

5TH SCGA WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

JULY 29-30, 2019 | NEWPORT BEACH COUNTRY CLUB



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GOLF

DEAR COMPETITORS,

On behalf of the members, owners, management, and staff of Newport Beach Country Club, we are thrilled to welcome you to the 2019 SCGA Women's Amateur Championship!

Newport Beach Country Club has been the centerpiece of championship golf in Orange County for decades. As the longest-running host club on the PGA TOUR Champions, NBCC has annually welcomed the best players in the world to the Toshiba Classic (now the Hoag Classic) for 22 years. Additionally, many of the region's best players have routinely challenged themselves on our historic Billy Bell layout during the many U.S. Open Qualifiers held here at NBCC, including the most recent held in June of this year.

In 2016, our owners cut the ribbon on a brand new 56,000 square-foot clubhouse that ushered in a "new era" at Newport Beach Country Club, but our commitment to competitive golf remains unchanged.

We wish you all the best of luck in this year's SCGA Women's Amateur Championship, and welcome to Orange County and Newport Beach Country Club.

Play Well,

Casey Kaut

General Manager



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND FORMAT

54 HOLES OF STROKE PLAY

MONDAY, JULY 29	72 players competing in groups of three. Starting times will range from 7:30 – 9:20 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m. off Holes 1 & 10.
FOLLOWING THE SECOND ROUND, THE FIELD WILL BE CUT TO THE LOW 30 SCORES (PLUS TIES).	
TUESDAY, JULY 30	30 players and ties competing in groups of three starting between 7:00 – 8:30 a.m. off Hole 1.

ENTRY FEE

The championship entry fee is \$125. There is no additional fee if a player advances through sectional qualifying. In addition to the tournament rounds, the entry fee includes lunch each day and range balls.

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 5.3a of the Rules of Golf. For example, the 9 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.



REGISTRATION: REQUIRED FOR ALL CONTESTANTS

All players must register with SCGA staff prior to their first round of stroke play on Monday. On Monday, July 29th, registration begins at 6 a.m. and will be located at the breezeway near the front entrance of the clubhouse. At registration, players will receive important last-minute information about the host facility and the tournament.

PRACTICE ROUNDS: CONTESTANTS ONLY

Players may make arrangements for practice rounds at their own expense after July 1 by calling the Newport Beach CC Golf Shop at (949) 524-8151. Practice round availability: Tuesday-Thursday after 1 p.m., Saturday and Sunday July 27-28 after 2 p.m.

*PULL CARTS ARE PERMITTED BY PLAYERS MUST USE A NEWPORT BEACH CC PULL CART PER CLUB POLICY.

GREEN FEE: \$97

CART FEE: included

NOTE: Food and beverage may be purchased from the Snack Bar during the practice round. Credit card and reciprocal club charges are accepted.

TEES AND YARDAGES

A variety of yardages will be used throughout the championship, CR: 74.9 / Slope: 133 / approximately 6,195 – 6,342 yards / Par 71. See pages 11-14 for hole-by-hole descriptions and information about Newport Beach CC.

DRIVING RANGE

The Driving Range opens one hour prior to the first starting time each day of the championship.

FOOD SERVICE – PLAYERS

The SCGA will host lunch for all players on Monday and Tuesday.

The snack bar, located next to the 18th green at the base of the clubhouse, will be open on both days for additional purchases for players, caddies and spectators.

FOOD SERVICE – CADDIES AND SPECTATORS

The snack bar, located next to the 18th green, will be open on both days for additional purchases for players, caddies and spectators. The restaurant upstairs will not be open to players, caddies or spectators

PARKING

Contestants may park anywhere in the parking lot.



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 addendum that will be distributed on site;
- **Prohibiting Use of Motorized Transportation:** Model Local Rule G-6 is in effect. During a round, a player or caddie must not ride on any form of motorized transportation except as authorized or later approved by the Committee. A player who will play, or has played, under penalty of stroke and distance is always authorized to ride on motorized transportation by a SCGA official.
- GREEN-READING MATERIALS: Information on Green-Reading Materials can be found [here](#);
- Click here to review the [SCGA Pace of Play Policy](#).



TRANSPORTATION

Disabled players must file a “Disabled Cart Request” form with the SCGA. Forms may be requested from the SCGA Rules and Competitions Department at (818) 980-3630.

PULL OR PUSH CARTS ARE PERMITTED BY PLAYERS
MUST USE A NEWPORT BEACH CC PULL CART PER CLUB POLICY.



CADDIES

Players may carry their own golf bag or provide their own caddie. All caddies must adhere to the dress code. Players bringing their own caddie are responsible for the conduct of their caddie at the championship.

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.

RESTROOMS

Restrooms are located on the course.



DRESS CODE

VERY IMPORTANT – APPLIES TO PLAYERS, CADDIES AND SPECTATORS

The Newport Beach CC dress code will apply. Players and caddies must be properly attired in golf shirts, slacks, Bermuda-length dress or golf shorts. Jeans (any color or any kind), T-shirts and tank tops will not be permitted. Shirts must be tucked in (unless not designed to do so) and hats are to be worn forward at all times.

Newport Beach is a non-metal spike facility (soft spikes or “spikeless” golf shoes are mandatory for all players).

Prohibiting Use of Certain Types of Shoes: Model Local Rule G-7 is in effect.



PACE OF PLAY POLICY

The SCGA checkpoint pace of play policy will be in effect. Click [here](#) to review the [SCGA Pace of Play Policy](#). If you have any questions, please contact the SCGA at (818) 980-3630 or talk to a SCGA official prior to your round.



CLUB INFORMATION

NEWPORT BEACH COUNTRY CLUB

1600 East Pacific Coast Highway
Newport Beach, CA 2660

(949) 644-9680

newportbeachcc.com



CLUB ESTABLISHED: 1954

ARCHITECT: Ted Robinson

YARDAGE: 6,195 – 6,342

GREENS: Poa Annua

FAIRWAYS: Kikuyu

ROUGH: Kikuyu

COURSE RATING: 74.9

SLOPE: 133

HOLE-BY-HOLE DESCRIPTIONS

NO. 1: 325 YARDS, PAR 4

A short straight hole that puts a premium on the location of the drive. The long hitter may be able to drive it close to the green but must avoid the two fairway bunkers on the left. Shorter hitters can lay up with a mid iron to stay away from the fairway bunkers on either side and still have a short iron into a small two tiered green protected by four bunkers surrounding the green.

NO. 2: 374 YARDS, PAR 4

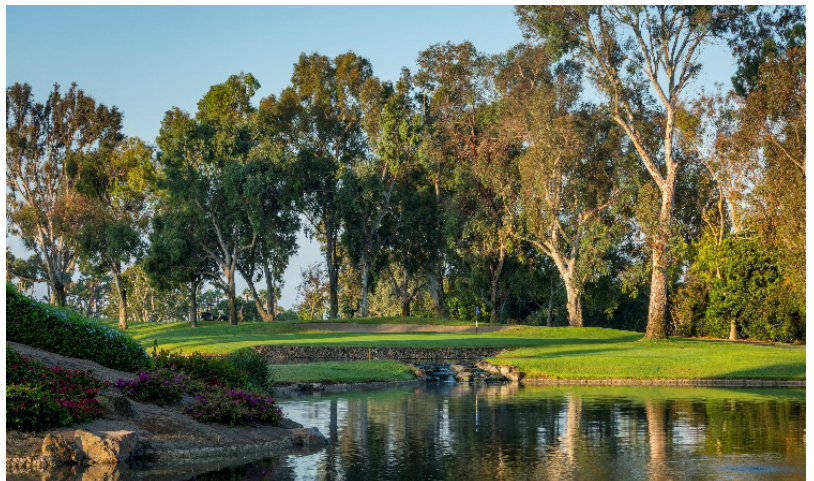
A slightly uphill hole that requires the tee shot be worked from left to right. A drive hit to the right side of the fairway sets up the opening of the green. A large bunker fronts the left side of the green.

NO. 3: 492 - 520 YARDS, PAR 5

After teeing off of an elevated tee, the longer hitters are confronted with the choice of trying to reach the green or laying up for position. There is a large lake to the left of the green. The green is protected by bunkers on the left and right side.

NO. 4: 130 - 145 YARDS, PAR 4 (PICTURED RIGHT)

A tricky hole that is normally played into the wind. A large lake in front and to the left of the green. A rock wall borders the lake and the green edge. Your shot must carry over a waterfall and the rock wall to reach the green surface. The green has a large undulation that adds to the challenge.



NO. 5: 359 YARDS, PAR 4

A straightaway uphill hole that is usually played into the wind. A wide fairway lets you open up on the tee shot, but the second shot is played to a well bunkered green.

NO. 6: 405 YARDS, PAR 4

A dogleg left with large trees on both sides of the fairway. A drive down the right center of the fairway will give you an unblocked shot to a well-guarded, subtle rolling green.

NO. 7: 373 YARDS, PAR 4

This hole can be played with many options off the tee. Many players will select a club off the

tee that will leave them a mid to short iron to the green. This is one of the larger greens on the course and has a huge undulation. Good judgment will tell you not to hit the ball above the hole.

NO. 8: 169 - 188 YARDS, PAR 3

A very strong par 3 that normally plays into the prevailing wind. The bank to the right of the green slopes down and away making it a difficult pitch to get the ball up and down for par.

NO. 9: 383 YARDS, PAR 4 (PICTURED RIGHT)

A really fine driving hole. Large trees left and right of the fairway demand a well-positioned tee shot. A dogleg right but the hole sets up from the left-center of the fairway. The second shot is uphill and rather deceptive. Out of bounds guards the left and rear of the green.



NO. 10: 410 YARDS, PAR 4

The back nine starts with a straightaway hole that has two bunkers looking at you as you tee off. The tee shot between them leaves you with a mid-iron to a small, tightly bunkered green.

NO. 11: 345 YARDS, PAR 4

Plenty of driving room off the tee. The second shot into a small elevated green with bunkers located both left and right makes the hole a little more difficult than it looks.

NO. 12: 327 YARDS, PAR 4

This hole has two important characteristics the player must overcome. The landing area for your tee shot is narrow, and there is a large eucalyptus in front of the green on the right side. The left side of the green is well guarded by bunkers.

NO. 13: 153 - 171 YARDS, PAR 3

A beautiful par 3 into a slightly tilted green that is surrounded by trees. Out of bounds runs along the entire right side of the fairway and generally plays into the wind.

NO. 14: 383 YARDS, PAR 4

This is one of the more difficult holes on the course. It has length, and you need a well-placed tee shot. Large trees on the left side of the fairway and large, deep bunkers on the right side. The green is lower than the fairway, and it is very small and well bunkered.

NO. 15: 477 – 491 YARDS, PAR 5

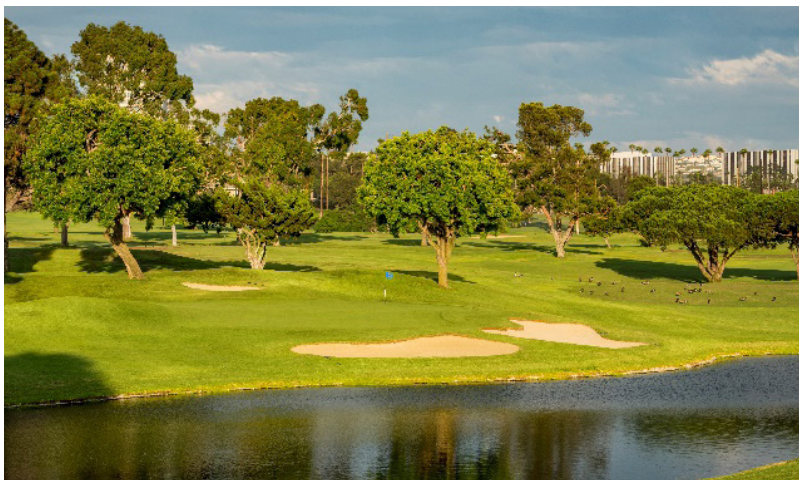
A challenging hole that can be rewarding but will make you pay the penalty if you make a mistake. A good drive sets you up to see the green and all the trouble that surrounds it. Bunkers surround the left side of the green and a pot bunker is positioned on the right side of the green. The green is two-tiered with mounds and swales around the outside. Some thirty palm trees around the green will offer challenge if you tend to stray just a little.

NO. 16: 421 YARDS, PAR 4

Perhaps the best par 4 on the course. It requires a long tee shot avoiding out of bounds left and trees right, leaving a long iron to a large rolling green that has well placed bunkers guarding the front of the green.

NO. 17: 143 - 161 YARDS, PAR 3 (PICTURED RIGHT)

A beautiful hole with a large lake in front of the tee and to the green's edge. A two-tiered rolling green with a large bunker guarding the front and a pot bunker behind the green. Mounds and swales will present a challenge if you miss the green.

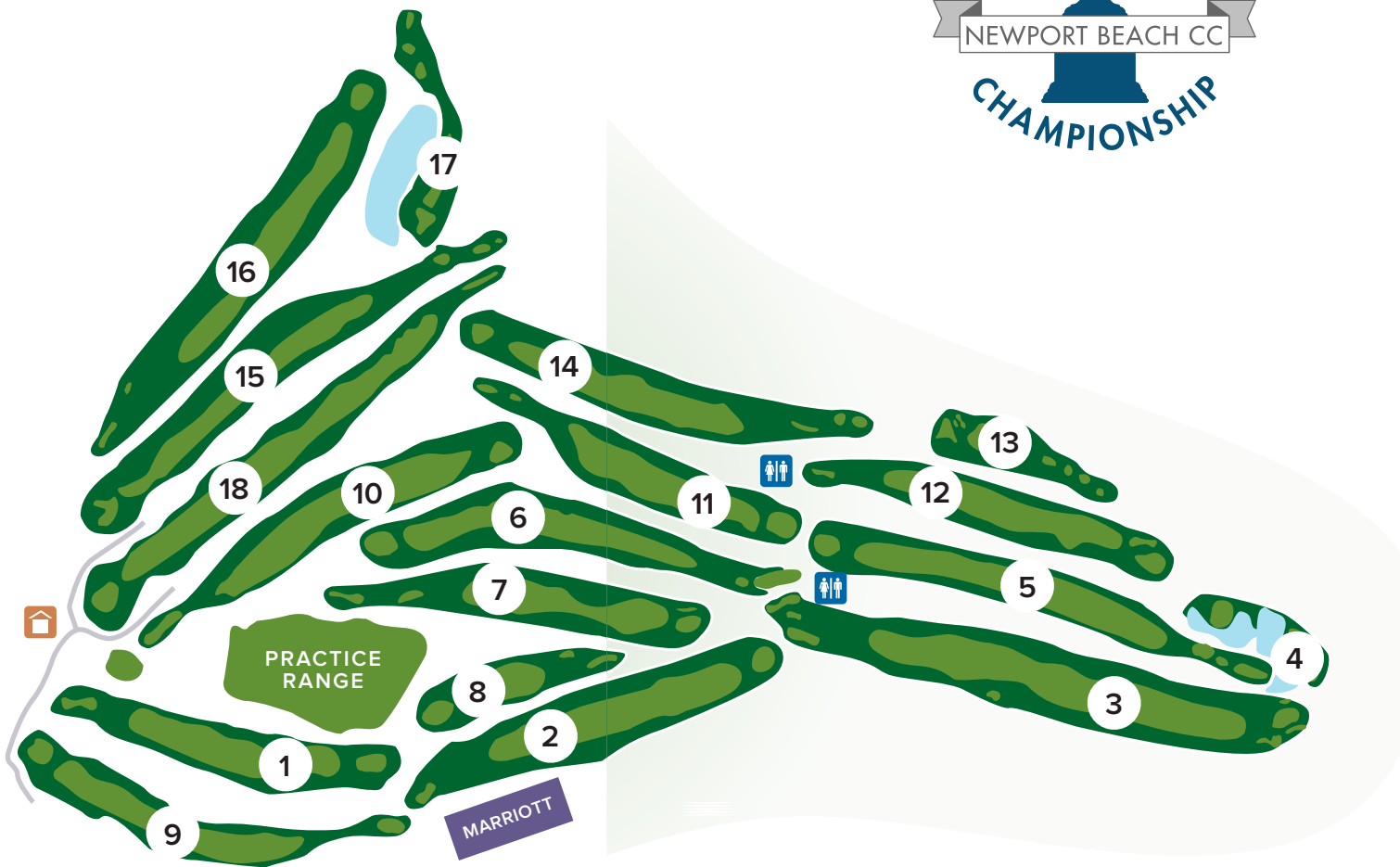


NO. 18: 476 - 511 YARDS, PAR 5

An uphill finishing hole that presents an opportunity for the long hitter to reach his green in two shots. A wide fairway with large trees both right and left and a bunker covering the green's front, right side. The green is slightly elevated from the fairway and is deceptive to pitch to. The play is to approach the green from the right side of the fairway.

COURSE MAP

NEWPORT BEACH
COUNTRY CLUB



HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out
Yardage	325	374	520	145	359	405	373	188	383	3072
Par	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	3	4	35

GENERAL INFORMATION

 Clubhouse

 Restrooms

HOLE	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yardage	410	345	377	171	383	491	421	161	511	3270	6342
Par	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	5	36	71

2018 CHAMPIONSHIP RECAP

In a crowded field of the world's top ranked women's amateurs, it was 17-year-old Alexa Melton who emerged from the dust to claim the 4th SCGA Women's Amateur Championship at Valencia CC in record fashion.

Joining the likes of Stanford's Andrea Lee (winner in 2015, 2017) and UCLA's Lilia Vu (2016), Melton was initiated into esteemed company with the victory. She was the only player in the field to open the championship with two straight rounds in the 60s and finished the championship at 9-under, the best score to par in championship history.

"This week I kept it simple," said Melton. "I was driving it consistent, stuck it close and made putts."

The Pepperdine University commit opened the championship with a blistering round of 4-under 69, rolling in three birdies and an eagle en route to putting herself in position to contend. She came right back to top that mark later in the 36-hole day with a bogey-free 5-under 68 to give herself a two-stroke lead heading into the final round.

"I really liked this setup at Valencia CC," said Melton. "I'm better with tree-lined courses so that played to my advantage."

Melton opened the third and final round steady as a rock with nine straight pars before birdieing the downhill par-5 No. 10. Looking unflappable, the rising senior rattled off three more pars before her first blemish came at No. 14 when she was unable to two-putt from 40 feet.

Meanwhile, playing with Melton was Zoe Campos who came charging on the back-nine to turn up the heat. Campos started sluggishly with a three-putt double bogey on No. 3 and found the water on No. 6, leading to another dropped shot. But Campos turned things around quickly, birdieing No. 7 and No. 9 in bounce-back fashion.

"Zoe is a great player and she's also a member here so she had the course knowledge," said Melton. "I just tried to stay on top of my game and continued to be consistent."

Campos kept her foot on the gas pedal, birdieing No. 12 and No. 16 to put herself just one shot behind on the 17th tee. After Melton and Campos came up short with their approaches into the monstrous par-4 penultimate hole, both pulled off fantastic up-and-downs to push the championship to the 18th tee.



On the tee, Campos blistered a drive down the left-center of the fairway. Melton stepped up with a strong wind pushing in and from the left. She took a rip but flared the drive right and into trouble. Her ball ended up striking a tree line out-of-bounds and settling in a fairway bunker. She was able to blast out to 160 yards, where she proceeded to stuff an iron to 20 feet from a deep fairway valley.

Campos laid up to 120 yards and had the green light, needing birdie. She put a great swing on the wedge, but flew it a few yards deep, leaving herself with a tricky downhill chip. Campos didn't make the birdie, but got up-and-down to put the pressure on Melton. She never wavered and drained a 3-footer to clinch the title. Melton immediately hugged her caddy, Kailie Vongsaga, who played a huge role in her success during the final round.

"Kailie is really talkative and she's very uplifting," said Melton. "She helps to keep my spirits up and encourages me to not worry too much about the game. I'm glad she was out there with me today."

Campos finished in sole second place. Lilia Vu, the UCLA superstar and second ranked amateur in the world, placed third, just three strokes behind the winner. Natasha Oon, a San Jose State commit and resident of Malaysia, finished fourth at 5-under. Tied at 4-under and in a share of fifth place were USC's Alyaa Abdulghany and Arizona's Haley Moore.

