tops are prohibited.





## FOOD SERVICE

Details regarding food and beverage will be distributed closer to the championship.

## GOLF SHOP PURCHASES

Cash or major credit cards will be accepted for all purchases on property.

## SPECTATORS

- **Two spectators per player** will be permitted for the SCGA Amateur and Women's Amateur Championship.
- Spectators must always maintain social distancing and must walk.
- If spectators have any questions leading up to the event, please contact the SCGA Championships & Golf Operations Department at [champs@scga.org](mailto:champs@scga.org).

## MOBILE DEVICE POLICY

- Players, caddies, and spectators should turn mobile devices 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 [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).

## LODGING

[Click Here](#) for potential discounted rates for SCGA members.

## AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION

- During a round, a player must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee (Model Local Rule G-6).
- Players seeking to use a golf cart due to a medical or ADA-related reason must make arrangements with SCGA staff in advance of the championship.
- Pull or push carts are permitted.





## RULES OF PLAY

- Players must familiarize themselves with the SCGA's [COVID-19 Guidelines for Competitions](#).
- 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](#).



## 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 Championship 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 the championship, a player must notify the SCGA Championships & Golf Operations Department at [champs@scga.org](mailto:champs@scga.org) or (818) 980-3630.
- Failure to notify tournament staff will subject the player to suspension from future SCGA competitions.
- **Refund Policy:**
  - Cancellation prior to the entry closing date: **Full refund less a \$10 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

The Tournament Committee at each competition will determine the maximum allowable time each group is permitted to play the 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 round ends when all players in the group have holed out at the final hole.

## LEAD GROUP(S):

The lead group(s) must finish their 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 play that began on another starting hole, 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.

## SUBSEQUENT GROUPS:

Subsequent groups must finish their 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 at a point on the course within 14 minutes of when the group in front of you was at that same point.

Any group that has a slow, deliberate, or non-responsive player may report the player to SCGA officials at any time during the round and the player will be monitored. If the tournament 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 not.



**THE SCGA 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 SCGA 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 2019.

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, at ground level, of white stakes and fence posts.

**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.

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

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

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

**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 and bunkers.

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

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

**BROKEN OR SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED CLUB** — Local Rule as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect. Model Local Rule G-9.

**BACK-ON-THE-LINE-RELIEF** — Model Local Rule E-12 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** — Local Rule as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect. Model Local Rule J-1.

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** — A competition is deemed to have closed when the result (including the result of a playoff, if applicable) has been officially announced or, in stroke play qualifying followed by match play, when the player has teed off in his/her first match.

**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

## 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 SCGA Tournament Policies and Procedures, [click here](#).



# 121<sup>ST</sup> AMATEUR EXEMPTIONS

- The past ten SCGA Amateur Champions (2010 – 2019)
- 2019 SCGA Amateur Championship (Top-10 finishers)
- The past ten California Amateur Champions (2011 – 2020)
- 2019 California Amateur Championship – Match Play Qualifiers
- 2019 SCGA Senior Amateur Champion
- 2019 California Senior Amateur Champion
- 2019 SCGA Match Play Champion
- 2019 SCGA Public Links Champion
- 2019 Southern California Junior Amateur Boys Champion
- 2019 Winner of the SCGA Tournament of Club Champions – Championship Flight
- 2019 U.S. Amateur and U.S. Mid-Amateur – Match Play Qualifiers
- 2019 SCGA Points List (Top-10 finishers)
- SCGA members listed on the top 500 on the WAGR as of May 1, 2020
- Special Exemptions as selected by the Championships & Golf Operations Committee
- 2020 SCGA Mid-Amateur Championship (Top-5 finishers): N/A
- 2020 CIF-SCGA High School Champion: N/A
- 2020 CIF-CGA State High School Champion: N/A



**SAHITH THEEGALA**  
2019 SCGA AMATEUR CHAMPION



# 6<sup>TH</sup> WOMEN'S AMATEUR EXEMPTIONS

- Previous SCGA Women's Amateur Champions
- 2019 SCGA Women's Amateur (top 10 finishers & ties)
- Top 10 on the 2019 SCGA Women's Player of the Year Points List
- Top 5 on the 2019 SCGA Senior Women's Player of the Year Points List
- 2019 SCGA Women's Match Play Champion:
- 2019 Winner of SCGA Tournament of Club Champions (Women's Championship Division)
- 2019 CIF-SCGA Regional Championship (Top 3 and ties)
- 2019 CIF Girls State HS Champion
- Any woman selected in the 2020 Women's Golf Coaches NCAA Division I All-American 1st or 2nd team
- 2019 Southern California Junior Amateur Girls Champion
- 2020 SCGA Senior Women's Amateur Champion
- Any woman in the top 500 of the WAGR as of June 1, 2020
- Any woman who reached match play of the 2019 U.S. Girls Junior (1), U.S. Women's Amateur (2) and U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur (3)
- Current Club Champion of Wilshire Country Club



# 120<sup>TH</sup> AMATEUR RECAP

## THEEGALA ETCHES NAME IN SCGA LORE WITH RUNAWAY WIN

The cream rose to the top in the 120th SCGA Amateur Championship at Lakeside GC as Pepperdine senior Sahith Theegala ran away from a stacked field of the region's best to earn his first SCGA title with a blemish-free final round of 5-under 65.

"It feels unbelievable," said an elated Theegala. "I've played this event for quite a while now, so to have my name etched on that trophy is pretty special. It really hasn't even set in yet."

In what was one of the most anticipated final groups in recent memory, Theegala headed into the final day with a one-shot lead over Lakeside GC member and course record holder Trip Morris, with USC's Charlie Reiter lurking close behind.

But Theegala mashed the gas pedal early on Sunday and never let up. He turned on the jets with a front-nine 3-under 32, which included superb ball-striking and flawless lag putting on the speedy Lakeside green surfaces. Theegala had a tap-in birdie on No. 2 after reaching the par-5 in two, and backed that up with an improbable birdie on No. 4 after spraying a drive left into the trees. His remarkable recovery shot left him a few yards off the green. Then on the 225 yard par-3 ninth, Theegala lasered an iron to the tucked flagstick before rolling in a 25-footer for another birdie. Morris fell back and found himself 1-over at the turn, with disappointing bogeys on No. 3 and No. 9 while Reiter could never jumpstart his round, making the turn at even par.

The crowds for the final group were enormous all day. With the entire Theegala crew out supporting their guy and Lakeside members out in droves following the hometown kid, it made for a surreal scene all afternoon.

"It was unbelievable. I haven't played many tournaments in a long time, so it was great having such a crowd of family and loved ones," said Theegala. "It meant the world that they all came out to watch and support me."

Theegala didn't falter at all on the back-nine, continuing to fire at flagsticks and roll in putts with a silky smooth stroke. He birdied the short par-4 12th, before stuffing one to eight feet on No. 16 to seal the deal. His blistering final round helped distance himself by eight strokes ahead of second place.

An All-American for the Pepperdine Waves, Theegala came into the championship ranked No. 71 in the World Amateur Golf Rankings and was part of Team SCGA for the 2018 Pacific Coast Amateur with young SoCal superstars Matt Wolff and Colin Morikawa.

Further down the leaderboard, USC's Sam Kim used a strong weekend of 64-68 to climb into third place. Reigning U.S. Amateur runner-up and UCLA Bruin Devon Bling went 69-66-68 after a disappointing opening-round 72 to snag fourth place. Reiter finished T-5 with Pepperdine commit Caden Fioroni at 3-under.





# 5<sup>TH</sup> WOMEN'S AMATEUR RECAP

## USC'S ALYAA ABDULGHANY TAKES TITLE AS SOLO UNDER-PAR FINISH

In a championship that had a U.S. Open feel all week, it was the hometown kid, USC's Alyaa Abdulghany who emerged from the crowded leaderboard as the SCGA Women's Amateur Champion. Eight players finished within five strokes of the lead at Newport Beach CC, but it was Abdulghany's final round 2-under 69, which included three birdies in her last six holes, that catapulted her to the top of the podium.

After matching second round 3-under 68s, Brooke Seay and Katherine Muzi were tied for the lead heading into the final day. However, down the stretch, the duo began to fade. Seay suffered a bogey on No. 9 after a short-missed putt, and then posted a double bogey on the par-4 14th. She bounced back with a birdie on No. 17, but it was too late. Meanwhile, Muzi opened the final round with an eagle on No. 3 to take the outright lead but it was all downhill from there as she posted six bogeys coming in.

As the top of the leaderboard made the turn on the final day, Seay, Muzi and Zoe Campos were all tied for the lead at even par. Abdulghany was lurking at 2-over, but well within striking distance.

Campos began the final day with an incredible eagle on No. 3, followed by a birdie on No. 5 to make the turn in 3-under. She plotted her way around the back-nine with only a single blemish on No. 16 when she was unable to get up-and-down from short of the green.

On that fateful back-nine, Abdulghany caught fire. After opening with a disappointing bogey on No. 10, the junior from USC turned on the jets and sprinted to the finish.

"I struggled on the front nine all week," said Abdulghany. "So I knew the back nine would be my strong suit today."

She birdied the tough No. 13, an into-the-wind par-3 that didn't yield many red figures on the day. The Newport Beach native, playing minutes from home, then fired in a birdie on the par-5 15th before heading to the 150-yard par-3 No. 17.

"It was a perfect number," said Abdulghany. "It couldn't have worked any better. It was 150 yards and I love that distance so I told myself to go for it."

After a substantial wait on the tee box, Abdulghany confidently stepped to the tee and laced an iron to within 6 feet for a kick-in birdie and all but slammed the door shut. Abdulghany played the par-5 18th perfectly and set herself up for a tap-in par to seal the deal.

Abdulghany was the only player in the field to finish the championship under par. Joining the likes of Stanford's Andrea Lee (winner in 2015, 2017), UCLA's Lilia Vu (2016) and Pepperdine's Alexa Melton (2018), Abdulghany was initiated into esteemed company with the victory.

