

CALIFORNIA SENIOR WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

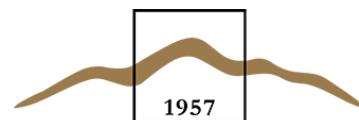
*SAN LUIS OBISPO CC
OCTOBER 9-11, 2023*

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CWAC/CGA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

DEAR COMPETITORS,

Welcome to the 45th California Senior Women's Amateur Championship, being held for the first time at San Luis Obispo CC!

The California Women's Amateur Championships (CWAC) with the California Golf Association (CGA) hosts this three-day Senior Women's Amateur Championship at San Luis Obispo CC from October 9 - 11, 2023.

Helen Lengfeld, the much-lauded amateur golfer, humanitarian and philanthropist, had a vision to encourage women's amateur golf. In 1950, Helen began the first of her three championships that ultimately became known as the California Women's Amateur Championships. In 1967, the first California Women's Amateur was played at the Pebble Beach Golf Links where it remained a fixture until 1987 and since then it has been our signature championship played at Quail Lodge until 2020. By 1982, Helen was recognized for her passion for women's amateur golf and she was elected to the California Golf Hall of Fame - the only woman so honored at the time.

Our CWAC/CGA Championships have many notable champions who have gone on to win USGA Championships, NCAA Championships, Curtis Cups, Solheim Cups, LPGA Championships and majors.

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

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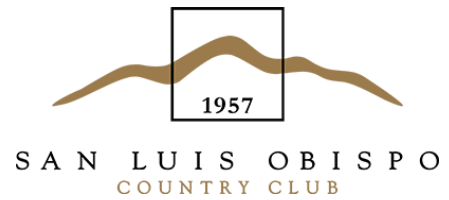
CLUB ESTABLISHED: 1957

ARCHITECT: Bert Stamps (1957), Todd Eckenrode (2021)

GENERAL MANAGER: Arnaldo Cocuzza, CCM

HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL: Rick Ventura, PGA

SUPERINTENDENT: Paul Barr, GCSAA



GREENS: Bentgrass

FAIRWAYS: Kikuyu

ROUGH: Kikuyu

COURSE RATING: 74.0

SLOPE: 130

YARDAGE: 5,851

PAR: 72

COURSE MAP



SAN LUIS OBISPO
COUNTRY CLUB



HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
YARDAGE	481	312	164	354	465	351	356	158	327	2,968
PAR	5	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	4	36

HOLE	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL
YARDAGE	473	469	300	347	121	332	315	155	371	2,883	5,851
PAR	5	5	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	36	72

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND FORMAT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9:

ROUND 1:

Tee times 8 a.m. – approx. 9:30 a.m. (Holes 1 & 10)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10:

ROUND 2:

Tee times 8 a.m. – approx. 9:30 a.m. (Holes 1 & 10)

****FOLLOWING THE SECOND ROUND, THE FIELD WILL BE CUT TO THE LOW 30 SCORES PLUS TIES, REGARDLESS OF FLIGHT***

- Flight winners will be awarded after the second round. Additionally, the super senior contestant (age 65 or older) with the low 36-hole total will also be awarded.
- If two or more super seniors advance to the final round, their 54-hole total will determine the champion.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11:

FINAL ROUND

8 – 10 a.m. (Hole 1)

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



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

- Call the pro shop at (805) 543-4035 to schedule a practice round.
- Practice rounds will be available on Saturday, October 7 and Sunday, October 8 after 1 p.m.
- Individual practice rounds can be made on different days based on availability.
- Practice facilities are available one hour prior to practice round.
- Green fee: \$90; Cart fee: \$20.
- 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 upon arrival on Monday, October 9 beginning at 6:30 a.m.

DRIVING RANGE & PRACTICE FACILITIES

The driving range and practice facilities will be open by 7 a.m. each day of the championship.

LOCKER ROOM

A limited number of lockers are available. Please contact the golf shop to reserve a locker. The locker room will be open to players during the event.

DRESS CODE

Skorts, shorts, skirts, and tops are to be consistent with attire as seen on the LPGA tour. Denim of any color, warm ups or sweat outfits may not be worn.

FOOD SERVICE

- Participants – Lunch will be hosted for players each day of the championship between the hours of 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
- Additionally, the snack shop will be available for purchases by players, spectators and caddies starting at 7 a.m. Only major credit cards will be accepted.

GOLF SHOP PURCHASES

Major credit cards, cash and in some cases 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 NCGA at tournaments@ncga.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.
- Guest WIFI is available in the clubhouse. Password: guestwifi11



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 emailed to players the day prior to the qualifier.

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.

CANCELATION POLICY

- » To withdraw for any reason prior to the start of the championship, a player must notify the NCGA at tournaments@ncga.org or (831) 622-8259.
- » Failure to notify tournament staff will subject the player to suspension from future SCGA and NCGA 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

MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TIME:

The Committee at each competition will determine the maximum allowable time each group is permitted to play the round and each hole. This time will be posted on each player's scorecard, and each player and group is expected to maintain a pace that is faster than the maximum allowable time. A hole ends in stroke play when all players have holed out, and in match play, when all players hole out or the result of the hole is decided. See Rule 23.3c for when a hole is completed in four-ball competition.

IN POSITION:

Groups are expected to remain in position throughout the round. Being in position means:

- » Reaching the teeing area of a par-3 before the group ahead has teed off on the next hole.
- » Reaching the teeing area of a par-4 before the group ahead leaves the putting green of that hole.
- » Reaching the teeing area of a par-5 before the group ahead gets to the putting green of that hole.

WARNINGS, CHECKPOINTS, PENALTIES:

If a group is over its maximum allowable time and out of position, an SCGA official may issue the group a warning and provide a checkpoint by when the group must regain its position (e.g., within the next two or three holes). If a group receives a warning, it will be monitored by an SCGA official to observe its pace of play.

- » If a group successfully regains its position by the established checkpoint, there will be no penalty to any player. If the group falls out of position again later in the round, an SCGA official may provide another checkpoint by when the group must be in position.
- » If a group fails to regain its position by an established checkpoint, all players in the group will be informed that the checkpoint was missed and that one or more players in the group will be liable to receive a one-stroke penalty. The SCGA official will then provide another checkpoint by when the group must regain its position.
- » If the group fails to regain its position a second time, one or more players in the group will be liable to receive the general penalty (loss of hole in match play or two penalty strokes in stroke play).

If the 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.



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 The R&A 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 2023.

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 — Model Local Rule G-7 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures is in effect.

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 Section 8 of Committee Procedures is in effect.

MISSING PLAYER OR MARKER CERTIFICATION — Model Local Rule L-1 as prescribed in Section 8 of the Committee Procedures 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 CGA-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 CGA. Incidents of unbecoming conduct or actions deemed to be detrimental to the image of the CGA 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 (2013 – 2022)
- » 2022 California Senior Women's Amateur Championship Top-10 finishers
- » 2022 NCGA Senior Women's Amateur Championship Top-10 finishers
- » 2022 SCGA Senior Women's Amateur Championship Top-10 finishers
- » 2022 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Championship Match Play Qualifiers
- » NCGA/SCGA members who qualified for match play at the 2022 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.
- » 2022 NCGA Senior Women's Player of the Year Points List Top-10 finishers
- » 2022 SCGA Senior Women's Player of the Year Points List Top-10 finishers



CHAMPIONSHIP RECAP

COWAN CLINCHES FOURTH SENIOR AM TITLE IN NINE YEARS

Lynne Cowan captured her fourth California Senior Women's Amateur title in nine years at Santa Maria CC, navigating a four-way tie for first place heading into the final round to eventually clinch a one-stroke victory.

"It feels great, I've been close a couple times but it's nice to put three good rounds together and pull it off," she said after the win. "It was a four-way tie, anyone could've won it. I was just lucky I had a couple birdies on the back nine and that made the difference."

Having captured titles in 2014, 2015 and 2018, Cowan is no stranger to the winner's circle, and her ability to close championships was evident on Wednesday's back-nine. Heading to the tenth tee sharing the lead with Evelyn Orley, Cowan rattled off five pars to start (coming off three bogeys on the front).

Then, on the par-four 14th, Cowan sent a drive straight down the middle of the fairway, stuffed her approach shot to within 15 feet and trickled a left to right birdie putt into the cup to give her the solo lead.

"I hit a really good drive on that hole," Cowan said. "I'd been missing that fairway in the left rough for a couple days so I got one in the middle and hit a really nice approach shot...It was a back left pin, the putt was about a 15-footer, it was really nice."

Taking her one-stroke lead into the par-3 16th, Cowan threw another dart onto the green, this time to within eight feet of the hole. After rolling in another birdie, which was capped off with a storm of fist pumps followed by a huge sigh of relief, her first California Senior Women's Amateur title since 2018 was all but wrapped up.

"That particular hole, No. 16, was giving everyone trouble," Cowan said. "For some reason that hole, it makes you hit left, so I had a different strategy for that hole. It was a back right pin today and I decided I was going to aim at the middle and hit a fade. It straightened out and ended up right at the hole"

Cowan missed just two fairways in her final round, though she'll be the first to say that her putting was the difference maker. It's the main reason she accounted for two of the lowest rounds of the championship: a pair of 72's on Monday and Wednesday.

"I think I adapted to the greens pretty well. I had 26 putts on Monday, 30 yesterday and 30 again today. I putted pretty well. I think I had one three-putt across my three rounds, and that's pretty good for me."

Cowan emerged victorious with a three-round score of three-over 219, followed by Orley (+4), 2020 champion Lara Tennant (+5) and Karen Garcia (+8).

There was also another repeat winner in the Super Senior division. Marianne Towersey shot 77-83-81 (241) to win by four strokes. The NCGA Hall of Famer is a seven-time California Women's Senior Amateur champion, and just added her third victory in the Super Senior division to an already legendary resume.



PAST CHAMPIONS

YEAR	CHAMPION	SITE
2022	Lynne Cowan	Santa Maria CC
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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2001	Sandy Woodruff	Bayonet/Blackhorse

YEAR	CHAMPION	SITE
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

PAST CHAMPIONS

YEAR	CHAMPION	SITE
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
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