

2015 U.S. Amateur Championship – Storylines

Aug. 17-23, 2015 -- Olympia Fields (Ill.) Country Club

North Course and South Course

(North will be used for stroke play and match play; South for stroke play only)

WHO'S HERE – Among the 312 golfers in the 2015 U.S. Amateur field, there are:

Oldest Competitors: Pat Tallent (62, born Aug. 12, 1953), David Szewczul (61, born Dec. 16, 1953).

Youngest Competitors: Ricky Castillo (14, born Feb. 19, 2001), Will Thomson (14, born Sept. 3, 2000), Noah Goodwin (15, born June 20, 2000), Ryggs Johnston (15, born May 21, 2000), Nick Cummings (15, born Jan. 29, 2000), Eugene Hong (15, born Jan. 27, 2000), Brandon Mancheno (15, born Aug. 30, 1999).

Average Age of Field: 22.16

International Field – There are 23 countries represented in the 2015 U.S. Amateur.

Countries with players in the field – United States (263), Canada (11), Australia (8), England (3), Chile (2), People's Republic of China (2), France (2), Republic of Ireland (2), Republic of Korea (2), Mexico (2), Scotland (2), Spain (2), Argentina (1), Belgium (1), Germany (1), India (1), Japan (1), New Zealand (1), Northern Ireland (1), Peru (1), Poland (1), Sweden (1) and Venezuela (1).

U.S. States Represented – There are 42 states and the District of Columbia represented in the 2015 U.S. Amateur: California (44), Texas (21), Florida (16), Georgia (14), North Carolina (13), Illinois (12), Ohio (12), New York (9), South Carolina (8), Maryland (7), New Jersey (7), Colorado (6), Michigan (6), Pennsylvania (6), Washington (6), Alabama (5), Massachusetts (5), Minnesota (5), Wisconsin (5), Connecticut (4), Indiana (4), Mississippi (4), Tennessee (4), Arizona (3), Iowa (3), Kansas (3), Kentucky (3), Louisiana (3), Missouri (3), Oregon (3), Virginia (3), Hawaii (2), New Hampshire (2), Oklahoma (2), Utah (2), Montana (1), Nevada (1), New Mexico (1), North Dakota (1), Rhode Island (1), South Dakota (1), Vermont (1) and District of Columbia (1).

USGA Champions (12): Philip Barbaree (2015 Junior Amateur), Douglas Hanzel (2013 Senior Amateur), Scott Harvey (2014 Mid-Amateur), Michael McCoy (2013 Mid-Amateur), Byron Meth (2014 Amateur Public Links), Jordan Niebrugge (2013 Amateur Public Links), Scottie Scheffler (2013 Junior Amateur), Nathan Smith (2003, 2009, 2010, 2012 Mid-Amateur; 2015 Amateur Four-Ball), Pat Tallent (2014 Senior Amateur), Todd White (2015 Amateur Four-Ball), Gunn Yang (2014 Amateur), Will Zalatoris (2014 Junior Amateur).

USGA Runners-Up (9): Chelso Barrett (2011 Junior Amateur), Doug Ghim (2014 Amateur Public Links), Todd Mitchell (2008 Mid-Amateur), Bryan Norton (2003 Mid-Amateur, 2014 Senior Amateur), Brad Nurski (2014 Mid-Amateur), Andrew Orischak (2015 Junior Amateur), Garrett Rank (2012 Mid-Amateur), Davis Riley (2013, 2014 Junior Amateur), Pat Tallent (2010 Senior Amateur).

2014 U.S. Amateur Competitors (64): Michael Balcar, Adam Ball, Derek Bard, Cody Blick, Sam Burns, Hudson Carpenter, Austin Connelly, Bryson DeChambeau, Kyle De Silva, Kenneth Fadke, Rigel Fernandes, Grant Forrest, Alex Franklin, Jonathan Garrick, Doug Ghim, Will Grimmer, Doug Hanzel, Nick Hardy, Zachary Healy, Lucas Herbert, Rico Hoey, Sam Horsfield, Beau Hossler, Reed Hrynewich, Daniel Hudson, Kyle Jones, Philip Knowles, Curtis Luck, Jack Maguire, Denny McCarthy, Lee McCoy, Michael McCoy, Maverick McNealy, Byron Meth, Matthew NeSmith, Jordan Niebrugge, Joe Parkinson, Jon Rahm, Garrett Rank, Ryann Ree, Davis Riley, Roman Robledo, Travis Rose, Ryan Ruffels, Evan Russell, Scottie Scheffler, Zach Seabolt, Corby Segal, Robby Shelton, Nathan Smith, Austin Smotherman, Hunter

Stewart, Daniel Stringfellow, Will Thomson, Sean Walsh, Frederick Wedel, Todd White, Aaron Wise, Ben Wolcott, Gunn Yang, Nathan Yankovich, Edwin Yi, Cameron Young, Will Zalatoris.

2013 U.S. Amateur Competitors (39): Adam Ball, Chelso Barrett, Sam Bernstein, Alex Burge, Mark Cusic, Kyle Danford, Charles Danielson, Bryson DeChambeau, Stewart Hagestad, Blair Hamilton, Nick Hardy, Scott Harvey, Rico Hoey, Beau Hossler, Jake Istnick, Chase Koepka, Denny McCarthy, Michael McCoy, Michael Muehr, Matthew NeSmith, Jordan Niebrugge, Zachary Olsen, Matthew Oshrine, Joe Parkinson, Garrett Rank, Davis Riley, Evan Russell, Scottie Scheffler, Robby Shelton, Nathan Smith, David Snyder, Turner Southey-Gordon, David Szewczul, Sean Walsh, Victor Wiggins, Aaron Wise, Cameron Young, Carson Young, Will Zalatoris.

2015 U.S. Open Competitors (13): Bryson DeChambeau, Cole Hammer, Nick Hardy, Sam Horsfield, Beau Hossler, Kyle Jones, Jake Knapp, Jack Maguire, Denny McCarthy, Lee McCoy, Matthew NeSmith, Davis Riley, Gunn Yang.

2015 British Open Competitors (4): Paul Dunne, Romain Langasque, Jordan Niebrugge, Gunn Yang.

2015 U.S. Senior Open Competitors (4): Doug Hanzel, Michael McCoy, Bryan Norton, Pat Tallent.

2015 U.S. Junior Amateur Competitors (12): Philip Barbaree, Bryan Baumgarten, Noah Goodwin, Cole Hammer, Eugene Hong, Cheng Jin, Brandon Mancheno, Andy Ogletree, Andrew Orischak, David Snyder, Tyler Strafaci, Will Thomson.

2015 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Competitors (18): Sam Bernstein, Sam Burns, Austin Connelly, Bryson DeChambeau, Matthew Giovannelli, Scott Harvey, Doug Kleeschulte, Michael McCoy, Maverick McNealy, Todd Mitchell, Brad Nurski, Evan Russell, Nathan Smith, Austin Smotherman, Kyle Suppa, Keith Unikel, Todd White, Jake Yount.

2014 U.S. Mid-Amateur Competitors (16): Marc Chandonnet, Mark Cusic, Dan Ellis, Doug Hanzel, Scott Harvey, Josh Irving, Michael McCoy, Todd Mitchell, Michael Muehr, Brad Nurski, Corby Segal, Nathan Smith, Brett Viboch, David Weisfeld, Todd White, Jordan Woolf.

2014 U.S. Senior Amateur Competitors (4): Doug Hanzel, Bryan Norton, David Szewczul, Pat Tallent.

2014 U.S. Amateur Public Links Competitors (17): Chelso Barrett, David Cooke, Charles Danielson, Jonathan De Los Reyes, Bryson DeChambeau, Nick Eberhardt, Rigel Fernandes, Doug Ghim, Rico Hoey, Sam Horsfield, Jack Maguire, Byron Meth, Jordan Niebrugge, John Oda, Garrett Rank, Ryann Ree, Austin Smotherman.

2015 USA Walker Cup Team Members (5): Bryson DeChambeau, Beau Hossler, Lee McCoy, Maverick McNealy, Hunter Stewart.

2013 Walker Cup Match Competitors (3): Jordan Niebrugge, Nathan Smith, Todd White.

PLAYER NOTES:

Adam Ball, 21, of Glen Allen, Va., is competing in his fourth U.S. Amateur and reached the quarterfinals in 2013. A rising senior at Virginia Commonwealth University, Ball won the 2015 Atlantic 10 Conference title and led the Rams to their second consecutive conference crown. Ball, who is a four-time Virginia State Golf Association (VSGA) junior champion, advanced to the 2011 U.S. Junior Amateur semifinals.

Philip Barbaree, 17, of Shreveport, La., won the 2015 U.S. Junior Amateur by defeating Andrew Orischak in 37 holes. Barbaree set a championship record for largest comeback, coming from 5 down with eight holes to play. Barbaree won his second consecutive Louisiana (LHSAA) Division I state individual championship in leading C.E. Byrd High School to the team title. Barbaree was the medalist by seven strokes this year after winning the previous year in a playoff. He finished second to Collin Morikawa at the 112th Trans-Mississippi Amateur with a 72-hole score of 11-under 269 on July 9.

Derek Bard, 20, of New Hartford, N.Y., is a rising junior at the University of Virginia. Bard won the 2015 Sunnehanna Amateur by one stroke with a 72-hole score of 268 (12 under). He is playing in his fourth USGA championship and advanced to the Round of 32 in last year's U.S. Amateur. Bard has also won the 2013 New York State Federation and 2012 New York State Public High School championships.

Michael Brown Jr., 42, of Maple Shade, N.J., manages a Philly Soft Pretzel Factory franchise. Brown, a reinstated amateur, earned his PGA Tour Canada card on his seventh attempt at qualifying school. He is playing in his sixth USGA championship and second U.S. Amateur (also competed in 2010).

Sam Burns, 19, of Shreveport, La., is playing in his fourth USGA championship and reached the Round of 32 in last year's U.S. Amateur. He teamed with Austin Connelly to advance to the semifinals of the 2015 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball, held at The Olympic Club in San Francisco. In 2013, Burns won his second straight Division III state high school title and led Calvary Baptist Academy to its fifth consecutive state crown. He plans to attend Louisiana State University this fall.

Ricky Castillo, 14, of Yorba Linda, Calif., is the youngest player in the 2015 U.S. Amateur field. He finished fourth in this year's FCG Western States Junior Players Cup. He took 15th at both the Winn Grips Heather Farr Classic and at the Golfweek West Coast Junior Invitational. Castillo finished 24th in the AJGA ClubCorp Mission Hills Desert Junior.

Sydney Chung, 20, of Jackson, Tenn., is playing in his first USGA championship. Chung, who was born in Olympia Fields, Ill., recently transferred to the University of Memphis after two years at Lipscomb University. He was named to the 2014 Atlantic Sun Conference All-Freshman Team. He twice was named West Tennessee Golfer of the Year. Chung's caddie, Brandon Rowland, has been approved the use of a cart during the 2015 U.S. Amateur. Rowland, a double-amputee, lost his legs at age 7.

Austin Connelly, 18, of Irving, Texas, is playing in his second U.S. Amateur. He and partner Sam Burns advanced to the semifinals of the 2015 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball. Connelly, who reached match play in the 2013 and 2014 U.S. Junior Amateurs, plans to attend the University of Arkansas in the fall. He made the cut at two PGA Tour events this year – AT&T Byron Nelson and RBC Canadian Open.

Kolton Crawford, 23, of Mansfield, Texas, plays college golf at the University of Arkansas, where he earned All-Central Region honors and recorded five top-five finishes. Crawford advanced to the Round of 64 in last year's U.S. Amateur Public Links and also competed in the 2011 U.S. Amateur.

Sean Crocker, 18, of Westlake Village, Calif., was born in Zimbabwe and learned the game from his father Gary, a professional cricket player. As a freshman at USC in 2014-15, Crocker was chosen third-team All-America, first-team All-Pacific 12 Conference and Pac-12 Freshman of the Year. He helped the Trojans reach the NCAA match-play final against LSU. Crocker made it to the quarterfinals of the 2014 U.S. Junior Amateur after sharing medalist honors with Sam Horsfield.

Mark Cusic, 36, of California, Md., is playing in his ninth USGA championship. He competed in the 2013 U.S. Amateur at The Country Club in Brookline, Mass. He also reached the Round of 32 in the 2013 U.S. Mid-Amateur. Cusic, who won the 2011 Maryland State Amateur, is one of 32 grandchildren.

Nick Cummings, of Weston, Mass., is one of five 15-year olds in the U.S. Amateur field. A rising sophomore at Weston High School, Cummings helped his team win the 2014 MIAA Division 3 state championship. He has twice captured the MGA Junior Amateur Boys Division title, including 2013 when he won by eight strokes. Cummings, who speaks Russian, was a member of the 2012 U.S. Squash national team and ranked No. 4 in the Under-13 Division.

Charlie Danielson, 21, of Osceola, Wis., is competing in his third U.S. Amateur and reached the Round of 16 in 2013. Danielson is a rising senior at the University of Illinois. He earned All-Midwest Region honors twice and was All-Big Ten Conference in 2014. Danielson made it to the Round of 32 in the 2014 U.S. Amateur Public Links and was the 2013 Wisconsin State Amateur runner-up. His sisters are both college golfers. Lindsay played at the University of Wisconsin and Casey will be a junior at Stanford.

Bryson DeChambeau, 21, of Clovis, Calif., is playing in his 10th USGA championship. He has advanced to match play in his previous four U.S. Amateurs, including the Round of 16 last year. DeChambeau was the 2015 NCAA Division I individual champion and earned first-team All-America honors as a member of the Southern Methodist University team. He qualified for this year's U.S. Open and reached the Round of 16 in the U.S. Amateur Four-Ball. DeChambeau, who wears a Ben Hogan-style cap while playing golf, also helped USA to victory in the 2014 World Amateur Team Championship in Japan. He was selected to the 2015 USA Walker Cup Team on Aug. 10.

Jonathan De Los Reyes, 21, of Sacramento, Calif., plays college golf at Saint Mary's, where he was chosen All-West Region and first-team All-West Coast Conference as a junior. De Los Reyes has played in three USGA championships, including the 2012 U.S. Amateur, in which he advanced to match play. De Los Reyes likes to write, rap and compose music.

Cristobal Del Solar, 21, of Chile, was the medalist in the Winter Garden, Fla, sectional qualifier with rounds of 68 and 71. He is a rising junior at Florida State University and helped the Seminoles place 11th at the NCAA Championship. Del Solar, who is a dual citizen of Chile and Germany, was a four-sport scholastic athlete in soccer, rugby, golf and tennis.

Paul Dunne, 22, of the Republic of Ireland, received a special exemption from qualifying to play in the 2015 U.S. Amateur. Dunne shot a third-round 66 on the Old Course at St. Andrews to share the 54-hole lead of the 2015 Open Championship, conducted by The R&A, and finished in a tie for 30th. He became the first amateur since Bob Jones in 1927 to share the lead heading to the final round. A recent graduate of the University of Alabama-Birmingham, Dunne was fifth in the 2015 NCAA Division I Championship and earned All-America and All-Conference USA recognition for the second consecutive year.

Dan Ellis, 26, of Lansing, Mich., is playing in his first U.S. Amateur and is the assistant golf coach at his alma mater, Michigan State University. Ellis' father, Dean, was the head coach at Northern Michigan University for 20 years and is now an assistant at South Dakota State University. His twin brother, Dave, is also a South Dakota State assistant and will serve as Dan's caddie in the U.S. Amateur.

Rigel Fernandes, 19, of India, is playing in his fifth USGA championship and second U.S. Amateur. He earned honorable mention All-America and All-American Athletic Conference honors at the University of South Florida. The Bulls lost to Georgia in the NCAA quarterfinals after winning NCAA regional and conference titles. Fernandes recorded four top-10 finishes.

Mack Foster, 31, of Knoxville, Ill., is a seed salesman (corn, soybean, sunflower and wheat) for Pioneer Hi-Bred, International. He is playing in his first USGA championship. Foster was a 2006 NCAA Division III All-America and all-conference performer at Knox College, in Galesburg, Ill. He is superstitious and always has the same number of tees and coins in his pocket.

Alex Franklin, 23, of San Rafael, Calif., is playing in his third U.S. Amateur. A member of the Oregon State University team, Franklin played in the NCAA West Regional for the second consecutive year in 2015. In high school, he collected golf equipment for U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. His father, Mike, earned four volleyball letters at UCLA (1972-75) and played on three NCAA championship teams.

Jonathan Garrick, 21, of Atherton, Calif., is competing in his third U.S. Amateur and has advanced to the Round of 32 in his previous two appearances. Garrick was chosen second-team All-America and first-team All-Pacific 12 Conference as a member of the UCLA team in 2014-15. He reached the Round of 16 in the 2011 U.S. Junior Amateur. He once won a bronze medal in the NASTAR skiing championship.

Jordan Gold, 25, of Orange, Calif., is playing in his first USGA championship. He was born in Chicago and attended Hinsdale (Ill.) Central High School. Gold works on the support staff of Windward Way Recovery, a drug and alcohol treatment center. Gold, who is a Type I diabetic, once shot an 11-under 59, including a 26 on the inward nine, at Costa Mesa (Calif.) Country Club.

Ben Griffin, 19, of Chapel Hill, N.C., was selected honorable mention All-America as a freshman on the University of North Carolina team in 2014-15. He also earned All-Atlantic Coast Conference honors. Griffin reached the Round of 16 in the 2012 U.S. Amateur Public Links and Round of 64 in the 2013 U.S. Junior Amateur. He won the 2011 and 2013 North Carolina Class 4A state high school championships.

Will Grimmer, 18, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is playing in his sixth USGA championship and second U.S. Amateur. He qualified for last year's U.S. Open at Pinehurst No. 2 and was the youngest competitor in the field. Grimmer, who plans to attend Ohio State University in the fall, reached the quarterfinals of the 2014 U.S. Junior Amateur. He carded an 11-under-par 59 in the 2013 North & South Junior Amateur en route to a fourth-place finish. He was the runner-up in the 2014 Ohio State Amateur.

Cole Hammer, 15, of Houston, Texas, is the third-youngest player to compete in the U.S. Open after playing at Chambers Bay in June. He shot rounds of 64 and 68 in the Dallas sectional qualifier. A freshman on the Kincaid School golf team, Hammer earned All-Southwest Preparatory Conference recognition and helped his squad tie for eighth in the 2015 conference championship. Hammer reached the Round of 32 in this year's U.S. Junior Amateur, contested at Colleton River Plantation Club in Bluffton, S.C.

Taylor Hancock, 22, of Clearwater, Fla., earned second-team All-Atlantic Sun Conference honors and finished fourth in the conference championship as a member of the University of North Florida squad. He is competing in his second U.S. Amateur and made match play in 2012. He tied for second in the 2015 Southern Amateur and was a North & South Amateur semifinalist.

Doug Hanzel, 58, of Savannah, Ga., is competing in his 27th USGA championship and 12th U.S. Amateur. A physician who specializes in pulmonary critical care at Southeast Medical Group, Hanzel won the 2013 U.S. Senior Amateur. In 2012, he made USGA history by becoming the first player to qualify for match play in the Amateur, Mid-Amateur and Senior Amateur in the same year. Hanzel, who wears an insulin pump to control diabetes, was low amateur in the 2012 and 2013 U.S. Senior Opens.

Nick Hardy, 19, of Northbrook, Ill., shot a final-round 68 to tie for 52nd in the 2015 U.S. Open. He is competing in his third consecutive U.S. Amateur. Hardy, who plays at the University of Illinois, was chosen 2015 Big Ten Conference Freshman of the Year and was co-medalist in the conference tournament. He helped the Illini defeat UCLA in the NCAA quarterfinals with a birdie on his final hole. Hardy reached the Round of 64 in the 2013 U.S. Amateur and made match play in two Junior Amateurs.

Scott Harvey, 37, of Greensboro, N.C., is competing in his 17th USGA championship and fifth U.S. Amateur. Harvey won the 2014 U.S. Mid-Amateur by defeating Brad Nurski in the final, which earned him an invitation to the 2015 Masters. He and partner Todd Mitchell reached the semifinals of the 2015 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball at The Olympic Club. Harvey, who is a property manager for S&K Triad Properties, won the 2015 South American Amateur, in Lima, Peru, by two strokes.

Jacob Hicks, 21, of Greenville, N.C., is the son of Mike Hicks, a professional caddie who looped for Curtis Strange and Payne Stewart, and was on the bag when Stewart won the 1999 U.S. Open at Pinehurst No. 2. Jacob is a rising senior at East Carolina University, where he had three top-25 finishes in 2014-15. He won a pair of North Carolina Christian School State Association (NCCSA) state championships.

Rico Hoey, 19, of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., is playing in his third U.S. Amateur and reached the Round of 32 last year. He earned second-team All-America recognition at the University of Southern California, the national runner-up to LSU this year. Hoey, who was born in the Philippines, also was chosen first-team All-Pacific 12 Conference and All-West Region. He was voted 2014 Pac-12 Freshman of the Year. Hoey captured the 2012 Callaway Junior World Championship.

Sam Horsfield, 18, of England, will play in his third U.S. Amateur and advanced to match play last year. Horsfield, who qualified for the 2015 U.S. Open at Chambers Bay, advanced deep into match play at three Junior Amateurs, including last year's semifinals. He has also made match play in all three U.S. Amateur Public Links played, including advancing to the Round of 16 in 2013. He won the 2013 Florida State Amateur by 11 strokes and 2013 Florida Class 3A state scholastic title. Horsfield, who has lived in Florida since age 5, won three consecutive City of Orlando Amateurs, from 2011-13.

Beau Hossler, 20, of Mission Viejo, Calif., is competing in his 11th USGA championship, including five U.S. Amateurs. Hossler, who is a rising junior at the University of Texas, earned first-team All-America honors and was chosen 2015 Big 12 Conference Player of the Year. He won a silver medal in last month's Pan American Games in the team competition and was sixth as an individual. At 17 years and 3 months old, he became the youngest player to make the cut at a U.S. Open since World War II, finishing in a tie for 29th at The Olympic Club in 2012. Hossler, who has played in three U.S. Opens and tied for 58th at Chambers Bay, helped USA win the 2014 World Amateur Team Championship. He was selected to the 2015 USA Walker Cup Team on Aug. 10.

Reed Hrynewich, 20, of Muskegon, Mich., is competing in his fourth USGA championship and second U.S. Amateur. Hrynewich, who is a member of the University of Michigan squad, qualified on July 8. His twin sister, Hailey, qualified for the U.S. Women's Amateur on July 19 and is also a college golfer, at Ohio University. Both brother and sister are left-handed. Their father, Tim, was selected in the second round of the 1982 NHL Draft by the Pittsburgh Penguins and played in four leagues over a nine-year period.

Ryggs Johnston, 15, of Libby, Mont., won his second consecutive Montana State Junior Championship (boys 14-15) with rounds of 68 and 69 in June. Johnston, who will be a freshman at Libby High in the fall, finished second in the 2014 U.S. Kids Teen World Championship with a final-round 62 at Pinehurst No. 6. Johnston, who started playing at age 2, won the 2015 Rocky Mountain Junior Golf Tour Elite.

Jimmy Jones, 19, of Tampa, Fla., is the son of LGPA Tour veteran Dawn Coe-Jones, who had a 24-year career and finished fifth in the 1992 U.S. Women's Open. Jimmy won this year's Florida State Amateur, defeating Cristobal Del Solar in 20 holes. Jones, who is a rising sophomore at Florida Southern University, earned NCAA Division II honorable mention All-America honors in 2014-15.

Kyle Jones, 22, of Snowflake, Ariz., is playing in his second U.S. Amateur. He qualified for the 2015 U.S. Open with rounds of 65 and 69 in sectional qualifying. He became the 12th Baylor University player to earn All-America recognition with his second-team selection this year. Jones was also chosen All-Big 12 Conference and helped the U.S. record an 18-12 victory over Europe in the 2015 Palmer Cup.

Marcus Kinhult, 19, of Sweden, won this year's Lytham Trophy by eight strokes and defeated Davis Shore by one stroke in the Junior Invitational at Sage Valley. He reached match play in the British Amateur in both 2014 and 2015. Kinhult twice competed in the European PGA Tour's Nordea Masters (T-21, 2014; T-33, 2015). He placed sixth individually in the 2014 World Amateur Team Championship.

Doug Kleeschulte, 25, of Kingston, N.Y., is competing in his fourth U.S. Amateur. He previously played in 2007, 2011 and 2012. Kleeschulte advanced to the Round of 16 with partner Jeffrey Schaller in the inaugural U.S. Amateur Four-Ball at The Olympic Club. Kleeschulte, who played college golf at Western Kentucky, won the 2010 New York State Amateur with his father, Doug, as his caddie.

Chase Koepka, 21, of West Palm Beach, Fla., is playing in his second U.S. Amateur. He earned All-America and All-American Athletic Conference recognition for the second time this year as a junior at the University of South Florida. He finished second in the 2015 Players Amateur, in Bluffton, S.C., and tied for third in the Sunnehanna Amateur. His brother, Brooks, plays on the PGA Tour and tied for fourth in the 2014 U.S. Open, at Pinehurst No. 2.

Romain Langasque, 20, of France, won the 2015 British Amateur at Carnoustie Golf Links by defeating Scotland's Grant Forrest, 4 and 2, in the final. Langasque, who became the third Frenchman to win the British Amateur, went on to tie for 65th in the 2015 Open Championship, at the Old Course at St. Andrews. He also won this year's Coupe Frayssineau-Mouchy and finished sixth in the St. Andrews Links Trophy.

Jack Maguire, 21, of St. Petersburg, Fla., tied for 58th in the 2015 U.S. Open, at Chambers Bay, and shot a second-round 68. Maguire was chosen second-team All-America and earned All-Atlantic Coast Conference recognition as a sophomore at Florida State University. He was named All-America and all-conference for the second straight year. He is competing in his second U.S. Amateur.

Denny McCarthy, 22, of Rockville, Md., is playing in his seventh consecutive U.S. Amateur and advanced to last year's semifinals. McCarthy, who recently completed his senior season at the University of Virginia, earned All-America honors for the third year in a row and became the first UVA player to be chosen All-Atlantic Coast Conference four times. McCarthy tied for 42nd in the 2015 U.S. Open and helped USA win the 2014 World Amateur Team Championship. He won the 2015 Porter Cup by defeating Carter Jenkins on the first playoff hole after each player was tied following 72 holes at 11-under 269.

Lee McCoy, 21, of Athens, Ga., earned first-team All-America and first-team All-Southeastern Conference honors as a junior on the University of Georgia squad. McCoy, who qualified for this year's U.S. Open, helped the U.S. to a silver medal in the Pan American Games and tied for 69th in the PGA Tour's John Deere Classic this summer. McCoy was co-medalist in the 2014 U.S. Amateur before losing in the Round of 64. He qualified for match play in both the 2009 and 2010 U.S. Junior Amateurs. He was selected to the 2015 USA Walker Cup Team on Aug. 10.

Michael McCoy, 52, of Des Moines, Iowa, is competing in his 45th USGA championship, including 16th U.S. Amateur. McCoy was low amateur in the U.S. Senior Open for the second consecutive year and tied the record for lowest 72-hole score by an amateur (2-over 282) in June. He won the 2013 U.S. Mid-Amateur and became the second-oldest champion (age 50). McCoy, who works in the insurance business, is an Iowa Golf Hall of Fame member.

Maverick McNealy, 19, of Portola Valley, Calif., is playing in his sixth USGA championship and qualified for the 2014 U.S. Open. McNealy, who attends Stanford University, received the Jack Nicklaus Award as Division I's top college player. He was chosen Pacific 12 Conference Player of the Year and won the conference title by 10 strokes. McNealy, who advanced to the Round of 16 with partner Viraat Badhwar in the U.S. Amateur Four-Ball, shared medalist honors at the Olympia Fields C.C./Fighting Illini Invitational on Sept. 14. McNealy was a defenseman for the San Jose Junior Sharks, an AAU ice hockey team. He was selected to the 2015 USA Walker Cup Team on Aug. 10.

Byron Meth, 22, of San Diego, Calif., is competing in his second U.S. Amateur after reaching the Round of 16 last year. Meth, who recently finished his senior year at the University of the Pacific, earned honorable mention All-America and All-West Region honors and was chosen West Coast Conference Golfer of the Year. Meth won the 2014 U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship and has played in the 2015 Masters, 2011 Australian Open and 2011 Australian Masters.

Todd Mitchell, 37, of Bloomington, Ill., advanced to the semifinals of the 2015 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball with partner Scott Harvey. Mitchell, who was the runner-up in the 2008 U.S. Mid-Amateur, is playing in his 21st USGA championship. Mitchell, who did not play college golf, was an All-Missouri Valley Conference shortstop at Illinois State. He was chosen in the 14th round of the Major League Baseball Draft by the New York Yankees and played two seasons in the organization's Minor League system.

Collin Morikawa, 18, of La Canada Flintridge, Calif., is playing in his first USGA championship. He claimed this year's Trans-Mississippi Championship by seven strokes and finished fourth in the AJGA Rolex Tournament of Champions. Morikawa, who won the 2013 Western Junior Amateur, tied for third in the 2015 CIF/SCGA Regional. He will be a freshman at the University of California-Berkeley in the fall.

Matthew NeSmith, 21, of North Augusta, S.C., is competing in his third consecutive U.S. Amateur and advanced to the Round of 64 last year. He became the second University of South Carolina player to win the Southeastern Conference Championship in 2015. He went on to earn third-team All-America, All-Southeast Region and first-team All-SEC recognition. NeSmith, who qualified for this year's U.S. Open at Chambers Bay, won the Players Amateur, in Bluffton, S.C., by one stroke over Chase Koepka.

Jordan Niebrugge, 22, of Mequon, Wis., is competing in his third U.S. Amateur and has advanced to match play in both of his previous appearances. Niebrugge, who was a member of the winning 2013 USA Walker Cup Team, tied for sixth in the 2015 Open Championship, conducted by The R&A. He won the silver medal and posted the lowest score (11-under 277) by an amateur in championship history. Niebrugge, who was chosen All-Big 12 Conference for the third consecutive year, had a stellar 2013 campaign, winning the U.S. Amateur Public Links, Western Amateur, Wisconsin State Amateur and Wisconsin State Match Play.

Ryan Pelletier, 33, of Mansfield, Mass., has qualified for his first U.S. Amateur after seven attempts. He shot rounds of 67 and 68 in the Pawtucket, R.I., sectional qualifier and birdied two of the last four holes to earn one of three spots. His wife, Erin, served as his caddie during the 36-hole qualifier. Pelletier, who was an All-New England selection at UMass-Dartmouth, played in the 2013 U.S. Mid-Amateur.

Corey Pereira, 20, of Cameron Park, Calif., earned first-team All-Pacific 12 Conference honors as a member of the University of Washington team in 2014-15. Pereira, who was a second-team all-conference pick as a freshman, has claimed the Sierra Pines Invitational and Sahalee Players Championship this summer. He won the 2014 Pacific Coast Amateur with a record 72-hole score of 261.

Jon Rahm, 20, of Spain, received the Ben Hogan Award and was chosen first-team All-America and first-team All-Pacific 12 Conference as a junior at Arizona State University in 2014-15. Rahm, who advanced to Round of 16 in last year's U.S. Amateur, was the medalist in the 2014 World Amateur Team Championship, breaking Jack Nicklaus' record with a 72-hole score of 23-under 263. Rahm tied for fifth in the 2015 PGA Tour's Waste Management Phoenix Open.

Garrett Rank, 27, of Canada, is competing in his fourth U.S. Amateur and made the Round of 32 last year. Rank overcame a cancer scare at age 23, giving him a new outlook on life. He made his National Hockey League debut as a referee on Jan. 16, 2015, but also works in the American Hockey League. Rank was also the runner-up in the 2012 U.S. Mid-Amateur and reached the Round of 16 in the 2014 U.S. Amateur Public Links, losing to eventual champion Byron Meth.

Davis Riley, 18, of Hattiesburg, Miss., is playing in his third U.S. Amateur. He qualified for this year's U.S. Open at Chambers Bay and is a two-time runner-up in the U.S. Junior Amateur (2013, 2014). Riley received the Liberty Mutual Responsible Sports Moment Award for sportsmanship after assessing a self-imposed penalty in the 2013 Junior Amateur final against Scottie Scheffler. Riley, who plans to attend the University of Alabama in the fall, has been the Mississippi Class 3A independent medalist three times.

Ryan Ruffels, 17, of Australia, is playing in his second U.S. Amateur. Ruffels, who speaks both English and Spanish fluently, advanced to match play in both of his U.S. Junior Amateur appearances (2013, 2014). His parents, Ray and Anna-Maria, were both tennis professionals. Ray won 16 doubles titles, including the 1977 Australian Open, and played on Australia's Davis Cup squad. Anna-Maria (Fernandez) captured five WTA doubles titles. Ryan received his first cut-down club from Mark O'Meara when his parents were in-house tennis pros at Isleworth Golf & Country Club in Florida.

Scottie Scheffler, 19, of Dallas, Texas, is competing in his fourth U.S. Amateur and advanced to the 2013 quarterfinals. Scheffler, the 2013 U.S. Junior Amateur champion, earned second-team All-America and first-team All-Big 12 Conference honors at the University of Texas in 2014-15. He received the Phil Mickelson Award as Division I's top freshman and was chosen Big 12 Newcomer of the Year. Scheffler tied for third in the Northeast Amateur and was fourth in the Players Amateur this summer. His older sister, Callie, is a member of the Texas A&M University golf team.

Corby Segal, 44, of Santa Clarita, Calif., is making his third U.S. Amateur appearance. Segal, who caddies on the PGA Tour for Briny Baird and has also worked with Brandt Jobe, has competed in four U.S. Mid-Amateurs. He advanced to the Round of 16 last year and the quarterfinals in 2012. Segal won the 2012 Burbank City Amateur by eight strokes, including a final-round 65.

Robby Shelton, 19, of Wilmer, Ala., is competing in his seventh USGA championship and his third U.S. Amateur. Shelton, who is a rising junior at the University of Alabama, earned first-team All-America and first-team All-Southeastern Conference recognition for the second consecutive year. Shelton, who received the 2014 Phil Mickelson National Freshman of the Year Award, tied for third in the PGA Tour's Barbasol Championship in July. He became the first amateur to record a top-three finish since Mickelson in 1991. Shelton won three consecutive Alabama Class 5A state high school championships.

Nathan Smith, 37, of Pittsburgh, Pa., is a four-time U.S. Mid-Amateur champion (2003, 2009, 2010, 2012) and a member of three USA Walker Cup Teams (2009, 2011, 2013). He also won this year's U.S. Amateur Four-Ball title with partner Todd White. When he won the 2003 Mid-Amateur, he became the youngest champion. Smith, who has played in 33 USGA championships and works as an investment advisor, became the first player to win four Mid-Amateurs. In 2007, he became the first golfer to win the Western Pennsylvania Tournament of Champions, Mid-Amateur and Amateur in the same year.

Jake Staiano, 18, of Cherry Hills, Colo., plans to attend Colorado State University in the fall after helping Valor Christian High capture back-to-back Class 4A state titles. He was the runner-up in the 2014 state championship and was named 4A Metro Region Player of the Year. Staiano reached the Round of 64 in the 2014 U.S. Junior Amateur. He won the 2013 and 2014 Colorado Golf Association Junior Match Play.

Hunter Stewart, 21, of Lexington, Ky., is competing in his fourth U.S. Amateur. He earned first-team All-America honors and became the first player from Vanderbilt University to be chosen Southeastern Conference Player of the Year, in 2014-15. Stewart, who qualified for the 2014 U.S. Open at Pinehurst No. 2, won the Northeast Amateur in June by four strokes with a 72-hole score of 266. He was the first player to sweep his matches (4-0) in three years, in the 2015 Palmer Cup and led the U.S. to victory. Stewart was selected to the 2015 USA Walker Cup Team on Aug. 10.

Pat Tallent, 62, of Vienna, Va., is the oldest player in this year's U.S. Amateur field. He is competing in his 29th USGA championship. Tallent, who won the 2014 U.S. Senior Amateur, has reached match play in four of his previous eight U.S. Amateur appearances. He also won the 2015 Seniors Amateur Championship, conducted by The R&A, at Royal County Down. Tallent, who has also played in five U.S. Senior Opens, was selected in the 1976 NBA Draft's sixth round by the Washington Bullets.

Will Thomson, 14, of Pittsford, N.Y., became the youngest competitor in U.S. Amateur history last year when he competed as a 13-year old. Thomson, a ninth-grader at Barker Road Middle School, played in this year's U.S. Junior Amateur and reached match play. Thomson, who plays on the Pittsford-Mendon High School team, has twice won the New York State Boys' Amateur (2013, 2014). He met Arnold Palmer two years ago in Latrobe, Pa., toured "The King's" barn, and sat on the famous Pennzoil tractor.

Keith Unikel, 36, of Potomac, Md., is playing in his first U.S. Amateur. He advanced to the Round of 32 in this year's U.S. Amateur Four-Ball with partner Trevor Randolph. He reached the Round of 16 in the 2013 U.S. Mid-Amateur. Unikel, who was born in Chicago, is a vice president for Merrill Lynch. He twice was chosen first-team All-Atlantic Coast Conference while playing for the University of Maryland.

Brett Viboch, 31, of Moraga, Calif., works for Kepler's Golf Repair as a custom fitter and golf club builder. He previously was a lab technician for Cobra Puma Golf. Viboch is playing in his second USGA championship and qualified for the 2014 U.S. Mid-Amateur.

Sean Walsh, 21, of Keller, Texas, won 2015 North & South Amateur by defeating George Cunningham, 3 and 1, in the final at Pinehurst No. 2. He is competing in his third consecutive U.S. Amateur and reached the Round of 64 in 2013. Walsh, who is a rising senior at Gonzaga University, is a two-time All-West Coast Conference selection and was the 2013 WCC Freshman of the Year.

Frederick Wedel, 20, of The Woodlands, Texas, advanced to the semifinals in his first U.S. Amateur last year at Atlanta Athletic Club, in Johns Creek, Ga. Wedel, who was born in Alaska, is a rising senior at Pepperdine University. He earned first-team All-West Coast Conference honors and tied for seventh in the WCC Championship in 2014-15. Wedel also competed in the 2012 U.S. Junior Amateur.

Daniel Wetterich, 18, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was the medalist with rounds of 71 and 66 at the Cincinnati #1, Ohio, sectional qualifier. Wetterich plans to join his brother, Matthew, as a member of the Xavier University team in the fall. Wetterich, whose cousin Brett plays on the PGA Tour, graduated from LaSalle High and was chosen All-Ohio by the *Cincinnati Enquirer*. He finished third in the 2015 North & South Junior Amateur.

Todd White, 47, of Spartanburg, S.C., won the 2015 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball with partner Nathan Smith. White is competing in his 17th USGA championship and sixth U.S. Amateur. White, who is a high school history teacher, helped the USA to a 17-9 victory in the 2013 Walker Cup Match. He advanced to the quarterfinals of the 2014 U.S. Mid-Amateur and won the 2015 Azalea Invitational by two strokes.

Aaron Wise, 19, of Lake Elsinore, Calif., is competing in his fourth consecutive U.S. Amateur. Wise, who was born in South Africa, earned second-team All-Pacific 12 Conference and All-West Region honors as a freshman at the University of Oregon in 2014-15. He was runner-up in the Pac-12 Tournament and led his team to an NCAA appearance. Wise shot a final-round 66 to win the Pacific Coast Amateur by two strokes over Beau Hossler and Maverick McNealy on July 31. He was the 113th Western Amateur runner-up on Aug. 8, losing to Dawson Armstrong in 20 holes.

Gunn Yang, 21, of Republic of Korea, won the 2014 U.S. Amateur by defeating Corey Connors, 2 and 1, in the final at Atlanta Athletic Club. Yang, who was 15 months removed from back surgery, became the second San Diego State University player to win the U.S. Amateur (Gene Littler won in 1953). Yang took this year off from college to compete in professional events as an amateur. He has played in the U.S. Open, Masters and Open Championship, and tied for 65th in the PGA Tour's Crowne Plaza Invitational

Jake Yount, 28, of Danville, Calif., is competing in his second U.S. Amateur but has not played since 2005. Yount and partner Tim Mickelson advanced to the Round of 16 in this year's U.S. Amateur Four-Ball at The Olympic Club. Mickelson was Yount's head coach at the University of San Diego from 2005-09. Yount is a regional sales manager for Riverbed Technology, an application performance company.

Will Zalatoris, 19, of Plano, Texas, is competing in his third consecutive U.S. Amateur and reached the Round of 16 last year. He earned third-team All-America honors and was chosen Atlantic Coast Conference Freshman of the Year at Wake Forest University in 2014-15. Zalatoris, who received the school's Arnold Palmer Golf Scholarship, captured last year's U.S. Junior Amateur at The Club at Carlton Woods, in The Woodlands, Texas. He tied for fourth in the Pacific Coast Amateur on July 31. Zalatoris won the TAPPS (Texas Association of Private & Parochial Schools) 5A state title twice (2012, 2013).

Robbie Ziegler, 25, of Madison, Wis., is playing in his second U.S. Amateur. Ziegler has served as assistant men's golf coach at the University of Wisconsin since 2013. He played at the University of Oregon and helped the Ducks advance to three NCAA Tournaments. Ziegler was the runner-up in the 2013 Wisconsin State Amateur. His sister, Aaren, recently finished her Wisconsin women's golf career.