

FROM THE PRESIDENT

DEAR COMPETITORS,

Welcome to the 118th playing of the SCGA Amateur Championship. Surprisingly, the Coachella Valley, home to 120 golf courses, has never hosted the SCGA Amateur. Yes, it's appropriate and long overdue. With fairways lined by large Eucalyptus trees and elevated greens protected by strategic bunkers, the Dinah Shore Tournament Course has provided a fair, but challenging test for many championships.

Previous winners include Johnny Dawson (1942, 44 & 45), local standout Scott McGihon (2000, 2005 and 2006), Alan Geiberger (1956 and 1959), Beau Hossler (2013, 2014), Tiger Woods, and Patrick Cantlay. Last July at Barona Creek, Rico Hoey scored a record 19 under par 269 besting Dan Erickson (273), Clay Feagler (274), P. J. Samiere (275) and Hide Yoshihara (276). After competing in our championship, many participants have subsequently enjoyed successful careers on the PGA Tour. My sincere congratulations on qualifying to compete on one of the Coachella Valley's finest courses.



Our Desmond Muirhead designed course opened in 1971 and in 1976 hosted the World Cup, won by Seve Ballesteros and Manuel Pinero. Mission Hills has hosted the AJGA Desert Junior annually since 1982. The first stage of LPGA qualifying is held here in the early fall. And 2017 marked the 35th playing of what is now the ANA Inspiration, the longest running LPGA major.

Gorgeous views of the San Jacinto and San Gorgonio mountains and subtle slopes toward the Salton Sea add to the mystique. And there's more for nature lovers: the sightings and sounds of red tailed hawks, vermilion flycatchers, Costas hummingbirds, and the occasional coyote. During the four days of competition enjoy the newly renovated clubhouse, tasty cuisine and friendly service of our Mission Hills employees.

As is our custom, each group of competitors will have supervision by an official from the ranks of our dedicated volunteers and staff. And on a personal note, crowning of one of you as champion will be one of the highlights of my 36 years as a member of Mission Hills Country Club and 12 years as a volunteer for the SCGA.

Your prez,

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FROM MISSION HILLS CC

DEAR PARTICIPANTS,

On behalf of Mission Hills Country Club and ClubCorp, we would like to welcome you to Mission Hills Country Club. Mission Hills Country Club is known worldwide for its history and tradition, it is the home of the Dinah Shore Tournament Course, which has often been rated the #1 Course in the Coachella Valley and the site of the first Major in golf every year – The LPGA's ANA Inspiration Championship. Mission Hills Country Club offers a unique golf experience, with three very diverse golf courses designed by some of the biggest names in golf course design.

The Arnold Palmer course was designed in 1978 and was his first design in the desert. At 6,834 yards, this course is a member favorite. Featuring rolling fairways with many doglegs and strategic driving holes, this course while fair will still provide a true challenge to golfers of all skill levels.

The Pete Dye Challenge Course opened in 1988 and at 6,955 yards, this course is a true test of skill. Featuring rolling fairways, elevated greens, classic deep bunkers, as well as Pete Dye's trademark railroad ties marking the beautiful lakes throughout the course.

You will be competing on the Dinah Shore Tournament Course, which was designed by Desmond Muirhead in 1970. It has hosted a Major Championship for a consecutive 46 years, which is only second to Augusta in hosting a major for the most consecutive years at the same venue. The 18th hole is a 646 yard par 5 with an island green fronting our expansive clubhouse. Eighteen always plays a significant role in determining each year's champion. Including Brittany Lincicome's Eagle in 2009 – the only time in history one of golfs' Majors was won on the final hole with an eagle. Whether or not it determines the champion of this event, it will for sure test all of your skills.

Together, the three courses offer golfers of all abilities the chance to test all aspects of their game. Mission Hills Member's also enjoy a practice facility that is the finest in the area including a 17-acre, dual-sided driving range as well as a dedicated 10,000 square foot chipping green, four putting greens, and a multitude of practice bunkers which make up our Short-game area. This will all be available to you for your preparation of this event.

We wish you the best of luck and hope you enjoy our facility. Please do not hesitate to let myself or any of our professional staff know if there is anything we can do to make your experience with us a memorable one.

Mission Hills Country Club is proud to have been the host of:

- Annual site of ANA Inspiration Championship (Dinah Shore) since 1972
- PGA Club Professional Championship
- U.S. Open Qualifier
- California State Open
- U.S. National Seniors
- PGA and LPGA Qualifying schools

Sincerely,

Jim Robinson, PGA
Director of Golf



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND FORMAT

THURSDAY, JULY 6

Breakfast will be available for contestants in the San Jacinto Room starting at 6 a.m.

Round 1 (18 holes, stroke play).

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

Lunch will be available in the San Jacinto Room after the round.

FRIDAY, JULY 7

Breakfast will be available for contestants in the San Jacinto Room starting at 6 a.m.

Round 2 (18 holes, stroke play).

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

Lunch will be available in the San Jacinto Room after the round.

84 players will play two rounds.

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

SATURDAY, JULY 8

Breakfast will be available for contestants in the San Jacinto Room starting at 6 a.m.

Round 3 (18 holes, stroke play).

Tee times from 7:30 a.m. – approx. 9:00 a.m. off Holes #1 & #10

Lunch will be available in the San Jacinto Room after the round.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

Breakfast will be available for contestants in the San Jacinto Room starting at 6 a.m.

Round 4 (18 holes, stroke play).

Tee times from 7:30 – approx. 9:00 a.m. off Holes #1 & #10

Lunch will be available in the San Jacinto Room after the round.

AWARDS

Awards 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 immediately following the conclusion of regular play to determine the champion.

PLAYER & CADDIE INFORMATION

STARTING TIMES AND PAIRINGS

Starting times and pairings will be e-mailed to players and posted online at scga.org. Players are encouraged to arrive at their assigned tee well in advance of their starting time, as the SCGA starter will have information to discuss and distribute to each player in the group. Furthermore, players arriving late will be penalized under Rule 6-3a 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

One complimentary practice round will be issued to each championship contestant. Players wishing to schedule a practice round must contact Mission Hills Country Club at 760-324-7336. Reservations will be accepted beginning on Saturday, June 17. A practice round block has been reserved on Wednesday, July 5, beginning at 10 a.m. Requests for practice rounds outside that block will be issued on a space-available basis at the sole discretion of the club. Additional practice rounds will be offered for \$55. Practice round cart fee: Included.

PARKING AND REGISTRATION

Ample parking is available surrounding the golf clubhouse. All participants must check in at the SCGA registration table located outside the Fifty-Fifth room on either Wednesday or Thursday.

DRIVING RANGE

The driving range will be open by 6 a.m. on each day of the championship. Range balls will be provided compliments of Mission Hills Country Club.

TEES AND HOLE YARDAGES

Play will predominantly be from the course's back yardages; however, there will be significant variety throughout the championship. Course Rating: 75.1 / Slope: 140 / Maximum Yardage: 7,218. See complete course details on pages 12-15.

LOCKER ROOM

Players will have access to the club's locker room facilities throughout the championship. Locker room opens at 6 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. Jeans (any color or any kind), cargo shorts, 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

The SCGA will host a complimentary buffet breakfast and lunch for players each day in the San Jacinto Room. The Fifty-Fifth Express Window will be open and available for players to purchase items with cash or credit cards.

FOOD SERVICE – CADDIES AND SPECTATORS

Caddies and spectators may purchase breakfast, lunch, and snack items at the Fifty-Fifth Express Window or the main dining area.

PURCHASES AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

Cash and credit cards will be accepted for 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. Hole-by-hole scoring will be available throughout the championship at 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 www.scga.pixieset.com.

CLUB CONTACT INFORMATION

Mission Hills Country Club

34600 Mission Hills Dr.
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
(760) 324-9400

clubcorp.com/Clubs/Mission-Hills-Country-Club

LODGING

A limited number of rooms have been secured at the Westin Mission Hills Golf Resort & Spa. Players are strongly encouraged to secure reservations while supply lasts.

Westin Mission Hills Golf Resort & Spa

71333 Dinah Shore Dr.
Rancho Mirage, CA 92270
(760) 328-5955
Rate: \$109-119

Click [HERE](#) to make reservations.

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.



AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Golf carts are permitted for players and caddies and will be included at no charge. Golf carts will be consolidated depending on how many riders there are in each group. If all three players in the group elect to ride, and two or more players have caddies, a third golf cart may be issued for the group. Spectator carts are not permitted. Any spectator seeking a golf cart due to a disability must contact the SCGA Rules and Competitions Department at (818) 980-3630 to obtain information on the procedure for submitting such a request.

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 listed in this document. Caddies will be issued an official SCGA caddie bib at the tee prior to each round which may be worn during the round and returned each day. Players bringing their own caddie are responsible for their conduct at all times while on Mission Hills' 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.

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.

FOOD SERVICE

Spectators may purchase food and beverage items from the Fifty-Fifth Express Window or the main dining area (on a space available basis) with cash or credit cards.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located near the restaurant and on the course near the 3rd and 12th tees.



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 SCGA reserves the right to review all penalty situations.

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION AND LOCAL RULES

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf, Effective January 2016, the following Local Rules subject to amendments by the SCGA Rules and Competitions Committee, and the Notice to Players distributed at each site. Complete text of the Rules and [Appendix I](#) may be found in the current [Rules of Golf](#).

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is: Match Play - Loss of hole; Stroke Play - Two strokes.

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

LIST OF CONFORMING DRIVER HEADS ☐ – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. [Full list.](#)

LIST OF CONFORMING GOLF BALLS ☐ – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect. [Full List.](#)

PACE OF PLAY ☐ – See separate memorandum to players for pace of play guidelines.

LOCAL RULES

DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES ☐ – The use of Distance-Measuring Devices is permitted in all SCGA competitions.

EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN ☐ – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF A BALL ON A PUTTING GREEN – When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his/her partner, his/her opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. (NOTE: Full text of Local Rule available at usga.org/2017LocalRule).

WATER AND LATERAL WATER HAZARD STAKES AND LINES – When a water hazard or a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity. When a water hazard or lateral water hazard is bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

OUT OF BOUNDS ☐ – A ball which crosses a public road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR – Defined by white lines. French drains are deemed to be ground under repair.

SCGA POLICIES

DRESS ATTIRE AND FOOTWEAR – Players must adhere to the dress code and footwear requirements as stated in the Player Information Sheet.

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- Failure to post scores for handicapping purposes
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DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY ☐ – Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

SCORE CARDS – A player is deemed to have returned his/her score card once he/she has left the scoring area.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION – 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.

WHITE-LINED AREAS TYING INTO ARTIFICIALLY-SURFACED ROADS AND PATHS ☐ – have the same status as the roads and paths, that of obstructions.

AERATION HOLES ☐ – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

SEAMS OF CUT TURF ☐ (SOD SEAMS) – Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

EDGING GROOVES ☐ – If a ball lies on an edging groove around a putting green, the player may, without penalty, lift the ball, clean it and place it out of the groove in the nearest position to where it lay, whether on or off the putting green, which is not nearer the hole.

WOOD CHIPS AND MULCH – are loose impediments, unless otherwise provided for in Notice to Players.

INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE – include artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in Notice to Players.

POWER LINES ☐ – If a ball strikes an overhead power line, the stroke is canceled and the player must play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played in accordance with [Rule 20-5](#). See Notice to Players for further clarification.

WITHDRAWAL 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 either (818) 980-3630, rules@scga.org, or by clicking [here](#). The player may also withdraw through his/her online player profile.

If a player needs to withdraw on the morning of the competition, he/she should contact the SCGA directly by phone or e-mail. Failure to notify the SCGA of a withdrawal may subject the player to suspension from future SCGA competitions.

WITHDRAWALS DURING AN SCGA COMPETITION – All players are expected to complete the competition which they start. Acceptable reasons for withdrawal during a competition are physical injury, illness, or an emergency. Poor play is not an acceptable reason for withdrawal. A player who withdraws without an acceptable reason or without notifying SCGA personnel (i.e. does not return a score card) may be subject to suspension from future SCGA competitions. Players who withdraw must sign and attest that the hole-by-hole scores are correct on the fellow-competitor's score card they were keeping and return that card to the fellow-competitor or another marker in the group.

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



MISSION HILLS COUNTRY CLUB

(DINAH SHORE TOURNAMENT COURSE)

Club Established: 1972

Architect: Desmond Muirhead

Men's Course Record: 61 (Chipper P. Cecil/Ken Forster)

Greens: Bermuda

Fairways: Bermuda

Rough: Bermuda

Course Rating: 75.1

Slope: 140

Yardage: 7,218



General Manager: Garret Kriske

Director of Golf: Jim Robinson

Head Professional: Rodney Silvagni

Superintendent: David Hay

NOTES FROM MISSION HILLS CC

Yardages represent potential range during the championship

NO. 1: 450 YARDS, PAR 4

The course opener requires a tee shot down the middle to a narrow fairway. The three bunkers surrounding the green are the main challenge to this hole. The elongated green hosts some tough hole locations, so the approach shot must be accurate.



NO. 2: 520 YARDS, PAR 5

This slight dogleg left, is the first real birdie chance on the Dinah Shore course. Reachable by most of the field, fairway bunkers on both sides of the fairway force an accurate tee shot. A large green is tough to hold a second shot from the downhill lie but players should take advantage of this hole.

NO. 3: 475 YARDS, PAR 4

One of the longest par 4's on the course, the third hole's uphill fairway makes it play longer than it is. The narrow landing area requires a long, straight tee shot. With a large green, there are multiple challenging hole locations.

NO. 4: 418 YARDS, PAR 4

The slight dogleg-right demands an accurate drive. The uphill approach shot to the two-tiered green is deceiving and difficult. Three bunkers surrounding the green add to the difficulty of the 4th hole.

NO. 5: 160 – 185 YARDS, PAR 3

The first of a demanding set of par 3's, the fifth hole requires a precise iron shot over the water into the prevailing west wind.



NO. 6: 393 YARDS, PAR 4

Perhaps the most unique hole on the front nine, the sixth is a severe dogleg-left. Players who choose to go for it have to carry water and a row of palm trees. A safer tee shot is to the landing area down the right side. The well bunkered green slopes severely from back to front, causing most players to keep the ball below the hole.

NO. 7: 395 YARDS, PAR 4

At 395 yards, the seventh hole is straight into the prevailing winds on this sharp dogleg-left. The ideal tee shot lands to the left-center of the fairway. From there, players will be left with an uphill approach to a multi-tiered green.

NO. 8: 169 – 185 YARDS, PAR 3

This par three is short on yardage but long on intimidation. The elevated green is guarded by two large bunkers to a multi-tiered green with numerous slopes and challenging hole locations.

NO. 9: 538 YARDS, PAR 5

The closing hole on the front nine one of the sharper doglegs on the course. Position off the tee and for a potential layup is critical as trees line both sides of the hole. The green has subtle undulations that players are often surprised by.

NO. 10: 398 YARDS, PAR 4

One of the wider fairways on the course, the 10th allows players to be aggressive off the tee. Fairway bunkers line both sides and pinch the landing area a bit. A fairly flat but long green awaits approach shots.



NO. 11: 536 – 554 YARDS, PAR 5

Long hitters will find the green in two here at the 11th. The tee shot is a dogleg-right with a straight approach to the green. Numerous challenging hole locations will test the players.

NO. 12: 438 – 460 YARDS, PAR 4

Usually playing downwind, the 12th has a rolling fairway that slightly doglegs-left. A well placed drive allows for a good approach to a multi bunkered green.

NO. 13: 448 YARDS, PAR 4

One of the more difficult holes on the course, this par 4 begins a four hole stretch that will separate the champion from the rest of the field. The large, tiered green is notorious for not holding approach shots.

NO. 14: 148 – 191 YARDS, PAR 3

Even though this is one of the shortest holes on the course, it requires accuracy and ideal timing due to shifting winds, bunkers and water hazards. The tee is elevated and plays downhill, making club selection crucial.



NO. 15: 405 YARDS, PAR 4

No. 15 has the reputation for being the tournament driving hole on the Dinah Shore Tournament course. Bunkers on the left at mid-point and trees on both sides of the fairway leaves little room for stray tee shots. The green is elevated and well-guarded by deep bunkers.

NO 16: 418 – 437 YARDS, PAR 4

Consistently ranked as the most difficult hole on the course, staying out of the trees on the right is crucial. The green is hard to read with its many subtle contours. Most players are glad to take par on this hole.

NO. 17: 172 – 192 YARDS, PAR 3

Perhaps the toughest par 3, the 17th has a deceptively more difficult tee shot than it looks. The green is uphill from the tee and is protected on the front and in the rear by deep bunkers.

NO. 18: 531 – 646 YARDS, PAR 5

The most famous hole on the LPGA Tour has numerous tees that will be used for this championship. The tee shot requires accuracy and favors the right side with hazards all down the left side. The island green is huge with hard-to-read contours requiring accuracy and skill with the putter.

SCGA AMATEUR 2017 MISSION HILLS CC CHAMPIONSHIP



- KEY
- LEADERBOARD
 - RESTROOM
 - CONCESSIONS



SCGA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

EXEMPTIONS

- The past ten SCGA Amateur Champions (2007-2016)
- 2016 SCGA Amateur Championship (Top 10 finishers)
- 2017 SCGA Mid-Amateur Championship (Top 5 finishers)
- 2017 California Amateur Champion
- The past ten California Amateur Champions (2006-2015)
- 2016 California Amateur Championship - Match Play Qualifiers
- 2016 SCGA Senior Amateur Champion
- 2016 California Senior Amateur Champion
- 2016 SCGA Match Play Champion
- 2016 SCGA Public Links Champion
- 2016 SCGA Points List (Top 10 finishers)
- 2016 Winner of SCGA Tournament of Club Champions - Championship Flight
- SCGA members who qualified for the 2016 U.S. Open Championship
- 2016 U.S. Amateur and U.S. Mid-Amateur - Match Play Qualifiers
- 2017 CIF-SCGA High School Champion
- 2017 CIF-CGA State High School Champion
- 2016 Southern California Junior Amateur Boys Champion
- SCGA members listed on the top 300 on the WAGR as of May 15, 2017
- Special Exemptions as selected by the Rules and Competitions Committee



RICO HOEY
2016 SCGA AMATEUR CHAMPION

2016 CHAMPIONSHIP RECAP

Hoey earned what he calls “the biggest win of his career thus far,” dominating the 117th SCGA Amateur Championship at Barona Creek GC to add his name to a trophy that already includes the likes of Tiger Woods, Al Geiberger, John Merrick and Beau Hossler. “I’m speechless,” said Hoey. “I honestly don’t have the words to describe what winning this event means to me. I’m honored.”

Hoey held a share of the lead at the conclusion of all three days of play, beginning with a marathon 36-hole affair in which the eventual champion blazed the course for a combined 13 birdies and one eagle. Red numbers on the scorecard were not hard to come by for Hoey all weekend, he put together rounds of 66-70-66-67 for a four-round total of 19-under par, setting a scoring record for most strokes under par for the SCGA Amateur that had previously been set by Scott Travers in 2010 at La Cumbre CC at 16-under. Travers had snatched the record away from Tiger Woods, who had previously held it since 1994.



“To know that I’ve set the scoring record, that’s really huge for my confidence,” said Hoey. “It shows that I can make some birdies out there and get it done. Hopefully it’s able to stand for a long time.”

Hoey, a 20 year old from Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., is coming off an impressive junior season at USC, which culminated with a second-place finish at the NCAA Individual Championship after leading the Trojans with a career-best 70.85 stroke average for the season. He would earn a PING All-American second team honor, and be asked to represent Team USA at the Arnold Palmer Cup, an annual team golf competition between American college golfers and European college/university golfers.

But for Hoey, an individual victory has been a long time coming. He won the 2014 Gifford Collegiate at Cordevalle, but despite a number of impressive performances of late, had yet to win a major amateur title; that is until now. Hoey’s victory at the SCGA Amateur Championship comes against an extremely

impressive field that featured some of the top amateur golfers in Southern California, including top collegians, high schoolers and mid-ams. But Hoey took advantage of his length off the tee, consistent iron play and a streaky putter to make it look easy, besting the rest of the field by 4 strokes for the victory.

Taking advantage of the Barona Creek GC’s par 5s, Hoey, played the longer holes in 9-under par during the four rounds. At one point during the final round of play, Hoey hit a drive on the 471-yard par-4 5th hole that was estimated at 390 yards. Later, on the course’s par-4 14th hole, which was playing up at only 275 yards on Sunday, Hoey hit an iron onto the green,



giving himself a shot at an eagle putt. He would settle for a birdie, part of a three-hole stretch in which he birdied every hole. In fact, Hoey had four different stretches throughout the tournament in which he collected a birdie or better on three or more consecutive holes.

However what may have been most impressive about Hoey's play at Barona Creek was his ability to bounce back from a blemish, although collecting them far and few between. With just 11 bogeys in four rounds, Hoey was able to come back with an immediate birdie seven times right afterwards, never allowing himself to lose momentum. This would be of importance Sunday, when he entered with a 1-stroke lead, extended it to 3 early, before letting it slip back to 1 after a tough break on the sixth hole, where his ball found a rock behind the green and bounced nearly 100 yards away from the hole and onto the fringe of the 7th green. He would bogey for the first time in the round.

With his playing partner Clay Feagler making birdie on the same hole, Hoey's early lead became instantly minuscule. And after hitting into the front bunker on his next tee shot on No. 7, a par 3, Hoey hit the shot of the day out of the sand, hitting the flag stick with the ball before dunking it in for a birdie. His lead immediately returning to 2, and the Championship never got closer than that.



"I tugged my shot into the bunker and I saw Clay hit it to 15, so I just wanted to get it up and down. Luckily it went in," said Hoey.

SCGA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

The SCGA Amateur is one of the nation's oldest continuously contested amateur golf championships. The first SCGA Amateur was held less than one year after the Southern California Golf Association was formed on July 29, 1899. Only the Utah Amateur, begun in 1899, has a longer consecutive string (the U.S. Open and U.S. Amateur both predate the SCGA Amateur, but both USGA events were suspended during war years).

A match play format was used for the first 58 years of the tournament. In 1957, the format was changed to 72 holes of stroke play. In 1973, increasing interest and the number of entries resulted in regional qualifying with a 36-hole finale. The 72-hole stroke play format was reinstated in 1974. In addition to the championship itself, for many years the tournament also had net competition in flights. However, due to the increasing popularity of this portion of the tournament, a separate SCGA Amateur Net Championship was created in 1993.



George von Elm (1922, 1925, 1927)



Johnny Dawson (1942, 1944, 1945, 1952)

The list of SCGA Amateur champions includes many of the legendary names of golf. Charles E. Orr, who won the first title with a 6 and 4 win over SCGA President Charles Maud, was described as a "crack player from the Pasadena Country Club." Another Pasadena resident, Dr. Paul Hunter, won a record five SCGA Amateur titles from 1912 to 1929. In 1925, George Von Elm became the only player ever to win the SCGA Amateur, NCGA Amateur and California Amateur in the same year (a year later, he became the first Southern Californian to win the U.S. Amateur).

In 1933, another legendary amateur, Charles Seaver (who was also the father of baseball Hall of Fame pitcher Tom Seaver), won the California Amateur and NCGA Amateur. When he won the SCGA Amateur in 1934, he held all three titles at the same time for a few weeks; only Von Elm has equaled that feat.

The '40s were a golden age of golf in Southern California, with the likes of Johnny Dawson, Bobby Gardner and Bruce McCormick — all eventual Walker Cuppers — capturing SCGA Amateur titles. Notable winners in the 1950s included future PGA Champion Al Geiberger (in 1956 and 1959) and car dealer Fletcher Jones, while future PGA Tour



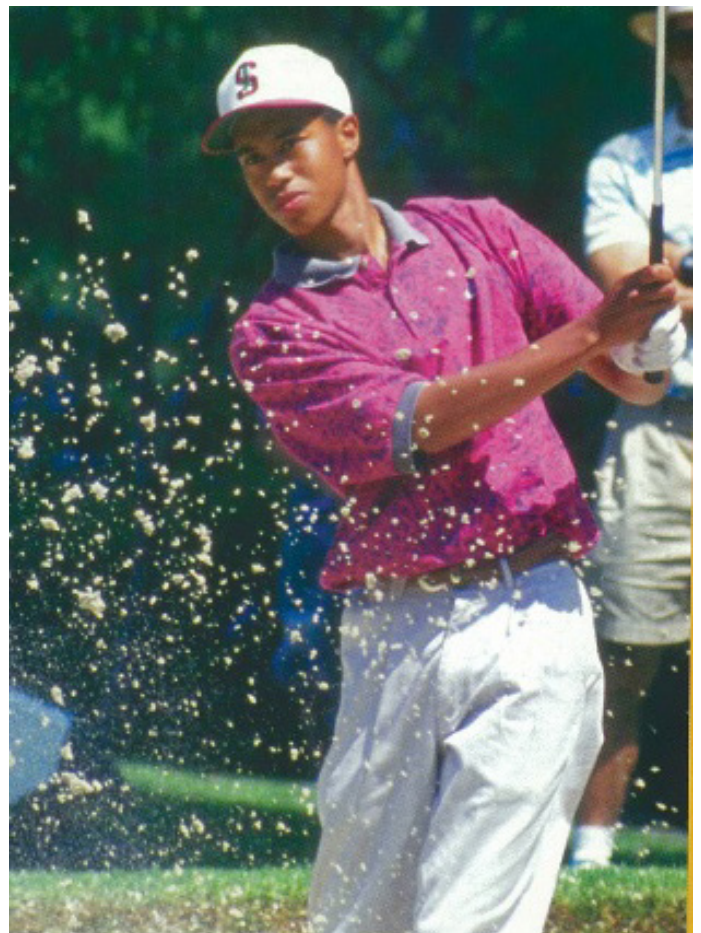
members Barry Jaeckel, John Jacobs, Mark Pfeil, Tony Sills, Jeff Hart, Greg Twiggs, Dave Sheff, David Hobby, Paul Stankowski, Todd Demsey, Charlie Wi and John Merrick have won in subsequent decades.

In recent years, Craig Steinberg has won four SCGA Amateur titles (1988, 1991, 1992, 1997), just the third person to accomplish that feat, joining Dawson, who won four times, and Hunter, who won five titles. Scott McGihon joined the list of three-time winners when he won back-to-back titles in 2005-06, in addition to his 2000 win. In 1994, Tiger Woods, the most celebrated golfer of the current generation, won the SCGA Amateur at Hacienda GC, setting a four-round scoring record of 270, helped in large measure by a single-round record 62 in the third round. Woods scoring record held up until 2010 when Scott Travers finished the championship in a record setting 16-under-par. Patrick Cantlay capped off one of the great amateur golf summers by winning the SCGA Amateur in 2011 and Beau Hossler won back-to-back titles in 2013 and 2014.

Among those who have tried to win the SCGA Amateur and failed are Craig Stadler, Scott Simpson, Corey Pavin, Mark O'Meara, Phil Mickelson, Duffy Waldorf and Jason Gore.



Beau Hossler (2013, 2014)



Tiger Woods (1994)

YEAR	CHAMPION	SITE
2016	Rico Hoey	Barona Creek GC
2015	Nathan Celusta	Oakmont CC
2014	Beau Hossler	Rancho Santa Fe GC
2013	Beau Hossler	San Diego CC
2012	Bhavik Patel	Big Canyon CC
2011	Patrick Cantlay	San Gabriel CC
2010	Scott Travers	La Cumbre CC
2009	Austin Graham	Wilshire CC
2008	Kevin Marsh	Saticoy CC
2007	Brett Kanda	Victoria Club
2006	Scott McGihon	Bakersfield CC
2005	Scott McGihon	Tijeras Creek
2004	Tim Hogarth	Hillcrest CC
2003	Roy Moon	Torrey Pines GC
2002	Nico Bollini	El Caballero CC
2001	John Merrick	La Jolla CC
2000	Scott McGihon	Rancho Santa Fe GC
1999	John Pate	Industry Hills GC
1998	Greg Padilla	The SCGA Members' Club
1997	Craig Steinberg	Lakeside GC
1996	Kevin Marsh	Santa Maria CC
1995	Charlie Wi	Santa Ana CC
1994	Tiger Woods	Hacienda GC
1993	Todd Demsey	Brentwood CC
1992	Craig Steinberg	Fairbanks Ranch CC
1991	Craig Steinberg	Bel-Air CC
1990	Pat Duncan	Wilshire CC
1989	Paul Stankowski	Glendora CC
1988	Craig Steinberg	Annandale GC
1987	Greg Starkman	Braemar CC

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1986	Dave Sheff	Hillcrest CC
1985	Brad Greer	Virginia CC
1984	Brad Greer	San Gabriel CC
1983	David Hobby	Santa Maria CC
1982	Mark Blakely	Stockdale CC
1981	Greg Twiggs	Stardust CC
1980	Jon (Bud) Ardell	Oakmont CC
1979	Jeff Hart	Hacienda GC
1978	Brian Gaddy	Bel-Air CC
1977	Doug Clarke	La Jolla CC
1976	Tony Sills	California CC
1975	Lee Davis	Wilshire CC
1974	Jim Porter	Brentwood CC
1973	John Richardson	El Niguel CC
1972	Mark Pfeil	Hillcrest CC
1971	John Beetham	Virginia CC
1970	Gary Sanders	Oakmont CC
1969	U.T. Thompson III	Hacienda GC
1968	Barry Jaeckel	Lakeside GC
1967	Greg Pitzer	Riviera CC
1966	John A. Jacobs	Victoria Club
1965	Richard Davies	Annandale GC
1964	Larry Brown	San Gabriel GC
1963	Bruce McCormick	Hillcrest CC
1962	Larry Bouchey	Virginia CC
1961	Ted Richards, Jr.	Los Angeles CC
1960	Ben Alyea	Brentwood CC
1959	Al Geiberger	Oakmont CC
1958	Frank Hixon	Wilshire CC
1957	Verne Callison	Lakeside GC



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1956	Al Geiberger	Santa Ana CC
1955	Jerry Steelsmith	Annandale GC
1954	Ted Richards, Jr.	San Gabriel CC
1953	Fletcher Jones	Los Angeles CC
1952	John Dawson	Hillcrest CC
1951	Jim Ferrie	Virginia CC
1950	Jim Ferrie	Oakmont CC
1949	Jerry Douglas	Victoria Club
1948	Bruce McCormick	Wilshire CC
1947	Bruce McCormick	Los Angeles CC
1946	Bobby Gardner	Virginia CC
1945	John Dawson	San Gabriel CC
1944	John Dawson	Lakeside GC
1943	Smiley Quick	Hillcrest CC
1942	John Dawson	Los Angeles CC
1941	Pat Abbott	Oakmont CC
1940	Smiley Quick	Lakeside GC
1939	Frank Hixon	Annandale GC
1938	Pat Abbott	California CC
1937	Jack Gaines	Riviera CC
1936	Roger Kelly	San Diego CC
1935	Harry Wesbrook	Los Angeles CC
1934	Charles Seaver	Bel-Air CC
1933	Harold Thompson	Brentwood CC
1932	Jack Gaines	San Gabriel CC
1931	David Martin	Los Angeles CC
1930	Fay Coleman	Midwick CC
1929	Gibson Dunlap	Bel-Air CC
1928	Fay Coleman	Midwick CC
1927	George Von Elm	Lakeside GC

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1926	Paul Hunter	California CC/ Brentwood CC
1925	George Von Elm	Los Angeles CC
1924	Paul Hunter	Annandale GC
1923	Willie Hunter	Midwick CC
1922	George Von Elm	Flintridge CC/ Pasadena GC
1921	Paul Hunter	Los Angeles CC
1920	E.H. Seaver	Los Angeles CC
1919	Douglas Grant	Los Angeles CC
1918	R.J. Cash, Jr.	Los Angeles CC
1917	Windsor B. Walton	Midwick CC
1916	Harold B. Lamb	Los Angeles CC
1915	E.S. Armstrong	Midwick CC
1914	Carleton Wright	San Gabriel CC
1913	Norman Macbeth	Los Angeles CC
1912	E.S. Armstrong	Los Angeles CC
1911	Norman Macbeth	Los Angeles CC
1910	Wm. Frederickson	Annandale GC
1909	Paul Hunter	Annandale GC
1908	Paul Hunter	Los Angeles CC
1907	Sterling Liness	Los Angeles CC
1906	Wm. Frederickson	Los Angeles CC
1905	Walter Fairbanks	Los Angeles CC
1904	W.K. Jewett	Los Angeles CC
1903	Walter Fairbanks	Los Angeles CC
1902	H.M. Sears	Pasadena CC
1901	Walter Fairbanks	Los Angeles CC
1900	Charles E. Orr	Los Angeles CC