

A photograph of a golf course with a city skyline in the background. The foreground shows a green fairway with sand traps. In the background, there are tall buildings and trees. The right side of the image is partially obscured by a solid blue vertical bar.

30TH CALIFORNIA SENIOR AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

*HILLCREST CC, LOS ANGELES
NOV. 8-10, 2021*

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CGA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DEAR COMPETITORS,

What a pleasure it is to welcome you to Los Angeles and Hillcrest CC for the 30th playing of the California Senior Amateur Championship. It was 101 years ago that the land was purchased and the Club was formed; how lucky is the game of golf that that happened!

Hillcrest CC is known and respected for providing the highest standards of social, recreational and dining experiences to its members and guests and has often been recognized for its magnificent commitment to the community. I know the Club will provide you all with a memorable experience this week.

Hillcrest CC also recently completed a magnificent renovation of the course and practice facilities and will be an exceptional test for the best "seasoned" golfers that California has to offer.

It will be exciting to see so many accomplished players taking on Kyle Phillips' redesign and I expect an exciting competition. I encourage you to enjoy the magnificent views along with the great course and unmatched hospitality.

Good luck to you all!



Bob Livingstone

President, California Golf Association

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Livingstone". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "B" and "L".

COURSE OVERVIEW

HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB

CLUB ESTABLISHED: 1920

ARCHITECT: Wille Watson (1920), Kyle Phillips (2019)

DIRECTOR OF GOLF: John McMullen

HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL: Chris Miller

DIRECTOR OF AGRONOMY: Matt Muhlenbruch



GREENS: Pure Distinction Bentgrass

FAIRWAYS: Santa Ana Bermuda

ROUGH: Perennial Rye

COURSE RATING: 71.2

SLOPE: 128

YARDAGE: 6,680

PAR: 71

COURSE MAP



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HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
YARDAGE	400	155	555	195	440	195	335	435	500	3,205
PAR	4	3	5	3	5	3	4	4	5	35

HOLE	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL
YARDAGE	390	270	260	540	205	415	450	410	555	3,485	6,690
PAR	4	4	3	5	3	4	4	4	5	36	71

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND FORMAT

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8:

ROUND 1:

Tee times from 8 a.m. – 10:10 p.m. off Holes 1 & 10.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9:

ROUND 2:

Tee times from 8 a.m. – 10:10 p.m. off Holes 1 & 10.

FOLLOWING THE SECOND ROUND, THE FIELD WILL BE CUT TO THE LOW 30 SCORES (PLUS TIES).

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10:

FINAL ROUND:

Tee times starting at 7:30 a.m. off Hole 1.



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



Robert Funk

2020 California Senior Amateur Champion

PLAYER INFORMATION

STARTING TIMES AND PAIRINGS

- Starting times and pairings will be e-mailed to players and posted online at scga.org and ncga.org one week in advance of 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

- Information regarding practice rounds will be distributed to players in a separate communication.
- Once the championship field is finalized, players will be provided instructions as to how to secure a practice round reservation.

TEES AND HOLE YARDAGES

[Click here](#) to view the hole-by-hole yardage ranges for the championship.

PARKING AND REGISTRATION

- Participant names will be provided to the security gate for entry into Hillcrest CC.
- Caddies and spectators must travel to the facility in the same vehicle as their player, otherwise they will not be permitted into the club.
- Upon entry, participants will be directed to a self-park lot.
- All participants must check in at the registration table located near the driving range upon arrival on Monday beginning at 6:30 a.m.

DRIVING RANGE & PRACTICE FACILITIES

- The driving range will be open each day by 7 a.m.
- The driving range will not be available after play; however, players will be allowed to use the short game practice facilities or play the club's "short course."

LOCKER ROOM

Players will have access to the club's locker room, which will be open each day by 7 a.m.

DRESS CODE

- Appropriate golf attire must be worn, including adhering to any club-specific policies.
- Women must wear shirts with collars or sleeves and closed-toe shoes.



FOOD SERVICE - PLAYERS

- Lunch will be hosted for players each day of the championship between the hours of 12 – 3 p.m.
- Players wishing to purchase breakfast or other items outside of the lunch buffet may do so at the Courtside Café (adjacent to the scoring area), where cash and reciprocal club charges will be the only forms of payment accepted.
- Additionally, players will have access to the comfort stations on the course.

FOOD SERVICE - CADDIES & SPECTATORS

Caddies and spectators wishing to purchase breakfast or other items outside of the lunch buffet may do so at the Courtside Café (adjacent to the scoring area), where cash and reciprocal club charges will be the only forms of payment accepted.

GOLF SHOP PURCHASES

Reciprocal club charges will be the only form of payment accepted for golf shop purchases.

ADDITIONAL SPECTATOR INFORMATION

- Spectators are welcome and encouraged to attend the California Senior Amateur Championship.
- Spectators must arrive onsite in the same vehicle as the player they're following.
- 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.

CELL PHONE 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.org/californiasenior.

LODGING

The SCGA has partnered with the Beverly Hills Marriott located 3/4 of a mile from the club. [Click here](#) to secure the discounted rate for participants. Reservations must be made by October 19.



POLICIES

RULES OF PLAY

- Prior to participating, participants must review the [Policies & Procedures](#).
- The SCGA's mask policy follows in accordance with the CDC and the California Department of Public Health. This is subject to change due to any local guidelines or site protocols. [Click here](#) to learn more.
- [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 [CGA Hard Card](#) and the Notice to Players that will be distributed onsite.
- Click here to review the [CGA Pace of Play Policy](#).



GOLF CARTS & PULL/PUSH CARTS

- 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 during the championship proper but not during practice rounds.
- Golf carts will be required during practice rounds.

CADDIES

- Players may provide their own caddie for the championship proper (see section on golf carts).
- Players wishing to use a club caddie for the championship proper must email hillcrest@caddiemaster.org to make arrangements. Standard fee: \$100 + tip.
- Refer to the Practice Round Memo for details regarding caddies at practice rounds.

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 CGA 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.

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. In four-ball stroke play, the round ends when all sides complete the final hole, either by both partners holing out or by one partner holing out on the final hole and the other partner choosing not to do so.

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 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 R&A Rules Limited 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.

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) — 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 or in or adjacent to 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 — Local Rule as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect. Model Local Rule E-12.

LIMITING WHEN STROKE MADE FROM PUTTING GREEN MUST BE REPLAYED UNDER EXCEPTION 2 TO RULE 11.1B — Local Rule as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect. Model Local Rule D-7.

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 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 SCGA. 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 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.

CHAMPIONSHIP EXEMPTIONS

California Senior Amateur Championship Exemptions

- » The past 10 California Senior Amateur Champions (2011 – 2020)
- » 2020 California Senior Amateur Championship (Top-10 Finishers)
- » Past Champions of the California Amateur Championship (prior to 2004)

NCGA & SCGA Championships

- » 2020 NCGA Senior Amateur Championship (Top-10 finishers)
- » 2021 SCGA Senior Amateur Championship (Top-10 finishers)
- » 2020 NCGA Super Senior Champion
- » 2020 SCGA Super Senior Champion
- » 2021 NCGA Senior Match Play Champion
- » 2021 SCGA Senior Match Play Champion

USGA Championships

NCGA/SCGA members who qualified for match play at the 2020 U.S. Senior Amateur Championship

Ranking Systems

- » 2020 NCGA Senior Player of the Year Points List (Top-10 finishers)
- » 2020 SCGA Senior Player of the Year Points List (Top-10 finishers)

North / South Challenge

The North / South Challenge is a side competition between the NCGA and the SCGA, which takes place during the first two rounds of the championship. The results are based on the best two scores out of three for each of the teams over the course of the first two rounds. Each team is selected by its respective association, and the winning team will hold the rights to the Senior Cup.

2020 CHAMPIONSHIP RECAP

FUNK WINS AGAIN AT POPPY

Canyon Lake resident Robert Funk may want to start playing in as many events at Poppy Hills Golf Course as possible.

In what's been a year of resurgence, just two months after winning the NCGA Senior Championship at Poppy Hills the 57-year-old Bear Creek Golf Club member added a major title to his belt, capturing the 29th California Senior Amateur on the NCGA's home course via a sudden-death playoff victory over runner-up Greg Cesario. On the first playoff hole (par-5, 18th), Funk drained a 4-foot birdie putt just moments after Cesario's 21-foot bid for birdie came up short.

"It hasn't really sunk in yet," said Funk, who prior to his win at the NCGA Senior hadn't experienced a victory in over two years. "It feels outstanding to win again. I'm very grateful and I'm also very excited."

A recovering alcoholic who turned his life completely around after once reaching rock bottom, Funk used some of his knowledge from the NCGA Senior in capturing his first California Amateur crown. He'd also win in extra holes at the NCGA Senior, defeating Jeff Wilson.

"Playing in and winning that event certainly helped," said Funk, who finished regulation tied with Cesario at 2-under 211. "The course is in just great condition. It really fits my ball flight."

Having entered the final round holding a comfy five-shot lead, Funk would find himself having to dig deep to hold off a hard-charging Cesario. While Funk slogged his way through a front-nine 36, Cesario got off to a blistering start, going 5-under through his first seven holes thanks in part to three straight birdies to open his day. By the time Funk stepped on the tee at the par-4 10th, his lead had been cut to one.

"I finally looked at the leaderboard on No.10, and told myself I better get more aggressive," said Funk, who'd card a final round 72. "I could see that Greg [Cesario] was coming."

From there, the two see-sawed back-and-forth until the end. Cesario, a 57-year-old who works in player development and sports marketing for TaylorMade, took a one-shot lead into the clubhouse when—following back-to-back Funk bogeys on the 16th and 17th holes—he'd make a birdie for a final round 65. Funk, however, bounced back with a clutch closing birdie on the 18th of his own to get back into a tie.

"I wouldn't have done anything different out there," said Cesario, who played collegiately at Arizona State and spent one year (1993) competing on the PGA Tour. "On the front-nine, I was in the zone. My mentality to start the day was to just let things happen. I didn't go out there trying to force anything."

For Funk, the event had started as a test of his stamina. On Sunday, a day before play began, he competed in the East-West Matches in Dallas. Due to a two-hour flight delay, he'd arrive at LAX Sunday evening at 11:15 p.m.. He then hopped in a car, arriving at his hotel on the Monterey Peninsula at 4 a.m. A few hours later, he was out on the course on his way to a first-round 70 that gave him a share of the lead.

"That first day, I was really just out there trying to play smart," Funk said.

Third place went to 2020 MCGA Senior Player of the Year Mark Morgan at 216 following a final round 71.



PAST CHAMPIONS



YEAR	CHAMPION	SITE
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
2009	Jeff Burda	Poppy Hills GC
2008	Jeff Burda	Poppy Hills GC
2007	Gary Vanier	Poppy Hills GC
2006	Steve Bogan	Poppy Hills GC

YEAR	CHAMPION	SITE
2005	Robert Olds	Poppy Hills GC
2004	Rob Thompson	Poppy Hills GC
2003	Joe Dudley	Poppy Hills GC
2002	Ted Lyford	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