

44<sup>TH</sup> CALIFORNIA  
SENIOR WOMEN'S  
AMATEUR  
CHAMPIONSHIP

SANTA MARIA CC  
OCT. 3-5, 2022

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**AMATEUR**  
CHAMPIONSHIPS



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**SANTA MARIA**  
— COUNTRY CLUB —



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# CWAC/CGA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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## DEAR COMPETITORS,

Welcome to the 44th California Senior Women's Amateur Championship at Santa Maria CC!

Helen Lengfeld, the much-lauded amateur golfer, humanitarian and philanthropist, had a vision to encourage women's amateur golf. In 1948, Helen began the first of her three championships with the California Junior Girls' State Championship and by 1979 she added the last - the Senior Women's Amateur Championship, in which you will be a part of the continuing legacy of one of the most influential women in golf.

So welcome - and please be sure to look for our rules officials - our CWAC/CGA volunteers will be on the course ready to make this a memorable experience. We wish all of you good luck, and as Helen often said, "play well, and have fun"!

Good luck,



**Joan Caldwell**

President, California Women's Amateur Championships



**Gary Fox**

President, California Golf Association



# COURSE OVERVIEW

## SANTA MARIA CC

**CLUB ESTABLISHED:** 1921

**ARCHITECT:** Ken Killian (1980s redesign)

**DIRECTOR OF GOLF:** Julia Puscheck, PGA

**SUPERINTENDENT:** Terry Vassey



**GREENS:** Bent / Poa

**FAIRWAYS:** Bent / Poa

**TEES:** Poa

**COURSE RATING:** 74.0

**SLOPE:** 128

**YARDAGE:** 5,730

**PAR:** 72

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND FORMAT

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 3:

### ROUND 1 (18 HOLES)

Starting times beginning at 8 a.m. off Holes 1 & 8

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4:

### ROUND 2 (18 HOLES)

Starting times beginning at 8 a.m. off Holes 1 & 8

***\*FOLLOWING THE SECOND ROUND, THE FIELD WILL BE CUT TO THE LOW 30 PLAYERS AND TIES***

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5:

### FINAL ROUND (18 HOLES)

Starting times beginning at 8 a.m. off Hole 1

***\*AWARDS CEREMONY WILL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOW THE FINAL ROUND.***



## NORTH / SOUTH CHALLENGE

The North / South Challenge is a two-day competition between the NCGA and the SCGA, which takes place during the first two rounds on Monday and Tuesday. Each team is selected by its respective association. 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.

## SUPER SENIOR

A Super Senior Award (age 65 or older) will be issued to the contestant with the low 36- hole total. If two or more Super Seniors advance to the final round, their 54-hole total will determine the winner.





# PLAYER INFORMATION

## STARTING TIMES AND PAIRINGS

- Starting times and pairings will be e-mailed to players and posted online at [scga.org](http://scga.org) and [ncga.org](http://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

- Practice rounds may be scheduled by calling the Pro Shop at Santa Maria CC at 805-937-2025.
- Practice rounds are available on Sunday, September 25 or Sunday, October 2 after 12 p.m.
- Fees: \$70, including cart.
- **Please note, practice rounds are for players only. Players may bring a caddie, but the caddie may not play.**

## TEES AND HOLE YARDAGES

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

## PARKING AND REGISTRATION

- Ample self-parking will be available at the club.
- All participants must check in at the registration table located outside the Golf Shop on Monday beginning at 6:30 a.m.

## DRIVING RANGE & PRACTICE FACILITIES

The driving range and practice facilities will be open by 6:30 a.m. each day of the championship.

## LOCKER ROOM

The locker room will be open to players during the event.





## DRESS CODE

Appropriate golf attire must be worn, including adhering to any facility-specific policies.

## FOOD SERVICE

- Lunch will be provided to players only on each day of the championship.
- The 7th Tee snack bar will be open each day from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The restaurant will be open on Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Major credit cards or reciprocal charge will be accepted.

## GOLF SHOP PURCHASES

Major credit card and reciprocal charges, will be accepted for golf shop purchases.



## SPECTATOR INFORMATION

- Spectators are welcome and encouraged to attend the California Senior Women's Amateur Championship.
- Spectators **will not** be permitted in golf carts.
- If spectators have any questions leading up to the event, please contact the SCGA at [champs@scga.org](mailto: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](http://scga.org) and [ncga.org](http://ncga.org).



# POLICIES

## RULES OF PLAY

- » Prior to participating, participants must review the [Policies & Procedures](#).
- » [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 to players.

## AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION

- Automotive transportation is included in the entry fee.
- There will be a maximum of two carts per group and two bags per cart.
- 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.
- Pull or push carts (including motorized pull or push carts) are allowed.

## CADDIES

Players may provide their own caddie. (See section above on Automotive Transportation).

## CANCELATION POLICY

- » To withdraw for any reason prior to the start of the championship, a player must notify the SCGA at [champs@scga.org](mailto:champs@scga.org).
- » Failure to notify tournament staff will subject the player to suspension from future SCGA competitions.
- » **Refund Policy:**

**Cancellation prior to the entry closing date:**

Full refund less a \$20 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 CGA 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)** ⓘ — Model Local Rule F-7 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

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

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

**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** ⓘ — Model Local Rule G-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

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

**BACK-ON-THE-LINE-RELIEF** ⓘ — Model Local Rule E-12 as prescribed in the Clarifications to the 2019 Rules of Golf is in effect.

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

**PRACTICE** — Prior to and after a round in stroke play, a player may practice on the designated practice areas. Rule 5.2b covering practice in stroke play is modified in this way: A player may not practice on the competition course before or between rounds. Penalty for breach of Local Rule, see Rule 5.2.

**PACE OF PLAY** — See separate memorandum to players for pace of play policy.

**STOPPING AND RESUMING PLAY** ⓘ — Model Local Rule J-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

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:

**Stroke Play:** When the results and/or qualifiers and alternates have been determined. At championships, when the awards have been presented.

**Match Play:** When the result of a match has been reported to, and verified by, the committee.

**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

- » The past 10 California Senior Women's Amateur Champions (2012 – 2021)
- » 2021 California Senior Women's Amateur Championship Top-10 finishers
- » 2021 NCGA Senior Women's Amateur Championship Top-10 finishers
- » 2021 SCGA Senior Women's Amateur Championship Top-10 finishers
- » 2021 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Championship Match Play Qualifiers
- » NCGA/SCGA members who qualified for match play at the 2021 U.S. Women's Amateur, U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur, or U.S. Women's Open or U.S. Senior Women's Open Championships.
- » 2021 NCGA Senior Women's Player of the Year Points List Top-10 finishers
- » 2021 SCGA Senior Women's Player of the Year Points List Top-10 finishers



**KATHY KURATA**

*2021 CALIFORNIA SENIOR  
WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPION*



**ANNA SCHULTZ**

*2021 CALIFORNIA SUPER SENIOR  
WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPION*

# CHAMPIONSHIP RECAP

## **KURATA GOES WIRE-TO-WIRE TO CAPTURE CAL SENIOR WOMEN'S AM**

Pasadena resident Kathy Kurata came up north, took on a challenging course and tough field, and walked away a California Amateur champion.

Kurata fired a final-round 4-over 76 Wednesday at San Jose Country Club to come in at 9-over 225, polishing off what became a wire-to-wire win at the California Senior Women's Amateur Championship. Along with simply being one of the biggest wins of her career, the victory sewed up Senior Women's Player of the Year honors for the Mission Hills member. Kurata was also the SCGA Senior Women's Player of the Year in 2018 and 2020.

"This is so huge because it's a California Amateur event. It's both the North and South," said Kurata, who took early control of the championship thanks to an opening-round 73. "This is always such a great event. And to compete and win against this caliber of players. It's very special."

In winning, Kurata had to fend off among others defending champion Lara Tennant. A part-time Pebble Beach resident and the three-time defending champion of the U.S. Senior Women's Amateur, Tennant had entered the final round only four shots behind Kurata. Tennant never got going, however, opening with four bogeys in her first five holes en route to a final round 75 that left her three shots behind the winner. Third place went to Itsuko Moridaira at 236 following a card-off with NCGA Hall of Famer Sally Krueger.

"The whole day I just didn't play very well," said Tennant, who was aiming to be the first repeat winner since Corey Weworski in 2016-17. "Kathy was very consistent every day. She played very well."

Kurata's steadiness showed. The 61-year-old administrator for her husband's optometry practice never scored higher than a bogey over her 54 holes.

"Lara and I are good friends. We love the competition," Kurata said. "Watching her beautiful game—it helps me."

Entering the championship, Kurata admittedly hadn't been playing that well. On Friday before the championship began, she took up a friend's suggestion and tried a new putter. On Saturday, she played a practice round with the new putter. It never left her bag.

"The greens were very challenging, so it helped me," Kurata said. "You really had to concentrate out there."

In the Super Senior Championship (ages 65-plus), Anna Schultz of Heath, TX shot a final round 84 to come in with a three-day total of 32-over 248, good enough for a five-shot win over runner-up Sandy Woodruff of Santa Cruz. Woodruff had a final round 85. Third place in the Super Senior went to NCGA Hall of Famer Marianne Towersey, who came in at 257 after an 85.





# PAST CHAMPIONS

YEAR	CHAMPION	SITE
2021	Kathy Kurata	San Jose CC
2020	Lara Tennett	Ranch Course at The Alisal
2019	Corey Weworski	Quail Lodge & GC
2018	Lynne Cowan	Quail Lodge & GC
2017	Corey Weworski	Quail Lodge & GC
2016	Corey Weworski	Poppy Hills GC
2015	Lynne Cowan	Poppy Hills GC
2014	Lynne Cowan	Poppy Hills GC
2013	Kim Eaton	Coral de Tierra CC
2012	Sandy Woodruff	Coral de Tierra CC
2011	Tina Barker	Coral de Tierra CC
2010	Tina Barker	Coral de Tierra CC
2009	Marianne Towersey	Coral de Tierra CC
2008	Marianne Towersey	Bayonet/Blackhorse
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2003	Sandy Woodruff	Bayonet/Blackhorse
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2000	Barbara Stephan	Carmel Valley Ranch
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1995	Sally Tomlinson	Laguna Seca GR
1994	Arleene Wilkolaski	Bayonet/Blackhorse
1993	Irene Gotta	Bayonet/Blackhorse
1992	Irene Gotta	Bayonet/Blackhorse
1991	Claire Knipe	Bayonet/Blackhorse
1990	Phyllis LaSorella	Del Monte GC
1989	Mildred Stanley	Del Monte GC
1988	Mildred Stanley	Del Monte GC
1987	Mildred Stanley	Del Monte GC
1986	Mildred Stanley	Del Monte GC
1985	Phyllis LaSorella	Del Monte GC
1984	Mildred Stanley	Del Monte GC
1983	Ruth Miller	Del Monte GC
1982	Alma Robertson	Del Monte GC

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>CHAMPION</b>	<b>SITE</b>
1981	Phyllis LaSorella	Del Monte GC
1980	Penny Thompson	Del Monte GC
1979	Loma Smith	Del Monte GC
1980	Mary Enright	Pebble Beach Golf Links
1979	Sally Voss-Krueger	Pebble Beach Golf Links
1978	Patty Sheehan	Pebble Beach Golf Links
1977	Patty Sheehan	Pebble Beach Golf Links
1976	Marianne Bretton	Pebble Beach Golf Links
1975	Patricia Cornett	Pebble Beach Golf Links

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>CHAMPION</b>	<b>SITE</b>
1974	Mary Elizabeth Shea	Pebble Beach Golf Links
1973	Amy Alcott	Pebble Beach Golf Links
1972	Barbara Handley	Pebble Beach Golf Links
1971	Barbara Handley	Pebble Beach Golf Links
1970	Shelley Hamlin	Pebble Beach Golf Links
1969	Shelley Hamlin	Pebble Beach Golf Links
1968	Shelley Hamlin	Pebble Beach Golf Links
1967	Shelley Hamlin	Pebble Beach Golf Links