



## 2015 U.S. SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP – FACT SHEET

### SITE INFORMATION

[www.ussenioropen.com](http://www.ussenioropen.com)

June 25-28, 2015

Del Paso Country Club, Sacramento, Calif. ([www.2015ussenioropen.com](http://www.2015ussenioropen.com))

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### PAR AND YARDAGE

Del Paso Country Club will be set up at 6,994 yards and will play to a par of 36-34-70.

#### DEL PASO COUNTRY CLUB HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	5	3	4	5	3	4	4	4	4	36
Yards	544	178	490	580	228	395	440	450	318	3,623

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	3	4	34
Yards	317	393	165	487	215	636	473	225	460	3,371

### ARCHITECT

Del Paso County Club was designed by Scotsman John L. Black. It was redesigned and renovated by architect Kyle Phillips in 2006. The club was founded in 1916 on property that was part of the original Rancho Del Paso, a historic 44,000-acre area used by 19th-century settlers as a pathway through the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

### COURSE RATING

Based on the course setup for the championship, the USGA Course Rating is 74.9. Its Slope Rating is 147.

### WHO CAN ENTER

The championship is open to any professional and amateur golfer who is 50 years of age as of June 22. An amateur is eligible with a Handicap Index® not exceeding 3.4. The deadline for entries is May 6.

### ENTRIES

The USGA accepted 2,715 entries for the 2014 U.S. Senior Open. The record number of entries is 3,101 in 2002.

### SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

Sectional qualifying, played over 18 holes, was held at 34 sites around the country between May 11- June 4. The sectional qualifying sites were located in 26 states, including five in California and three in Florida.

### CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD

The starting field of 156 golfers will be cut after 36 holes to the low 60 scorers and ties.

### SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Eighteen holes of stroke play are scheduled each day from Thursday, June 25 through Sunday, June 28. In the case of a tie after 72 holes, a three-hole aggregate playoff will be held immediately after the conclusion of the fourth round on June 28.

## **2014 CHAMPION**

Colin Montgomerie defeated Gene Sauers in a three-hole aggregate playoff to win the 2014 U.S. Senior Open Championship at Oak Tree National, in Edmond, Okla. The Scotsman and Sauers advanced to the playoff with 72-hole scores of 5-under 279. Montgomerie entered the third extra hole with a one-shot lead, then sank a 16-foot par putt to claim his first USGA championship.

Montgomerie, who began the championship with a first-round 65, led at the end of the first and second days but trailed Sauers by four strokes entering Sunday's action. He rallied with a final-round 69, while Sauers narrowly missed a birdie putt on the 72nd hole that led to the first U.S. Senior Open playoff since 2002. Sauers, who was making his second Senior Open appearance after tying for 35th the previous year, had shot three consecutive rounds in the 60s to build his lead.

Montgomerie, who won his first professional playoff in nine attempts, including a loss to Ernie Els at the 1994 U.S. Open at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club, became the fifth player to win both the U.S. Senior Open and Senior PGA Championship in the same year.

## **PURSE**

The 2014 purse was \$3,350,000 million; the winner earned \$630,000.

## **TELEVISION SCHEDULE**

The U.S. Senior Open will receive at least 20 hours of live network coverage. Fox will air at least 10 hours of coverage throughout the championship. Fox Sports 1 will air at least 10 hours over the first two days of play.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>Broadcast Hours (PDT)</b>
June 23	Fox Sports 1	Preview, 12:30-1 p.m.
June 24	Fox Sports 1	Preview, 4-5 p.m.
June 25	Fox Sports 1	11 a.m.-4 p.m.
June 26	Fox Sports 1	11 a.m.-4 p.m.
June 27	Fox	11 a.m.-4 p.m.
June 28	Fox	11 a.m.-4 p.m.

## **TICKETS**

Tickets for the 2015 U.S. Senior Open Championship are available at [www.2015ussenioropen.com](http://www.2015ussenioropen.com). Weekly tickets are \$125 (good Thursday-Sunday with parking). Trophy Club tickets are \$250.

## **HISTORY**

This is the 36th U.S. Senior Open Championship. The first U.S. Senior Open, played in 1980, was conducted for golfers 55 and older. The next year, the USGA lowered the minimum age to 50.

Miller Barber captured the first of his three U.S. Senior Open titles in 1982; he also won in 1984 and 1985. The U.S. Senior Open has four two-time winners: Gary Player (1987, 1988), Jack Nicklaus (1991, 1993), Hale Irwin (1998, 2000), Allen Doyle (2005, 2006). Doyle became the championship's oldest winner in 2006 at the age of 58 years and 13 days.

The youngest champion is Dale Douglass, who won in 1986 at the age of 50 years, 3 months and 24 days.

## **USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT DEL PASO COUNTRY CLUB**

This is the first U.S. Senior Open Championship and the fifth USGA championship to be conducted at Del Paso Country Club.

In 1982, Janet Alex posted a 72-hole score of 5-under 283 to win by six strokes and record her first professional victory. Four players tied for second at one-over 289. JoAnne (Gunderson) Carner, an eight-time

USGA champion, 1975 U.S. Women's Open champion Sandra Haynie and U.S. Women's Amateur champions Donna White and Beth Daniel.

Carner won the first of her five U.S. Women's Amateur titles at Del Paso Country Club in 1957. She defeated Anny Casey Johnstone, 8 and 6, in the final. Carner, the 1971 and 1976 U.S. Women's Open winner, holds the record with eight women's USGA championships won and is tied third among all competitors behind Robert T. Jones Jr. and Tiger Woods.

### **USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT DEL PASO COUNTRY CLUB**

1957 U.S. Women's Amateur: JoAnne Gunderson Carner def. Anne Casey Johnstone, 8 and 6  
1964 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur: Loma Smith won by one stroke over Mrs. William Kirkland (247-248)  
1976 U.S. Women's Amateur: Donna Horton def. Marianne Bretton, 2 and 1  
1982 U.S. Women's Open: Janet Alex won by six strokes over Sandra Haynie, Donna White, JoAnne Gunderson Carner and Beth Daniel (283-289)

### **USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN CALIFORNIA**

This will be the 75th USGA championship held in California and the second U.S. Senior Open held in the state. Hale Irwin edged Vicente Fernandez by one stroke to win the 1998 Senior Open at Riviera Country Club, in Pacific Palisades. He became the seventh player to win the U.S. Open and U.S. Senior Open.

### **USGA OPENS IN CALIFORNIA**

1948 U.S. Open: Riviera Country Club, Pacific Palisades (Ben Hogan)  
1955 U.S. Open: The Olympic Club (Lake Course), San Francisco (Jack Fleck)  
1964 U.S. Women's Open: San Diego Country Club (Mickey Wright)  
1966 U.S. Open: The Olympic Club (Lake Course), San Francisco (Billy Casper)  
1972 U.S. Open: Pebble Beach Golf Links (Jack Nicklaus)  
1982 U.S. Open: Pebble Beach Golf Links (Tom Watson)  
1982 U.S. Women's Open: Del Paso Country Club, Sacramento (Janet Alex)  
1987 U.S. Open: The Olympic Club (Lake Course), San Francisco (Scott Simpson)  
1992 U.S. Open: Pebble Beach Golf Links (Tom Kite)  
1998 U.S. Open: The Olympic Club (Lake Course), San Francisco (Lee Janzen)  
1998 U.S. Senior Open: Riviera Country Club, Pacific Palisades (Hale Irwin)  
2000 U.S. Open: Pebble Beach Golf Links (Tiger Woods)  
2008 U.S. Open: Torrey Pines Golf Course (South Course), San Diego (Tiger Woods)  
2010 U.S. Open: Pebble Beach Golf Links (Graeme McDowell)  
2012 U.S. Open: The Olympic Club (Lake Course), San Francisco (Webb Simpson)

### **U.S. SENIOR OPENS IN CALIFORNIA**

1998 U.S. Senior Open: Riviera Country Club, Pacific Palisades, Calif. (Hale Irwin)

### **U.S. SENIOR OPEN – PAR-70 COURSES (10)**

Oakland Hills Country Club, Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (1981, 1991)  
Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester, N.Y. (1984)  
Olympia Fields (Ill.) Country Club (1997)  
Salem Country Club, Peabody, Mass. (2001)  
Prairie Dunes Country Club, Hutchinson, Kan. (2006)  
The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo. (2008)  
Sahalee Country Club, Sammamish, Wash. (2010)  
Indianwood Golf & Country Club (Old Course), Lake Orion, Mich. (2012)  
Omaha (Neb.) Country Club (2013)  
Del Paso Country Club, Sacramento, Calif. (2015)

### **LONGEST PAR 3s in U.S. SENIOR OPEN HISTORY**

240 yards – 12th at The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008  
230 yards – 3rd at Omaha (Neb.) Country Club, 2013  
230 yards – 4th at Riviera Country Club, Pacific Palisades, Calif., 1998

228 yards – 6th at Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio, 2003  
228 yards – 15th at Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio, 2011  
**228 yards** – 5th at Del Paso Country Club, Sacramento, Calif., 2015

#### **LONGEST PAR 4s in U.S. SENIOR OPEN HISTORY**

545 yards – 17th at The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008  
501 yards – 10th at The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008  
494 yards – 10th at Omaha (Neb.) Country Club, 2013  
493 yards – 13th at The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008  
**490 yards** – 3rd at Del Paso Country Club, Sacramento, Calif., 2015  
489 yards – 12th at Indianwood Golf & Country Club (Old Course), Lake Orion, Mich., 2012

#### **LONGEST PAR 5s IN U.S. SENIOR OPEN HISTORY**

**636 yards** – 15th at Del Paso Country Club, Sacramento, Calif., 2015  
608 yards – 7th at Brooklawn Country Club, Fairfield, Conn., 1987  
608 yards – 6th at Canterbury Golf Club, Beachwood, Ohio, 1996  
601 yards – 3rd at The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008  
600 yards – 5th at Crooked Stick Golf Club, Carmel, Ind., 2009  
599 yards – 14th at Oak Tree National, Edmond, Okla., 2014

#### **WINNERS OF U.S. OPEN AND U.S. SENIOR OPEN**

Billy Casper (1959, 1966 U.S. Open; 1983 U.S. Senior Open)  
Hale Irwin (1974, 1979, 1990 U.S. Open; 1998, 2000 U.S. Senior Open)  
Orville Moody (1969 U.S. Open; 1989 U.S. Senior Open)  
Jack Nicklaus (1962, 1967, 1972, 1980 U.S. Open; 1991, 1993 U.S. Senior Open)  
Arnold Palmer (1960 U.S. Open; 1981 U.S. Senior Open)  
Gary Player (1965 U.S. Open; 1987, 1988 U.S. Senior Open)  
Lee Trevino (1968, 1971 U.S. Open; 1990 U.S. Senior Open)

#### **THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED AT THE SENIOR OPEN –**

Colin Montgomerie – the last international winner (2014)  
Allen Doyle – the last to defend title successfully (2006)  
Roger Chapman – the last to win in his first appearance (2012)  
Colin Montgomerie – the last to win on his second attempt (2014)  
Olin Browne – the last start-to-finish winner with no ties (2011)  
Hale Irwin – the last winner to birdie the 72nd hole to win by one stroke (1998)  
Gary Player – the last winner without a round in the 60s (1988)  
Roger Chapman – the last winner with all rounds in the 60s (2012)  
Roger Chapman – the last defending champion to miss the cut (2013)  
Don Pooley – the last winner to come through sectional qualifying (2002)

#### **FUTURE SITES**

Aug. 11-14, 2016: Scioto Country Club, Columbus, Ohio  
June 29-July 2, 2017: Salem Country Club, Peabody, Mass.

#### **CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY**

The Senior Open, first held in 1980, is a relatively new National Championship when compared with the others conducted by the USGA. Yet the Senior Open trophy is actually the oldest among the USGA's stable of championship rewards.

This tale of strange but true began on September 24, 1894, when the Tuxedo Club of Tuxedo Park, N.Y., invited three other clubs to compete in the first American interclub tournament. Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, Saint Andrew's Golf Club, and The Country Club of Brookline agreed to the challenge. While there is still some dispute as to who actually won, The Country Club team, consisting of H.C. Leeds, Laurence Curtis, Robert Bacon and W.B. Thomas, returned home with the trophy. The sterling silver, hourglass-shaped cup remained in the club's possession until the mid-1950s, when it was given to Golf House for exhibition.

In June of 1980, with the USGA preparing for the first Senior Open, The Country Club suggested that the trophy be used as the formal award for the Championship. The cup was presented “by the Country Club and Golfers of Massachusetts,” and formally dedicated as the Francis D. Ouimet Memorial Trophy. Roberto De Vincenzo received it at Winged Foot Golf Club as the inaugural champion. A replica of the trophy, complete with engraving of the 1894 Brookline team, was produced by the USGA in 1997 and awarded to Graham Marsh at Olympia Fields Country Club in Illinois. The original was then given its second and final retirement.

The original U.S. Senior Open trophy is on display at the USGA Museum in Far Hills, N.J.

### **PHOTO MEDIA SERVICE**

The USGA will offer daily complimentary high-resolution photographs during the U.S. Senior Open (Monday-Sunday) for news use only. For more information and to register, contact [photorequests@usga.org](mailto:photorequests@usga.org).

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