

104TH CALIFORNIA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Lake Merced Golf Club | June 22-27, 2015



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FORMAT



36 Holes of Stroke Play Qualifying:

Monday, June 22 – 156 players competing in groups of three. 78 players starting between 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. off tees 1 & 10 on; 78 players starting between 11:40 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. off tees 1 & 10.

Tuesday, June 23 – 156 players competing in groups of three. 78 players starting between 7:00 – 9:00 a.m. off tees 1 & 10 on; 78 players starting between 11:40 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. off tees 1 & 10.

PLAYOFF: A playoff for the 32nd qualifying spot will take place immediately following the conclusion of regular play. Players on or near the cut line should ensure they are onsite at this time.

Match Play:

Wednesday, June 24 – First round of match play will take place with 32 players starting at 7:30 a.m. in groups of two.

Thursday, June 25 – Second round of match play will take place with 16 players starting at 7:30 a.m. in groups of two.

Friday, June 26 – Quarterfinal matches will take place with eight players starting at 7:30 a.m. in groups of two.

Friday, June 26 – Semifinal matches will take place with four players starting at 1:00 p.m. in groups of two.

Saturday, June 21 – 36-hole final match will take place starting at 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

NORTH/SOUTH CHALLENGE MATCHES

The North/South Challenge is a two-day competition between the Northern California Golf Association and the Southern California Golf Association, which takes place during stroke play qualifying on Monday and Tuesday. The winning team will hold the rights to the Roger Lampham Trophy. Each team is selected by its respective association. The final results are based on the best five scores out of six for each of the teams over the course of the first two rounds.

ENTRY FEE

The championship entry fee is \$225. If you entered sectional qualifying using your credit card through the online registration system, your card will automatically be charged the additional \$225. In addition to the tournament rounds, the entry fee includes one practice round, breakfast and lunch each day and range balls. All exempt players will pay the \$225 entry fee upon registering and will not be charged any additional entry fees.

PAIRINGS

Pairings will be available on the Northern California Golf Association website at www.ncga.org and the Southern California Golf Association website at www.scga.org approximately two weeks prior to the championship.

REGISTRATION: REQUIRED FOR ALL CONTESTANTS

All players must register with NCGA/SCGA staff prior to their first round of stroke play on Monday. For those playing a practice round on the weekend or registering on Monday morning, a registration table will be located in the hallway near the Golf Shop and Café 19, which is on the lower level of the clubhouse. The hours of registration are from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday & Sunday, June 20th and 21st. On Monday, June 22nd, registration begins at 6:30 a.m. At registration, players will receive important last-minute information about the host facility and the tournament.

PRACTICE ROUNDS – CONTESTANTS ONLY

Lake Merced GC will host one complimentary practice round for each participant. Players will only be entitled to one practice round. No guests are allowed. Club reciprocals will not be accepted for additional practice rounds. Caddies are permitted to walk with their player during the practice round, but will not be allowed to play.

To be equitable to all participants, calls for practice rounds will not be accepted until **Tuesday, June 2nd starting at 8:30 a.m.** Reservations will be on a first-come, first-served basis and must be made by **Tuesday, June 16th before 4:00 p.m.** Contact the NCGA at (831) 625-4653 to reserve a practice round.

DAY	DATE	LAKE MERCED GC	# OF TOTAL PLAYERS ALLOWED
Saturday	6/20	Shotgun start at 1:30 p.m.	80
Sunday	6/21	Shotgun start at 1:30 p.m.	80

All practice facilities at Lake Merced GC will be available only after 12:30 p.m. on the dates above.

NCGA and local players are encouraged to practice in the weeks prior to give SCGA and traveling players the opportunity to play the Saturday or Sunday prior to the championship. Contact Lake Merced GC Golf Shop for an early practice round at (650) 755-2239.

Players and caddies may walk or use a golf cart during their practice round. Cart fee: \$15. Pull carts may be used, but players must rent them from the Lake Merced Golf Shop at \$10 per round. Players and caddies must adhere to the dress code in this document. A maximum of two carts will be issued per group. Players and caddies must adhere to the dress code in this document at all times.

NOTE: Food and beverage may be purchased from Café 19 during the practice round. Cash, credit card or reciprocal club charges accepted.

TEES AND YARDAGES

A variety of teeing grounds will be used throughout the championship. In general the course will play from their black yardages. Lake Merced GC: CR: 74.3 / Slope: 133 / 6,925 yards / Par 72. See pages 10 – 12 for hole-by-hole descriptions and information about Lake Merced Golf Club.

DRIVING RANGE

The driving range will be available starting at 6:00 a.m. each day of the competition. The driving range will not be available to players after their stroke play rounds. The driving range uses limited flight golf balls. Players should avoid hitting balls over the net as players walking down the 10th and 18th fairways are subject to getting hit by shots over the net.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE (PLAYERS ONLY)

A hosted breakfast (6:00 – 9:00 a.m.) and lunch (10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.) will be available each day Monday through Saturday in the Merced Room on the upper floor of the clubhouse. Players must give their name to the Lake Merced staff at this location to obtain access. Café 19 (downstairs) will also be open at 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to purchase items with cash, credit cards, or reciprocal club charge.

NOTE: GOLF SHOES ARE NOT PERMITTED UPSTAIRS IN THE CLUBHOUSE.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE (CADDIES AND SPECTATORS)

Caddies and spectators may join the players upstairs in the clubhouse for breakfast and/or lunch for a fee that must be paid by credit card only. Café 19, on the lower level of the clubhouse, will also be open 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for caddies and spectators to purchase items with cash, credit cards, or reciprocal club charges.

SPECTATOR INFORMATION

All spectators must adhere to the dress code and cell phone policies listed in this document. Restrooms are available on each course.

PARKING

Contestants are encouraged to park in the Lake Merced Parking lot.

AIRPORTS

San Francisco International Airport - SFO (approximately 10 miles from Lake Merced GC)

Oakland International - OAK (approximately 20 miles from Lake Merced GC)

Mineta San Jose International Airport - SJC (approximately 30 miles from Lake Merced GC)

RULES OF PLAY

- Play is governed by the 2012 – 2015 USGA *Rules of Golf*.
- A Notice to Players addendum will be distributed at the championship site. Disregard all other club posted Local Rules including those on the back of the club's score card.
- The Note to Rule 14-3 will be in effect, allowing players to use devices that measure distance only.
- Automotive transportation is prohibited.

TRANSPORTATION

Automotive transportation is not permitted for players or caddies. Disabled players must file a "Disabled Cart Request" form with the NCGA. Forms may be requested from the NCGA Rules and Competitions Department at (831) 625-4653.

Pull or push carts are permitted.

CADDIES

Players may carry their own golf bag or provide their own caddie. All caddies must adhere to the dress code. Caddies will be issued an official California Amateur Championship caddie bib at the tee prior to each round which must be worn during the round and returned each day.

Players bringing their own caddie are responsible for the conduct of their caddie at the championship.

Lake Merced GC has caddies available for use during practice rounds and the tournament rounds. Caddies should be reserved two weeks in advance by calling the Golf Shop at (650) 755-2239. The fee for caddies is \$60 per bag (paid directly to the caddie). Gratuities are encouraged for good service.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES AND CELL PHONES

Distance measuring devices (without the capability of measuring slope, wind, etc.) are permitted. Players should be cautioned that some smart phones with a distance measuring application do not qualify for use due to other non-conforming applications on the phone (such as an altimeter or anemometer). The mere presence of a non-conforming feature or application disqualifies the device, even if these other features or applications are not being used. Beginning in 2014, the use of a compass is no longer a breach of the *Rules of Golf*. Any questions about such devices should be resolved before the start of the stipulated round. Otherwise, cell phone use is not permitted during the stipulated round.

If a cell phone is not being used as a distance measuring device, the use of cell phones is permitted in the Lake Merced GC parking lot **only**.

DRESS CODE

VERY IMPORTANT – APPLIES TO PLAYERS, CADDIES AND SPECTATORS

The following dress code is in effect for all players, caddies and spectators (friends, family members, guests, etc.): Contestants, caddies and spectators must be properly attired on the grounds and in the buildings. Collared golf shirts must be worn and tucked in at all times (T-shirts and tank tops are prohibited). Tailored slacks or Bermuda shorts with hem line no more than three inches above the knee are permitted. Denim of any color, cargo shorts, pants with exterior pockets, warm-ups or drawstring pants (including sweat suits) are not permitted. Billed hats and visors must be worn forward and all hats or visors must be removed when entering the Clubhouse. Ladies' attire must conform to the men's attire (high-heeled shoes are not permitted on the golf course).

A player or caddie violating this dress code will not be permitted to start the competition. If during play the dress code is violated by either the player or his caddie the violation must be rectified without undue delay or the player will not continue to play and the caddie will not be allowed to perform the acts of a caddie. Spectators in violation will be asked to rectify their situation as well or will have to leave the property.

Lake Merced is a non-metal spike facility (soft spikes or "spikeless" golf shoes are mandatory for all players).

PACE OF PLAY

The California Amateur Championships checkpoint pace of play policy will be in effect. The policy leaves the responsibility for maintaining the pace of play where it belongs – with you, the player. If you are the first group in the field, play efficient golf. If you are in a following group, keep up with the group in front of you and you will not have a pace of play issue. If you have any questions, please contact the NCGA at (831) 625-4653 or talk to a NCGA/SCGA official prior to your round.

STROKE PLAY

MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TIME

Each group will be issued a maximum allowable time to complete 18 holes. Time charts outlining the time per hole, including the finish times for the checkpoint holes, will be detailed on each player's score card. When a group falls behind – regardless of the reason – it must regain its position. Time for ball searches, rulings and walking between holes is included in the maximum allowable time.

OUT OF POSITION

First group: The first group is out of position if it takes more than the maximum allowable time to finish after a checkpoint hole.

Following Groups: A following group is out of position if it:

- a. Takes more than the maximum allowable time to finish after a checkpoint hole, and
- b. Completes play of a checkpoint hole more than 14 minutes after the preceding group completed play of that hole.

GROUP OUT OF POSITION

When a group is out of position at a checkpoint, it will be notified by a Checkpoint Official. When a group has been notified of a missed checkpoint, that group is expected to regain its position before reaching the next checkpoint. If that group reaches the next checkpoint out of position, each player in the group may incur the applicable penalty for a breach of these guidelines. Any group that is out of position may be monitored by a rules rover. A player concerned about a non-responsive (slow) fellow-competitor in his group, who is delaying play, should request a rules rover to monitor the group in case the group is or becomes liable to penalty under these guidelines.

PENALTIES

When a group is out of position at any checkpoint, the players in the group are liable to penalty under these guidelines. Players in a group that has missed one or more checkpoints will be liable to penalty according to the following schedule of penalties pending final determination of whether a breach or breaches of these guidelines have occurred. Checkpoints will be on completion (flagstick in the hole) of the 5th, 9th, 14th and 18th holes.

- 1st missed checkpoint* – warning

- 2nd missed checkpoint – liable to a one-stroke penalty
- 3rd missed checkpoint – liable to a two-stroke penalty
- 4th missed checkpoint – liable to disqualification

* If a group clears the 3rd checkpoint and has not missed any other checkpoints, but is out of position at the 4th checkpoint, each player in the group is liable to a one-stroke penalty if, in the Committee’s view, a reasonable effort was not made by the players to complete their round within the maximum allowable time for the final checkpoint.

FINAL DETERMINATION REGARDING BREACH / REVIEW PROCESS

Before returning his score card, a player who is liable for penalty during his round may consult with the Pace of Play Committee to determine if he has incurred a penalty under these guidelines. The Pace of Play Committee will determine that a player who has been found to be out of position is not in breach of these guidelines only if:

- a. the player was delayed by the Committee; or
- b. the player was delayed by a circumstance beyond control of the player or the group; or
- c. the player was delayed by another player in the group.

A player who was out of position during his round and who elects not to consult with the Pace of Play Committee to determine whether he was in breach of these guidelines is deemed to be in breach of these guidelines and incurs a penalty or penalties according to the above schedule of penalties. If a player or group incurs a penalty, penalties are to be applied to the checkpoint hole where the breach occurred.

MATCH PLAY

Rule 6-7 of the Rules of Golf requires that a player “shall play without undue delay.” Notes 1 & 2 under Rule 6-7 are in effect.

PENALTY:

- 1st Offense - Warning
- 2nd Offense - Loss of hole
- 3rd Offense - Warning
- 4th Offense - Disqualification

OUT OF POSITION:

The first group to start will be out of position if, at any time during the round, the group is behind the maximum allowable time to play.

Following groups will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group is behind the maximum allowable time to play, and when approaching a tee, there is an open par 3 or par 4 hole or the preceding group is on the green of a par 5 hole.

MONITORING:

- a. If a group is determined to be out of position at any time, the group will be advised that it is out of position and each player in the group will be monitored and timed.
- b. If any player in a group that is being monitored takes more than 40 seconds to play a stroke, the player will automatically incur the applicable penalty for breach of these guidelines.

TIMING:

- a. Timing shall begin when the player has had a reasonable opportunity to reach the ball, there is no interference from another person or ball, and it is the player's turn to play.
- b. The player will be allowed a few seconds to select a club. However, any time spent walking backward or forward for measuring or other purposes will count as part of the time taken.
- c. On the putting green, a player will be allowed a reasonable time to lift, clean, and replace his ball, repair his ball mark, remove loose impediments and repair other ball marks on the player's line of putt.
- d. When a group has regained its position, timing will be discontinued.
- e. In the event that the group is monitored later in the round, previous warnings and penalties will carry over.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Discounted rates have been arranged at the following hotels:

Hampton Inn - Daly City

2700 Junipero Serra Blvd.
Daly City, CA 94015
650-755-7500
\$199 + tax/night. (free parking)
Must call by May 26th
Four blocks from Lake Merced GC

The following hotels are suggested only for your convenience. You must call them for rates and availability. We also recommend that you check with the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce at www.sfchamber.com

OTHER LOCAL HOTELS:

Hotel Nikko

www.hotelnikkosf.com
222 Mason St
San Francisco, CA 94102
(415) 394-1111

Holiday Inn Express

www.hiexpress.com
1250 Bayshore Highway
Burlingame, CA 94010
650-347-2381

Hilton San Francisco Towers

333 O'Farrell Street
San Francisco, CA 94102
415-771-1400

Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport

1333 Bayshore Highway
Burlingame, CA 94010
650-347-1234

The Palace Hotel

2 New Montgomery Street
San Francisco, CA 94105
415-512-1111

Sheraton Fisherman's Wharf Hotel

sheratonsf@ihrc.com
2500 Mason Street
San Francisco, CA 94133
415-362-5500

The Westin St. Francis

www.westinstfrancis.com
335 Powell St
San Francisco, CA 94102
415-397-7000

DIRECTIONS

Lake Merced Golf Club

2300 Junipero Serra Blvd.

Daly City, CA 94015

(650) 755-2233 x 301

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Directions to Lake Merced Golf Club

From San Francisco International Airport - South

Merge onto US-101 N toward SAN FRANCISCO approximately 1.1 miles

Merge onto I-380 W toward I-280/SAN BRUNO approximately 1.9 miles

Merge onto I-280 N toward SAN FRANCISCO approximately 4.1 miles

Take the CA-1 exit, EXIT 47, toward PACIFICA/EASTMOOR AVE approximately 0.1 miles

Take the exit toward MISSION STREET approximately 0.6 miles

Turn SLIGHT LEFT onto JUNIPERO SERRA BLVD. approximately 0.8 miles

End at 2300 Junipero Serra Blvd Daly City, CA 94015-1630

From North - Golden Gate Bridge

Take CA-1 S toward 19TH AVE/ GOLDEN GATE PARK approximately 7.1 miles

Take the exit toward I-280/ JOHN DALY BLVD. approximately 0.2 miles

Take JOHN DALY BLVD EAST exit on LEFT toward I-280/ SAN JOSE approximately 0.1 miles

Take JOHN DALY BLVD EAST exit toward JUNIPERO SERRA BLVD. approximately 0.1 miles

Merge onto JOHN DALY BLVD. approximately 0.1 miles

Turn RIGHT onto JUNIPERO SERRA BLVD. approximately 0.7 miles

End at 2300 Junipero Serra Blvd Daly City, CA 94015-1630

From the East Bay - Oakland International Airport

Merge onto I-880 N toward DOWNTOWN OAKLAND approximately 8.7 miles

Merge onto I-80 W via the exit on the LEFT toward SAN FRANCISCO/ BAY BRIDGE (Portions toll) approximately 8.5 miles

I-80 W becomes US-101 S. approximately 2.0 miles

Merge onto I-280 S toward DALY CITY approximately 4.3 miles

Take EXIT 49 toward JUNIPERO SERRA BLVD/ JOHN DALY BLVD approximately 0.5 miles

Merge onto JUNIPERO SERRA BLVD. approximately 0.7 miles

End at 2300 Junipero Serra Blvd Daly City, CA 94015-1630

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LAKE MERCED COURSE HOLE-BY-HOLE DESCRIPTIONS

No. 1: *Foghorn*: 432-yard par 4

This is one heck of a wakeup call. Long and difficult, the first hole will force you to earn a par. The hole bends slightly left, and the green is well protected by a single bunker on the left side. On a clear day, you can see the Marin Headlands through the pine trees on the right side of the fairway as you approach the green.

No. 2: *Lakeview*: 422-yard par 4

A dogleg right of modest length. Three fairway bunkers stand watch on the left side at the corner of the dogleg. The green can be treacherous, especially with a back left hole location. There is a significant hump in the middle of the green separating left from right. Don't get distracted by the view of Lake Merced in the background. Pay attention to yardage as the downhill second shot tends to play a bit shorter than the distance indicates.

No. 3: *Pine Cone*: 185-yard par 3

A downhill par three to a circular green with five different levels. Bunkers protect the green left and right. The hole does not play as long as it looks.

No. 4: *Expedition*: 440-yard par 4

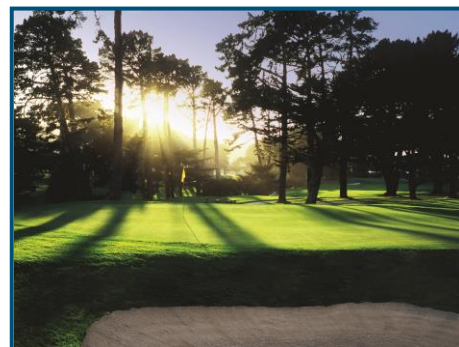
Members consider this the hardest hole on the course. It isn't called Expedition for nothing! The tee shot is uphill and semi blind and there is a fairway bunker about 220 yards out on the right that you cannot see from the tee. The seen shot is uphill to a severely sloping green that is guarded by a deep bunker in front.

No. 5: *Landfall*: 399-yard par 4

A terrific driving hole. The tee shot on this dogleg left is downhill and there are two fairway bunkers on the right side. The green is well protected by bunkers left and right and a slope that falls off to the rear.

No. 6: *Cypress*: 503-yard par 5

This is a fairly docile par five. The hole is straightaway, with two fairway bunkers on the left side of the landing area. The green is well protected by six bunkers, and it can be very tricky.



No. 7: *MacKenzie*: 455-yard par 4

This hole is named for Alister MacKenzie, who redesigned Lake Merced in 1929. This is one of the original fairways from the old course. The original hole was a dogleg right par five. The current hole is a long par four that moves right to left. The green has three distinct areas with ridges protecting each one. As with most other holes at Lake Merced, a smart player will stay below the hole, and will make sure to position his approach shot on the right side of the flagstick.

No. 8: *Cork Oak*: 205-yard par 3

A long par three with the most undulating green on the course. The "Sunday location" is back right, but members will tell you that the hardest spot is in the front of the green because it is hard to keep the ball below the hole.

No. 9: *Highway*: 516-yard par 5

This is a short five par that runs parallel to Interstate 280. The hole doglegs to the left and you will be playing back to the clubhouse. Longer players can get home in two. The green is well protected by four large bunkers.

No. 10: Golden Gate: 392-yard par 4

A sporty opening to the back nine. The entire hole is visible from the tee, and you will note that a bunker guards the left side of the fairway. The driving range, behind the trees to the right, is out of bounds. The shot into the green is tight and the putting surface is protected by very deep bunkers left and right.

No. 11: Sea Breeze: 417-yard par 4

While this hole is short, it is perhaps the tightest tee shot on the course. The landing area is protected by two bunkers on the left and two short cypress trees on the right. The green is also well protected - deep bunkers guard it left and right. Don't be long, as the area behind the green falls away and you can kick out of bounds if you aren't careful.



No. 12: Plateau: 197-yard par 3

A mid-length one-shotter which requires a full carry to a plateau green. The bunkers left and right mean business: they are deep, and par is something you will have to work for. The green is fast, sloping and a thrill from every angle.

No. 13: Tightrope: 376-yard par 4

Another tight driving hole that offers rewards to a straight hitter. A fairway bunker protects the left side, and overhanging limbs the right. At about 200 yards, the fairway drops into a valley, and then extends uphill to the green, which is bunkered in the left front and on the right side.

No. 14: Elbow: 496-yard par 5

This is the easiest hole on the course. It is a short five par, a dogleg left that is reachable in two shots. Four bunkers on the right side of the landing area are a warning sign: don't go there! The green is also guarded by sand to the left, right, and rear.



No. 15: Fortress: 221-yard par 3

For members, this is "the" hole. A long par three that requires great strength and great skill. The bunkers that protect the green are deep and difficult. The green itself is fast and treacherous.

No. 16: Alcatraz: 335-yard par 4

A short par four that tempts the brave and rewards the skilled. Longer hitters can get close to the green, but for most players the tee shot will be hit with a fairway metal or long iron, and you will have only a pitching wedge into an intriguing putting surface that is guarded by four deep bunkers. The green here is severely banked, very fast, and absolutely maddening!

No. 17: Hawk's Nest: 381-yard par 4

Another sporty four par. You will see the green in the distance from the tee. What you can't see is the steep dip in the fairway at 210 yards. Longer hitters will be able to drive to the bottom of the hill, from where they will have only a wedge to the green. If your drive does not reach the bottom, you may face a difficult stance for your second shot. The fairway is crowned, so any tee ball hit slightly left or right will kick into the rough. There are four bunkers (one left, three right) that you must negotiate off the tee, and another four await you around the green. The green is banked back to front and there are three noticeable levels once you get there.

No. 18: Riverbed: 553-yard par 5

A classic finish played through an old riverbed. The tee shot is downhill, and two bunkers guard the landing area. The fairway bends gently to the right and culminates in an uphill walk toward the clubhouse. Bunkers protect the green front right and on the left side, and two menacing cypress trees have limbs that will reach out and grab your golf ball if you give them half a chance.



LAKE MERCED GOLF CLUB HISTORY

Lake Merced Golf Club has a long and storied history. Founded in 1922, the club was born in another era, at a time when Babe Ruth was a young star on the rise and Bob Jones had not yet won a major championship.

The club was formed in downtown San Francisco at the Merchant's Exchange Building when a small group of seven directors met to begin organizational efforts. They agreed to purchase 140 acres from the Spring Valley Water Company on Junipero Serra Boulevard "south of the property owned by the San Francisco Golf & Country Club in San Mateo County." Within a year, the golf course was under construction. Willie Lock, a transplanted Scot, was the architect. His fee for design work was \$750.

Lake Merced Golf Club opened for play in June, 1923 and shortly thereafter Lake Merced hosted an international challenge match between U.S. Open champion Gene Sarazen and the then-reigning British Open champion, Arthur Havers. They battled over 36 holes, through the rain, before Sarazen emerged 3-up.

In the late 1920's the course was redesigned by the legendary Dr. Alister MacKenzie. His signature "cloud shaped" bunkering style dotted the course as did many intricate strategic choices for every level of player. Naturally, the club was a much-sought out venue for amateur and professional competition.

During the 1930's the club regularly hosted the San Francisco Open, which was a combination medal play-match play event. Winners included PGA Champion Tom Creavy and Masters Champ Jimmy Demaret.

When Interstate 280 came through in the mid 1960's the course changed once again. This time it was redesigned by Robert Muir Graves and for thirty more years Lake Merced was home to annual competition of high caliber. For over 70 years, the club has played host to the NCGA junior championship and in 1990, Lake Merced hosted the USGA Junior Amateur. That event marked Tiger Woods's first USGA championship (and it is the only U.S. Junior he didn't win). The club has also regularly been the venue for men's and women's U.S. Open qualifying.

In 1996, due to an agronomic problem with the greens, the course was renovated yet again, this time by the "U.S. Open Doctor," Rees Jones. The result is a rejuvenated layout with classic features, including deep bunkering and undulating greens.

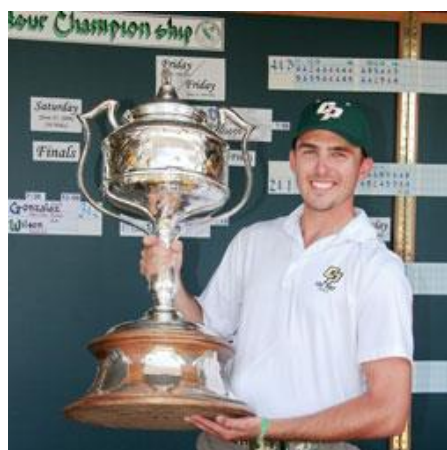
As the years have passed, the "new" course has experienced further evolution, primarily as the result of a thoughtful tree program. As older trees have withered and died, they have been removed, and as a result, the club has restored a more open look and feel to many holes. Fewer trees has also meant more light and air which allows for better turf conditioning.

In 2010, the club once again upgraded the course by switching from poa annua to bent grass on the greens. The change will allow for improved year round conditioning of the greens.

The club's commitment to renovation and improvement goes far beyond the golf course. In 2003, Lake Merced converted to reclaimed water for irrigation and constructed a state of the art water storage and distribution system. In 2004, the members began to enjoy a completely new clubhouse. Completing the renovation of the club's infrastructure is the Turfcare Center which was also completed in 2004.

For almost 91 years, Lake Merced Golf Club has endured, evolved and prospered, largely due to a vibrant membership that appreciates quality and camaraderie that loves to play golf on a world class course and, most importantly, knows how to enjoy a great game with great companions.

2009 CALIFORNIA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP RECAP AT LAKE MERCED



In 2009, Lake Merced Golf Club hosted the California Amateur Championship for the first time. Under pristine conditions, Geoff Gonzales of Diablo defeated NCGA veteran Jeff Wilson 3 & 2 to become the first player since 1994 to win the Championship in addition to capturing medalist honors with rounds of 71-64 = 135.

CALIFORNIA AMATEUR CHAMPIONS

YEAR	CHAMPION	RUNNER-UP	MARGIN	MEDALIST	SITE
2014	Xander Schauffele	Beau Hossler	2-up	Jason Anthony	Omni La Costa Resort & Spa
2013	Cory McElyea	Bryson Dechambeau	3 & 2	Corey Pereira	Monterey Peninsula CC
				Xander Schauffele	
2012	Kevin Marsh	Ben Geyer	4 & 3	Bhavik Patel	La Cumbre CC
2011	Bhavik Patel	Kevin Wentworth	8 & 6	Philip Chian	The Olympic Club
2010	Scott Travers	Harry Rudolph III	4 & 3	Scott Almquist	Rancho Santa Fe GC
				Kevin Fitzgerald	& La Jolla CC
2009	Geoff Gonzalez	Jeff Wilson	3 & 2	Geoff Gonzalez	Lake Merced GC
				Nick Delio	
2008	Nick Delio	Austin Roberts	7 & 5	Matt Hoffenberg	Lakeside GC
				Alex Kim	& Oakmont CC
				Scott McGihon	
2007	Josh Anderson	Joe Greiner	4 & 3	Blake Trimble	Monterey Peninsula CC
2006	Jordan Nasser	Jeff Gilchrist	3 & 2	Steve Woods	Pebble Beach GL
2005	Don DuBois	Joseph Bramlett	2 & 1	Jordan Cox	Pebble Beach GL
2004	Spencer Levin	Mark "Buzz" Peel	4 & 3	Mark Sear	Pebble Beach GL
2003	Patrick Nagle	Spencer Levin	4 & 3	Roy Moon	Pebble Beach GL
2002	Eddie Heinen	Jonathan Echols	1 up	Don DuBois	Pebble Beach GL
2001	Darryl Donovan	Travis Johnson	4 & 3	Jeff Wilson	Pebble Beach GL
2000	Nick Jones	Troy McKinley	2 up	Todd Miller	Bayonet /
				James Stewart	Black Horse GC
1999	Tim Hogarth	Gary Vanier	38 holes	Ed Cuff, Jr.	Pebble Beach GL
				Steve Conway	
1998	Ed Cuff, Jr.	Bobby Rodger	5 & 4	Craig Steinberg	Pebble Beach GL
1997	Jason Gore	Scott Watson	6 & 5	Tim Hogarth	Pebble Beach GL
1996	Mark Johnson	Brian Crocker	8 & 7	Jeff Gilchrist	Pebble Beach GL
1995	Jeff Sanday	John Pate	1 up	Mark Johnson	Pebble Beach GL
1994	Steve Woods	Ed Cuff, Jr.	5 & 3	Steve Woods	Pebble Beach GL
1993	Casey Boyns	Joey Ferrari	2 & 1	Casey Boyns	Pebble Beach GL
1992	Todd Demsey	David Berganio, Jr.	5 & 4	Harry Rudolph III	Pebble Beach GL
1991	Harry Rudolph III	Sandy Galbraith	3 & 2	Sandy Galbraith	Pebble Beach GL
1990	Charlie Wi	Gary Vanier	3 & 2	Mark Johnson	Pebble Beach GL
				Paul Stankowski	
1989	Casey Boyns	Dave Stockton, Jr.	3 & 1	Jerry Michals	Pebble Beach GL
				Gary Vanier	
1988	Don Parsons	Randy Haag	5 & 4	Aaron Meeks	Pebble Beach GL
1987	Mike Springer	Bob May	4 & 3	Bob Lasken	Pebble Beach GL
				Tim Loustalot	
				Steve Bogan	
1986	Terrence Miskell	Mike Blewett	5 & 4	Dana Banke	Pebble Beach GL

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1985	Sam Randolph, Jr.	Brad Greer	5 & 4	Sam Randolph, Jr.	Pebble Beach GL
1984	Duffy Waldorf	Mark Phillips	2 & 1	Duffy Waldorf	Pebble Beach GL
1983	Kris Moe	Tracey Makazaki	8 & 6	Gregg Twiggs	Pebble Beach GL
1982	Gary Vanier	Bob Blomberg	3 & 2	Corey Pavin	Pebble Beach GL
1981	Joe Tamburino	Brian Lindley	4 & 2	Mike Barnblatt	Pebble Beach GL
1980	Bobby Clampett	Jim Kane	6 & 4	Bobby Clampett	Pebble Beach GL
1979	Mark O'Meara	Lennie Clements	8 & 7	Lennie Clements	Pebble Beach GL
1978	Bobby Clampett	Ray Pellegrini	5 & 4	Don Levin	Pebble Beach GL
1977	Lee Mikles	Ted Lyford	2 & 1	Tom Culligan	Pebble Beach GL
1976	Mike Brannan	Ron Commans	3 & 2	Scott Simpson	Pebble Beach GL
1975	John Cook	Bob Blomberg	2 & 1	C. Richardson	Pebble Beach GL
				Curtis Worley	
1974	Curtis Worley	Mike Brannan	2 & 1	Craig Stadler	Pebble Beach GL
1973	Mike Brannan	Dick Runkle	37 holes	Mike Brannan	Pebble Beach GL
1972	Mac Hunter	Bob Roos	2 up	Mark Pfeil	Pebble Beach GL
1971	Doug Nelson	Sandy Galbraith	8 & 7	Sandy Galbraith	Pebble Beach GL
1970	Bob Risch	Vic Loustalot	39th hole	Tom Smith	Pebble Beach GL
1969	Forrest Fezler	Steve Stimace	8 & 6	Ted Lyford	Pebble Beach GL
1968	Johnny Miller	Les Peterson	12 & 10	Les Peterson	Pebble Beach GL
1967	Bob E. Smith	Jim Rheim	7 & 5	Arne Dokka	Pebble Beach GL
1966	Bob Eastwood	Vic Loustalot	3 & 2	Bob Eastwood	Pebble Beach GL
				Cesar Sanudo	
				Jack Bariteau	
1965	Vern Callison	Dr. Art Butler	5 & 4	Dr. Art Butler	Pebble Beach GL
1964	Steve Opperman	Guy Bill	37 holes	Ron Cerrudo	Pebble Beach GL
1963	Dr. Paul Travis	Dick Runkle	3 & 2	Peter Choate	Pebble Beach GL
1962	Dick Lotz	Ron Cerrudo	5 & 3	John Lotz	Pebble Beach GL
1961	John Richardson	John Lotz	2 & 1		Pebble Beach GL
1960	Larry Bouchey	George Gallios	7 & 5	Dr. Art Butler	Pebble Beach GL
1959	Vern Callison	Dick Runkle	6 & 4	Don Morgan	Pebble Beach GL
				Bob Roos	
1958	Eli Bariteau	Dan Morgan	1 up	Dan Morgan	Pebble Beach GL
1957	Tal Smith	Dick Giddings	7 & 6	Dr. William O'Neal	Pebble Beach GL
1956	Ken Venturi	Dr. Frank Taylor	2 & 1	Bob Silvestri	Pebble Beach GL
				Ken Venturi	
1955	Dr. Frank Taylor	Jack Lovegren	3 & 2	Tom Draper	Pebble Beach GL
1954	Dr. Frank Taylor	Walt Gilliam	3 & 2	Dr. William O'Neal	Pebble Beach GL
1953	Gene Littler	Dr. Frank Taylor	5 & 4	Ken Venturi	Pebble Beach GL
1952	Bob Silvestri	Bruce McCormick	1 up	Gene Littler	Pebble Beach GL
1951	Ken Venturi	Dr. Frank Taylor	7 & 6	Bud Holscher	Pebble Beach GL
1950	Bob Gardner	Willie Barber	7 & 5	Fred Jordan	Pebble Beach GL
1949	Mac Hunter	Gene Littler	39 holes	Gene Littler	Pebble Beach GL
				Tal Smith, John Dawson	

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1948	Eli Beriteau	Bob Rosburg	37 holes	Russell York	Pebble Beach GL
1947	Bob Gardner	Smiley Quick	2 & 1	Morgan Fottrell	Pebble Beach GL
1946	Bruce McCormick	Ernie Pieper, Jr.	2 & 1	Eli Bariteau	Pebble Beach GL
1945	Bruce McCormick	Jack Nounnan	4 & 3	John Dawson	Pebble Beach GL
1944	Ernie Pieper, Jr.	Bob Rosburg	5 & 4	Bob Rosburg	Pebble Beach GL
1943	Elmer Cites	Bob Rosburg	8 & 6	Henry Suico	Pebble Beach GL
1942	John Dawson	Bob Gardner	3 & 1	Bud Brownell	Pebble Beach GL
1941	Ernie Peiper, Jr.	Bob Gardner	4 & 2	Ralph Lomelli	Pebble Beach GL
1940	Ed Monaghan	Jack Gage	7 & 5	Rennie Kelly	Pebble Beach GL
1939	Jack Gage	Walt Gilliam	3 & 2	Roger Kelly	Pebble Beach GL
1938	Roger Kelly	Bob McGlashen	8 & 7	Roger Kelly	Pebble Beach GL
1937	Roger Kelly	Mat Palacio, Jr.	12 & 10	Ernest Combs	Pebble Beach GL
				Frank Hixon	
1936	Mar Palacio, Jr.	J.M. Rea	1 up	Roger Kelly	Pebble Beach GL
1935	Jack Gaines	Stuart Hawley	2 & 1	Ernie Pieper, Jr.	Pebble Beach GL
1934	Stuart Hawley	Don Edwards	1 up	John Robbins	Pebble Beach GL
				Jack Nounnan	
1933	Charles Seaver	Dr. Cliff Baker	2 up		Pebble Beach GL
1932	Neil White	Harold Thompson	3 & 2		Pebble Beach GL
1931	David Martin	Ernie Pieper, Jr.	10 & 9		Pebble Beach GL
1930	Francis H.I. Brown	Fay Coleman	10 & 9	Lawson Little	Pebble Beach GL
1929	Jack F. Neville	F.C. Stevens, Jr.	3 & 1	J.J. McHugh	Pebble Beach GL
				Fay Coleman	
1928	J.J. McHugh	H. Chandler Egan	6 & 5	Jack Gaines	Pebble Beach GL
1927	J.J. McHugh	Dr. Paul M. Hunter	8 & 7	George Von Elm	Pebble Beach GL
1926	H. Chandler Egan	J.J. McHugh	2 & 1	Donald Moe	Pebble Beach GL
				Oswald Carlton	
1925	George Von Elm	Frank Dolp	2 & 1	H. Chandler Egan	Pebble Beach GL
1924	Capt. A. Bullock-Webster	Rudie Wilhelm	7 & 5	Frank Godchaux	Pebble Beach GL
1923	J.J. McHugh	Fred Wright	9 & 8	Willie Hunter	Pebble Beach GL
1922	Jack F. Neville	Robert Hunter	11 & 9	E.S. Armstrong	Pebble Beach GL
1921	Dr. Paul M. Hunter	Gerald Marx	6 & 5	Paul Hunter	Pebble Beach GL
1920	Dr. Paul M. Hunter	E.S. Armstrong	6 & 5	Robert Hunter	Pebble Beach GL
1919	Jack F. Neville	Dr. C.H. Walter	5 & 4	Douglas Grant	Pebble Beach GL
1918	Douglas Grant	J.K. Wadley	8 & 7		Del Monte GC
1917	Chas. H. Walter	Douglas Grant	1 up	Douglas Grant	Del Monte GC
1916	Larry Cowing	R.Y. Hayne	5 & 4		Del Monte GC
1915	E.S. Armstrong	Heine Schmidt	6 & 5	Heine Schmidt	Del Monte GC
1914	H.K.B. Davis	Heine Schmidt	5 & 4		Del Monte GC
1913	Jack F. Neville	E.S. Armstrong	5 & 3		Del Monte GC
1912	Jack F. Neville	D.P. Fredericks	10 & 9		Del Monte GC