

2015 U.S. SENIOR OPEN NOTEBOOK AND STORYLINES
June 25-28, 2015
Del Paso Country Club
Sacramento, Calif.

WHO'S HERE – Among the 156 golfers in the 2015 U.S. Senior Open there are:

U.S. Senior Open champions (11): Olin Browne (2011), Brad Bryant (2007), Roger Chapman (2012), Dave Eichelberger (1999), Fred Funk (2009), Hale Irwin (1998, 2000), Peter Jacobsen (2004), Bernhard Langer (2010), Colin Montgomerie (2014), Kenny Perry (2013) and Eduardo Romero (2008).

U.S. Senior Open runners-up (10): Fred Funk (2008, '12, '13), Hale Irwin (1996, 2004), Bernhard Langer (2012), Tom Lehman (2012), Mark O'Meara (2011), Corey Pavin (2012), Loren Roberts (2005), Gene Sauers (2014), Joey Sindelar (2009) and Tom Watson (2002, '03, '06).

U.S. Open champions (7): Hale Irwin (1974, '79, '90), Lee Janzen (1993, '98), Steve Jones (1996), Corey Pavin (1995), Jerry Pate (1976), Scott Simpson (1987) and Tom Watson (1982).

U.S. Open runners-up (11): Mark Brooks (2001), Miguel Angel Jimenez (2000), Tom Lehman (1996), Rocco Mediate (2008), Colin Montgomerie (1994, '97, 2006), Jerry Pate (1979), Scott Simpson (1991), Jeff Sluman (1992), Loren Roberts (1994), Tom Watson (1983, '87) and Ian Woosman (1989).

U.S. Amateur champions (5): John Cook (1978), Mark O'Meara (1979), Jerry Pate (1974), Craig Stadler (1973) and Scott Verplank (1984).

U.S. Amateur runners-up (2): John Cook (1979), Scott Hoch (1978).

U.S. Junior Amateur champions (2): Jack Larkin (1979), Willie Wood (1977).

U.S. Junior Amateur runners-up (1): Scott Simpson (1972).

U.S. Mid-Amateur champions (1): Michael McCoy (2013).

U.S. Mid-Amateur runners-up (2): Jerry Courville Jr. (1999, 2002), Bryan Norton (2003).

U.S. Senior Amateur champions (2): Doug Hanzel (2013), Patrick Tallent (2014).

U.S. Senior Amateur runners-up (1): Bryan Norton (2014).

U.S. Amateur Public Links champions: None.

U.S. Amateur Public Links runners-up: None.

USGA champions (27): Olin Browne (2011 Senior Open), Brad Bryant (2007 Senior Open), Roger Chapman (2012 Senior Open), John Cook (1978 Amateur), Jerry Courville Jr. (1995 Mid-Amateur), Dave Eichelberger (1999 Senior Open), Fred Funk (2009 Senior Open), Doug Hanzel (2013 Senior Amateur), Hale Irwin (1998, 2000 Senior Open, 1974, '79, '90 Open), Peter Jacobsen (2004 Senior Open), Lee Janzen (1993, '98 Open), Steve Jones (1996 Open), Bernhard Langer (2010 Senior Open), Michael McCoy (2013 Mid-Amateur), Jack Larkin (1979 Junior Amateur), Colin Montgomerie (2014 Senior Open), Mark O'Meara (1979 Amateur), Jerry Pate (1974 Amateur, 1976 Open), Corey Pavin (1995 Open), Kenny Perry (2013 Senior Open), Eduardo Romero (2008 Senior Open), Scott Simpson (1987 Open), Craig Stadler (1973 Amateur), Patrick Tallent (2014 Senior Amateur), Scott Verplank (1984 Amateur), Tom Watson (1982 Open) and Willie Wood (1977 Junior Amateur).

Walker Cup Team Members:

United States (12): Billy Andrade (1987), Jerry Courville Jr. (1995, 1997), Dave Eichelberger (1965), Jay Haas (1985), Scott Hoch (1979), Jerry Pate (1975), Corey Pavin (1981), Scott Simpson (1977), Craig Stadler (1975), Scott Verplank (1985), Duffy Waldorf (1985) and Willie Wood (1983).

Great Britain & Ireland (2): Roger Chapman (1981) and Colin Montgomerie (1985, '87).

NCAA Division I champions (5): Jim Carter (1983), Jay Haas (1975), Hale Irwin (1967), Scott Simpson (1976, '77) and Scott Verplank (1986).

NCAA Division II champions (1): Lee Janzen (1986).

TOTAL SENIOR OPENS WON BY 2015 CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD (12): Olin Browne (1), Brad Bryant (1), Roger Chapman (1), Dave Eichelberger (1), Fred Funk (1), Hale Irwin (2), Peter Jacobsen (1), Bernhard Langer (1), Colin Montgomerie (1), Kenny Perry (1) and Eduardo Romero (1).

PLAYERS IN FIELD WITH MOST SENIOR OPEN APPEARANCES (2015 included) – Dave Eichelberger (22), Hale Irwin (20), Bob Gilder (15) and Tom Watson (14).

ACTIVE CONSECUTIVE U.S. SENIOR OPEN APPEARANCES (2015 included) – Dave Eichelberger (22), Hale Irwin (12), Peter Jacobsen (12) and Loren Roberts (11).

CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD – The USGA accepted 2,445 entries in 2015. John Heaton, a 51-year-old professional from Carlsbad, N.M., submitted his entry 1 minute, 48 seconds before the deadline of 5 p.m. EDT on May 6. John Abendroth, a 62-year-old professional from Burlingame, Calif., was the first entrant. The record for entries is 3,101 in 2002.

The 156-player field includes 72 fully exempt golfers, 11 of whom are U.S. Senior Open champions. Sectional qualifying over 18 holes was held at 34 sites in the United States between May 11 and June 4.

AMATEURS – There are 27 amateurs in the 156-player field. More than 25 amateurs have competed in the U.S. Senior Open in 10 of the last 11 years. Michael McCoy, the low amateur in last year's Senior Open, and Pat Tallent, the 2014 U.S. Senior Amateur champion, are among this group.

McCoy, of Des Moines, Iowa, tied for 26th in the 2014 U.S. Senior Open, held at Oak Tree National in Edmond, Okla. McCoy won the 2013 U.S. Mid-Amateur at the Country Club of Birmingham (Ala.) and became the second-oldest winner of the championship at age 50.

Tallent, 61, defeated Bryan Norton, 2 and 1, in last year's U.S. Senior Amateur final. He is competing in his fifth U.S. Senior Open and tied for 54th in 2004. Tallent was a college basketball player at George Washington and was selected in the NBA Draft by the Washington Bullets.

Doug Hanzel has been the low amateur twice at the U.S. Senior Open. He tied for 56th at Omaha (Neb.) Country Club in 2013 and tied for 53rd at Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Lake Orion, Mich., in 2012. He won his first national championship by capturing the 2013 U.S. Senior Amateur and is playing in his fifth Senior Open. A physician at Southcoast Medical Group, Hanzel uses an insulin pump to control his diabetes.

Jack Larkin, 53, of Atlanta, Ga., won the 1979 U.S. Junior Amateur. He started playing golf at age 10 and eventually would play as a collegian at the University of Georgia. He is competing in his first U.S. Senior Open.

Note: There were 17 amateurs in last year's U.S. Senior Open at Oak Tree National, the lowest total in championship history. Michael McCoy and Jeff Wilson were the only amateurs to make the cut. William C. (Bill) Campbell (1980) and Tim Jackson (2009) are the only amateurs to hold the lead at a U.S. Senior Open through 36 holes.

Amateurs at Senior Open

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Made Cut</u>	<u>Low Finisher</u>
2015	27	--	-----
2014	17	2	Michael McCoy (tie, 26th)
2013	28	1	Doug Hanzel (56th)
2012	35	2	Doug Hanzel (tie, 53rd)
2011	29	1	Tim Jackson (tie, 50th)

2010	30	3	Tim Jackson (tie, 32nd)
2009	28	3	Tim Jackson (tie, 11th)
2008	29	6	Danny Green (tie, 37th)
2007	31	5	Danny Green and George Zahringer (tie, 33rd)
2006	33	1	Randy Reifers (tie, 47th)
2005	30	4	Greg Reynolds and George Zahringer (tie, 31st)
2004	25	1	Pat Tallent (tie, 54th)
2003	33	0	-----
2002	29	2	Bob Clark (tie, 56th)
2001	26	4	Paul Simson (tie, 40th)
2000	26	4	Kemp Richardson (tie, 47th)
1999	23	2	Kemp Richardson (tie, 46th)
1998	30	1	Joel Hirsch (tie, 59th)
1997	29	4	Marvin (Vinny) Giles III (tie, 55th)
1996	32	3	Marvin (Vinny) Giles III (tie, 54th)
1995	40	3	Bob Housen (tie, 38th)
1994	36	4	Johnny Stevens (tie, 28th)
1993	39	5	Marvin (Vinny) Giles III (tie, 35th)
1992	38	4	Morris Beecroft (tie, 32nd)
1991	37	5	Jim Patti (tie, 34th)
1990	39	5	Gary Cowan (tie, 31st)
1989	43	10	Jim McMurtrey (tie, 28th)
1988	47	10	Bob Housen (tie, 25th)
1987	43	9	Dennis Iden (tie, 42nd)
1986	37	7	Robert Hoff (tie, 37th)
1985	53	7	William Hyndman III (tie, 18th)
1984	54	13	Dale Morey and Fordie Pitts Jr. (tie, 13th)
1983	46	9	Robert Rawlins (tie, 15th)
1982	42	4	John Harbottle (42nd)
1981	45	6	Glenn Johnson (tie, 16th)
1980	67	16	William C. Campbell (2nd)

SECTIONAL QUALIFIERS – Grant Waite, a PGA Tour veteran, and Peter Fowler, who competed on the PGA European Tour, are among 85 U.S. Senior Open sectional qualifiers. Waite won the 1993 Booz Allen title on the PGA Tour and was a runner-up in five other tournaments. He twice won the Australian Junior title. Fowler claimed the 1993 BMW International Open. He has won three times on the European Senior Tour and led the Order of Merit in 2011.

Willie Wood, who won the 1977 U.S. Junior Amateur, also advanced through qualifying. Wood is playing in his fourth U.S. Senior Open and his best finish was a tie for 29th in 2011.

USGA champions who advanced to the U.S. Senior Open through sectional qualifying are: Jerry Courville Jr. (1995 Mid-Amateur), Doug Hanzel (2013 Senior Amateur), Jack Larkin (1979 Junior Amateur) and Willie Wood (1977 Junior Amateur).

Note: In 2002, Don Pooley was the last player to win the U.S. Senior Open as a sectional qualifier.

U.S. SENIOR OPEN 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 the 1982 U.S. Women's Open, 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 1-over 289: eight-time USGA champion JoAnne Gunderson Carner, 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 in 1957. She defeated Ann Casey Johnstone, 8 and 6, in the final. Carner, the 1971 and 1976 U.S. Women's Open winner, holds the record for women with eight USGA championships and is tied for third among all competitors behind Robert T. Jones Jr. and Tiger Woods, who have nine each.

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT DEL PASO COUNTRY CLUB

1957 U.S. Women's Amateur: JoAnne Gunderson Carner def. Ann 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 played in California and the second U.S. Senior Open contested in the state. Hale Irwin edged Vicente Fernandez by one stroke to win the 1998 U.S. 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)

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

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out
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	In
Par	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	3	4	34
Yards	317	393	165	487	215	636	473	225	460	3,371

COURSE RATING AND SLOPE – Based on the course setup for the championship, the Course Rating™ is 74.9. The Slope Rating® is 147.

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.

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)

LONG HOLES – In 2015, Del Paso Country Club will have the longest par 5 in U.S. Senior Open history. The 636-yard 15th hole is the lone par 5 on the inward nine. The 490-yard third hole will be the fifth-longest par 4 for a Senior Open. The 228-yard fifth hole will tie the fourth-longest par 3 in a Senior Open.

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

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 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

THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED IN 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 U.S. SENIOR OPENS

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

PAST SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONS – Since the U.S. Senior Open began in 1980, three players have successfully defended their championship: Miller Barber (1984-'85), Gary Player (1987-'88) and Allen Doyle (2005-'06).

In Defense of the Senior Open

<u>Year</u>	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>	<u>Result in Defense</u>
2014	Colin Montgomerie	tie, 30th	-----
2013	Kenny Perry	missed cut	tie, 14th

2012	Roger Chapman	did not play	missed cut
2011	Olin Browne	tie, 3rd	tie, 36th
2010	Bernhard Langer	4th	tie, 12th
2009	Fred Funk	2nd	tie, 43rd
2008	Eduardo Romero	tie, 22nd	tie, 19th
2007	Brad Bryant	tie, 14th	tie, 14th
2006	Allen Doyle	won	missed cut
2005	Allen Doyle	tie, 42nd	won
2004	Peter Jacobsen	did not play	tie, 26th
2003	Bruce Lietzke	tie, 21st	tie, 19th
2002	Don Pooley	did not play	tie, 43rd
2001	Bruce Fleisher	2nd	missed cut
2000	Hale Irwin	tie, 3rd	tie, 11th
1999	Dave Eichelberger	56th	tie, 34th
1998	Hale Irwin	tie, 5th	tie, 3rd
1997	Graham Marsh	4th	missed cut
1996	Dave Stockton	tie, 21st	missed cut
1995	Tom Weiskopf	tie, 4th	tie, 35th
1994	Simon Hobday	tie, 10th	tie, 35th
1993	Jack Nicklaus	tie, 3rd	tie, 7th
1992	Larry Laoretti	did not play	tie, 46th
1991	Jack Nicklaus	2nd	tie, 3rd
1990	Lee Trevino	did not play	tie, 4th
1989	Orville Moody	tie, 4th	tie, 11th
1988	Gary Player	won	tie, 9th
1987	Gary Player	2nd	won
1986	Dale Douglass	did not play	tie, 6th
1985	Miller Barber	won	7th
1984	Miller Barber	3rd	won
1983	Billy Casper	tie, 13th	tie, 14th
1982	Miller Barber	6th	3rd
1981	Arnold Palmer	did not play	tie, 5th
1980	Roberto De Vicenzo	did not play	did not play

WHAT THE WINNER RECEIVES

Among the benefits enjoyed by the U.S. Senior Open winner are:

*A U.S. Senior Open exemption for the next 10 years or through age 65 (whichever yields the higher number of exemptions).

SENIOR MAJOR CHAMPIONS – Colin Montgomerie, who won last year's U.S. Senior Open, and Bernhard Langer, the 2010 U.S. Senior Open champion, have combined to win six of the previous seven senior major championships played. Montgomerie, who competed in last week's U.S. Open at Chambers Bay, captured his second consecutive PGA Seniors title this year. Langer won his second consecutive Senior Players Championship in 2015. He has won five senior major professional titles and is tied for fifth for most championships won in that category. Jack Nicklaus is the all-time leader with eight.

Winners of Recent Senior Major Championships

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner (Championship)</u>	<u>Result</u>
2015	Bernhard Langer (Senior Players)	(-19, 265)
2015	Colin Montgomerie (Senior PGA)	(-8, 280)
2015	Jeff Maggert (Tradition)	(-14, 274, def. Kevin Sutherland in playoff)
2014	Bernhard Langer (Senior British)	(-18, 266)
2014	Colin Montgomerie (U.S. Senior Open)	(-5, 279, def. Gene Sauers in playoff)
2014	Bernhard Langer (Senior Players)	(-15, 265, def. Jeff Sluman in playoff)
2014	Colin Montgomerie (Senior PGA)	(-13, 271)
2014	Kenny Perry (Tradition)	(-7, 281)
2013	Mark Wiebe (Senior British)	(-9, 271, def. Bernhard Langer in playoff)
2013	Kenny Perry (U.S. Senior Open)	(-13, 267)
2013	Kenny Perry (Senior Players)	(-19, 261)

2013	David Frost (Tradition)	(-16, 272)
2013	Kohki Idoki (Senior PGA)	(-11, 273)
2012	Fred Couples (Senior British)	(-9, 271)
2012	Roger Chapman (U.S. Senior Open)	(-10, 270)
2012	Joe Daley (Senior Players)	(-14, 266)
2012	Tom Lehman (Tradition)	(-14, 274)
2012	Roger Chapman (Senior PGA)	(-13, 271)
2011	Fred Couples (Senior Players)	(-11, 273, def. John Cook in playoff)
2011	Olin Browne (U.S. Senior Open)	(-15, 269)
2011	Russ Cochran (Senior British)	(-12, 276)
2011	Tom Watson (Senior PGA)	(-10, 278, def. David Eger in playoff)
2011	Tom Lehman (Tradition)	(-13, 275, def. Peter Senior in playoff)
2010	Mark O'Meara (Senior Players)	(-7, 273, def. Michael Allen in playoff)
2010	Fred Funk (Tradition)	(-12, 276)
2010	Bernhard Langer (U.S. Senior Open)	(-8, 272)
2010	Bernhard Langer (Senior British)	(-5, 279)
2010	Tom Lehman (Senior PGA)	(-7, 281, def. F. Couples & D. Frost in playoff)
2009	Jay Haas (Senior Players)	(-13, 267)
2009	Mike Reid (Tradition)	(-16, 272, def. John Cook in playoff)
2009	Fred Funk (U.S. Senior Open)	(-20, 268)
2009	Loren Roberts (Senior British)	(-12, 268, def. F. Funk & M. McNulty in playoff)
2009	Michael Allen (Senior PGA)	(-6, 274)
2008	D.A. Weibring (Senior Players)	(-9, 271)
2008	Fred Funk (Tradition)	(-19, 269)
2008	Eduardo Romero (U.S. Senior Open)	(-6, 274)
2008	Bruce Vaughan (Senior British)	(-6, 278, def. John Cook in playoff)
2008	Jay Haas (Senior PGA)	(+7, 287)
2007	Loren Roberts (Senior Players)	(-13, 267)
2007	Mark McNulty (Tradition)	(-16, 272)
2007	Tom Watson (Senior British)	(E, 284)
2007	Brad Bryant (U.S. Senior Open)	(-6, 282)
2007	Denis Watson (Senior PGA)	(-9, 279)

CAREER SENIOR MAJOR LEADERS – Jack Nicklaus, a two-time U.S. Senior Open champion, is the career leader with eight senior major professional titles. Hale Irwin, who won the Senior Open in 1998 and 2000, is second with seven senior majors.

Career Senior Major Leaders

Number, Winners, Years of Championships

- 8, Jack Nicklaus (1991, '93 U.S. Senior Open; 1990, '91, '95, '96 Tradition; 1990 Senior Players, 1991 Senior PGA)
- 7, **Hale Irwin** (1998, 2000 U.S. Senior Open; 1996, '97, '98, 2004 Senior PGA; 1999 Senior Players)
- 6, Gary Player (1987, '88 U.S. Senior Open; 1986 '88, '90 Senior PGA; 1987 Senior Players)
- 6, **Tom Watson** (2003, '05, '07 Senior British; 2001, '11 Senior PGA; 2003 Tradition)
- 5, Miller Barber (1982, '84, '85 U.S. Senior Open; 1981 Senior PGA; 1983 Senior Players)
- 5, **Bernhard Langer** (2010 U.S. Senior Open; 2010 Senior British; 2014 Senior Players; 2014 Senior British, 2015 Senior Players)
- 5, Arnold Palmer (1981 U.S. Senior Open; 1980, '84, Senior PGA; 1984, '85 Senior Players)
- 4, Allen Doyle (2005, '06 U.S. Senior Open; 1999 Senior PGA; 2001 Senior Players)
- 4, Raymond Floyd (1996, 2000 Senior Players; 1994 Tradition; 1995 Senior PGA)
- 4, **Loren Roberts** (2006, '09 Senior British; 2005 Tradition; 2007 Senior Players)
- 4, Lee Trevino (1990 U.S. Senior Open; 1992, '94 Senior PGA; 1992 Tradition)
- 3, **Fred Funk** (2009 U.S. Senior Open; 2008, '10 Tradition)
- 3, **Jay Haas** (2006, '08 Senior PGA; 2009 Senior Players)
- 3, **Tom Lehman** (2011, '12 Tradition; 2010 Senior PGA)
- 3, **Colin Montgomerie** (2014 Senior PGA; 2014 U.S. Senior Open; 2015 Senior PGA)
- 3, Gil Morgan (1997, '98 Tradition; 1998 Senior Players)
- 3, **Kenny Perry** (2013 U.S. Senior Open; 2013 Senior Players; 2014 Tradition)
- 3, Dave Stockton (1996 U.S. Senior Open; 1992, '94 Senior Players)

Bold – 2015 U.S. Senior Open competitor

TELEVISION COVERAGE – The U.S. Senior Open will receive at least 23 hours of live network coverage. Fox will air at least 10 hours of coverage throughout the championship. Fox Sports 1 will air at least 13 hours over the first two days of play. Joe Buck will anchor the Fox telecasts with will work with Greg Norman in the 18-hole tower.

Date	Network	Broadcast Hours (Local/PDT Times)
June 23	Fox Sports 1	Preview, 12:30 p.m.-1 p.m.
June 24	Fox Sports 1	Preview, 4 p.m.-5 p.m.
June 25	Fox Sports 1	Noon-6:30 p.m.
June 26	Fox Sports 1	Noon-6:30 p.m.
June 27	Fox	11 a.m.-4 p.m.
June 28	Fox	11 a.m.-4 p.m.

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) and 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.

WINNERS OF U.S. OPEN & SENIOR OPEN

Winners, Years of Championships

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

CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

The U.S. Senior Open, first contested in 1980, is a relatively new national championship when compared with others conducted by the USGA. Yet the U.S. Senior Open Trophy is actually the oldest among the USGA's championship trophies.

On Sept. 24, 1894, 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, Mass., agreed to the challenge. While there is still some dispute as to which team 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 the USGA for exhibition.

In June 1980, with the USGA preparing for the first U.S. 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.

TWO-TEE START – A two-tee start was adopted for the 2001 U.S. Senior Open. The USGA successfully adopted a two-tee start for the U.S. Women's Open in 2000 and used the concept for the first time in the

U.S. Open in 2002. Play will begin at 7 a.m. PDT at the first and 10th tees on Thursday at Del Paso Country Club.

SENIOR OPEN ECONOMICS – Colin Montgomerie earned \$630,000 from a purse of \$3.35 million when he captured the 2014 U.S. Senior Open. The first U.S. Senior Open contested in California was at Riviera Country Club in Los Angeles, in 1998. Hale Irwin earned \$267,500 from a purse of \$1.5 million.

SENIOR OPEN BIRTHDAYS – Six players in the U.S. Senior Open field will be celebrating a birthday close to the time of the championship. Paul Goydos, who is playing in his first U.S. Senior Open, is among that group. He turned 51 on June 20. Loren Roberts, the 1994 U.S. Open runner-up, will turn 60 on June 24.

2015 U.S. Senior Open Competitors

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Age</u> (on birthday)
a-Pat Thompson	6-21-58	57
Joe Boros	6-28-62	53
Jim Carter	6-24-61	54
Paul Goydos	6-20-64	51
Barry Lane	6-21-60	55
Colin Montgomerie	6-23-63	52
Loren Roberts	6-24-55	60

OLDEST & YOUNGEST – Dave Eichelberger is the oldest player in this year's U.S. Senior Open field. Eichelberger, the 1999 U.S. Senior Open winner, is 71 years old. Mike Finster, an amateur, is the youngest in the field. He turned 50 on June 17.

FIELD FOR THE AGES – There are six players in the 2015 U.S. Senior Open field who have celebrated their 50th birthday since April. Erik Hanson, a former Major League Baseball pitcher, and Dave Bunker, a Canadian amateur, each turned 50 on May 18.

There are 21 players in the field who are 60 or older. Hale Irwin, 70, has captured a pair of U.S. Senior Opens. Brad Bryant, Peter Jacobsen and Eduardo Romero are also Senior Open champions.

The average age of the 156-player field is 54.80.

INTERNATIONAL GROUP – There are 16 countries represented in the 2015 U.S. Senior Open. The U.S. has 131 players in the field, while England has four and Japan and Canada have three each. Argentina, Australia and Spain have two each.

Countries with players in the field – United States (131), England (4), Canada (3), Japan (3), Argentina (2), Spain (2), New Zealand (2), Australia (1), Chinese Taipei (1), Colombia (1), Germany (1), Hong Kong (1), Mexico (1), New Zealand (1), Scotland (1), South Africa (1) and Wales (1).

FIRST TIME IN U.S. SENIOR OPEN – There are 54 players in the 2015 championship field who are playing in their first U.S. Senior Open. Lee Janzen, 50, won the U.S. Open in 1993 at Baltusrol Golf Club, in Springfield, N.J., and 1998 at The Olympic Club, in San Francisco. Miguel Angel Jimenez was the 2000 U.S. Open runner-up to Tiger Woods at Pebble Beach (Calif.) Golf Links.

List of First-Time U.S. Senior Open Competitors (54): Stephen Ames, Don Bell, Guy Boros, Joe Boros, a-T.J. Brudzinski, a-Dave Bunker, Kevin Burton, a-Vincent Buzzini, Marion Dantzler, a-Dave Davis, Jay Delsing, Danny Elkins, a-Mike Finster, a-Terry Foreman, Jim Gaugert, Rick Gibson, Paul Goydos, Michael Grob, a-Erik Hanson, a-Ian Harris, Eduardo Herrera, a-Roger Hoyt, Lee Janzen, Miguel Angel Jimenez, Chip Johnson, Steve Jurick, a-Michael Kelly, Skip Kendall, Mike Keymont, Scott Krieger, Neal Lancaster, Brad Lardon, a-Jack Larkin, Yong Lee, J.R. Leonard, Jon Levitt, Steve Madsen, a-John McClure, Todd McCorkle, Jim McGovern, Eric Meeks, Michael Miles, Mike Mitchell, Cesar Monasterio, Charles Raulerson, a-Mark Sanchez, Geoffrey Sisk, Brent Studer, a-Tal Tartaglia, Mike Tucker, Gustav Ulrich, Grant Waite, Brian Wilson and Rick Woodson.

CLUB MEMBER – Kevin Sutherland, who hails from Sacramento, Calif., is a member of Del Paso Country Club. Sutherland's local ties are even stronger as he attended both Christian Brothers Academy

and Fresno State University. He tied for 38th in his first U.S. Senior Open last year and also played in the U.S. Open at Pinehurst No. 2. Sutherland, who lost in playoff to Jeff Maggert in the Regions Tradition in May, became the first Champions Tour player to shoot 59 (13 under par) last August in the second round of the Dick's Sporting Goods Open, held at En-Joie Golf Club in Endicott, N.Y.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE I – Randy Haag, of Orinda, Calif., advanced through sectional qualifying at his home course, The Olympic Club in San Francisco, and lives less than 80 miles from Del Paso Country Club. Haag, who will compete in his second U.S. Senior Open, is well known at USGA and NCGA events. He has played in 23 USGA championships and reached the U.S. Mid-Amateur quarterfinals five times. He is a six-time NCGA player of the year and owns 14 NCGA titles, the second-highest overall total. Haag, who is a side-saddle putter, was the low amateur in the 2010 and 2011 British Senior Open.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE II – Bob Niger is from El Dorado Hills, Calif., which is 30 miles from Del Paso Country Club. Niger, who will play in his third U.S. Senior Open, claimed the lone spot in the Eden Prairie, Minn., sectional qualifier. The round turned into a two-day event due to weather. He shot a 2-under 69 by making a tap-in birdie at No. 11 and another birdie on the par-5 16th. Niger, who has competed on the Champions Tour and PGA Tour Canada, has played in six USGA championships.

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE III – Jim Knoll, of Sunnyvale, Calif., lives nearly two hours from Del Paso Country Club and went to college at San Jose State University. The 62-year-old has been named Northern California Golf Association Senior Player of the Year four times and owns six victories, including the 2013 California State Senior Amateur. Knoll has competed in 12 USGA championships and a semifinalist in the 2012 U.S. Senior Amateur. He has played in two U.S. Senior Opens. In 2007, he made the cut by making a birdie on his final hole and went on to finish 62nd overall.

NEAR-MISS – Patrick Carrigan, who was born in Sacramento but lives in Walnut, Calif., escaped injury in a matter of seconds when a small plane crashed into his golf cart on July 11, 2010. The Cessna 117 ran out of gas and the pilot was guiding the aircraft along the 18th fairway. Carrigan's cart was parked 30 yards behind the first tee and directly behind the 18th green. He was on the phone when he saw golfers running and then noticed the plane when it was about 100 yards away. Carrigan, 58, got out of the cart before the plane touched down, bounced over the 18th green, sheared a small tree, hit his cart and crashed into a flagpole. Carrigan, who works in insurance sales and is playing in his second Senior Open, was able to get another cart and still tee off since his clubs were not damaged.

WHAT'S IN A NAME – Canada's Dave Bunker, who qualified for his first U.S. Senior Open, is well-schooled when it comes to his last name and playing golf. But Bunker has used his summer vacation from teaching physical education and health studies to Lawrence Heights Middle School students in Ontario to put together a solid amateur career. Bunker won three consecutive Canadian Mid-Amateur Championships from 2008-10, one Ontario Amateur, three Ontario Mid-Amateurs and an Ontario Match-Play title. The 50-year-old has also twice played on the PGA Tour's Canadian Tour and has raised twin daughters, Kristine and Sandra, who went on to be collegiate swimmers at Cleveland State University.

SECOND TIME AROUND – Don Bell is a senior real estate specialist who is playing in his first U.S. Senior Open. After graduating from Emory University with a degree in mathematics, Bell became a professional golfer. He played in Scandinavia for five years and twice won the Norwegian Order of Merit. He also competed in South Africa, Europe and Florida, and played in the PGA Tour's B.C. Open. Bell was reinstated as an amateur in 2008 and last year qualified for the U.S. Amateur and advanced to the Round of 16 at the U.S. Mid-Amateur. He was named the 2014 FSGA Amateur of the Year. Bell has turned professional again and attempted to earn his card at the Champions Tour qualifying tournament last fall.

BACK TO HIS ROOTS – Mike Miles, the senior golf instructor at Old Ranch Country Club in Seal Beach, Calif., returned to a familiar place in an effort to qualify for his first U.S. Senior Open. Miles played in his first of two U.S. Opens at The Olympic Club's Lake Course in 1987 and was back again for a Senior Open sectional qualifier on June 1. He earned medalist honors by six strokes with a blistering 5-under-par 66, a round that included six birdies and one bogey. Miles, who reached the quarterfinals of the 1981 U.S. Amateur Public Links, once won \$10 from Lee Trevino in a practice round.

SON OF USGA CHAMPION – Guy Boros is the son of two-time U.S. Open champion Julius Boros. Guy has played on the PGA, Nationwide, Canadian and Australian tours and at one time caddied for his

father. Julius, who won the Open in 1952 and 1963, played in the first U.S. Senior Open, tying for eighth at Winged Foot Golf Club. Guy is competing in his first Senior Open.

COLLEGE COACH – Kevin Burton was the head golf coach at Boise State University from 2005-14 and produced standouts Graham DeLaet and Troy Merritt. Burton, who played as a collegian at the University of Idaho, competed on the PGA, Nike and Australian tours as a professional prior to his coaching stint. Burton, who played in the 1993 U.S. Open, won four Idaho Opens and tied for third in the 2003 PGA Club Professional National Championship. He won a four-man playoff for the second of two spots in his U.S. Senior Open sectional qualifier. Burton made a 10-foot birdie putt to get into the playoff and hit his approach shot to within 12 inches to set up a birdie on the third extra hole.

CHAMPIONS TUTOR – Mike Mitchell, who was the medalist with a 4-under-par 68 in the Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., sectional qualifier, has been Michael Allen's primary teacher for more than a decade. Allen boasts three top-10 finishes in the U.S. Senior Open, including a fifth-place showing in 2013 at Omaha (Neb.) Country Club. Mitchell, who will play in his first Senior Open, is the director of instruction at The Hideaway, a 36-hole complex in La Quinta, Calif. He has also tutored John Cook and Steve Lowery.

MENTAL COACH – Jon Levitt has written a book, *The Process*, that deals with the mental side of golf. His father was a scratch golfer and a sports psychologist. Levitt did not play as a junior but was a member of the California State-Northridge college team in the mid-1980s. He played on the Nike, Asian and South American tours, but also managed a health club and worked as a grip in the movie industry. He qualified for the 2000 U.S. Open, held at Pebble Beach (Calif.) Golf Links. He tied for 61st at last fall's Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament.

ON THE AIR – Jay Delsing will have double-duty this week as a member of the Fox broadcasting team. Delsing, who has competed in three U.S. Opens and three U.S. Amateurs, played as a collegian as a member of UCLA golf teams that included Corey Pavin, Tom Pernice Jr. and Duffy Waldorf. His father, Jim, was a Major League Baseball outfielder with five teams, including the New York Yankees.

BACK AT THE SENIOR OPEN – R.W. Eaks returns to the U.S. Senior Open for the first time since 2010 after earning medalist honors in the San Tan Valley, Ariz., sectional qualifier. Eaks played in nine consecutive Senior Opens from 2002-10 and his best finish was a tie for 18th in 2008. He was a two-sport standout in golf and basketball at the University of Northern Colorado. He scored 1,062 points in the early 1970s and was inducted into the school's hall of fame in 2003.

HOLA, COLOMBIA – Eduardo Herrera was the first Colombian golfer to be featured in the top 100 of the Official World Golf Ranking. He won five times on the Japan Tour and played in three British Opens. He also competed on the PGA, Nationwide and Asian tours. He was the top individual finisher in the 1986 World Amateur Team Championship with a 72-hole score of 275 and shot a final-round 65. Other players in that field included Billy Andrade, Jesper Parnevik and Colin Montgomerie.

THE INCREDIBLE MR. LU – Chien Soon Lu was sidelined for nearly eight years (2001-08) with back problems before returning to competition. He required no surgery but used physical therapy and herbal medicines during his recovery. Lu, who will be playing in his fifth U.S. Senior Open, joined the Champions Tour in 2010. He has two top-10 finishes in the Senior Open, including a tie for sixth in 2013 at Omaha (Neb.) Country Club, where he shot a third-round 65. Lu was the medalist with a 69 at this year's Barrington, Ill., sectional qualifier. He served in the Taiwan Marines before embarking on a career in which he won a combined 32 times on the Asian and Taiwan tours.

MR. 29 – Neal Lancaster qualified for his first U.S. Senior Open by carding a 6-under-par 66 in sectional qualifying in High Point, N.C. Lancaster is known as "Mr. 29" because he twice shot 29 over nine holes in a U.S. Open. He fired a 29 on inward nine in the fourth round of the 1995 Open at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club and accomplished the feat again the following year in the second round at Oakland Hills Country Club. Lancaster once played in a Greensboro pro-am and his caddie was 16-year-old Webb Simpson, who went on to win the 2012 U.S. Open at The Olympic Club.

FAMILY MAN – Mike Reid has encountered the ups and lows of professional golf since he joined the PGA Tour in 1977, but he could not imagine what life would bring as a grandfather. His granddaughter, Abby, was diagnosed at nine months with Infantile Spasms (also known as West syndrome), a rare debilitating seizure disorder that occurs in children under age 2. The family moved from Utah to Maryland,

where Mike's daughter, Brendalyn Hacking, lives to assist with care. Abby had a hemispherectomy in 2010 and was found to have Type 1 diabetes last year. Abby, who is a first-grader, has special needs education but is now able to walk, talk and feed herself. Reid and his wife, Randolyn, have moved back to an apartment in Utah after a six-year stay in the East and are trying to sell their Maryland home.

NOT ALL WET – Doug Rohrbaugh overcame some adversity to qualify for his third U.S. Senior Open. Rohrbaugh hit his approach shot into a water hazard at the par-4 18th at Cherry Creek Country Club in Denver, Colo. After taking a drop, he spun a 98-yard wedge shot into the hole for a par and a 2-under-par 70. But the improbable par only helped Rohrbaugh gain a spot in a two-man playoff for the second of two qualifying spots. David Delich appeared to have the upper hand on the first extra hole but hit his second shot into a lake. Rohrbaugh, who had pulled his tee shot left, failed to get up and down for a par, but Delich missed a 2½-foot bogey putt in an attempt to extend the playoff.

QUALIFIED – Geoffrey Sisk is the master of USGA qualifiers. He advanced through both local and sectional play to play in six U.S. Opens. Sisk, who has played in seven U.S. Opens, qualified at both levels in 1995, 1999, 2003, 2004, 2007 and 2013. Sisk reached his first U.S. Senior Open when he was the medalist in the Ipswich, Mass., sectional qualifier. He shot a 7-under-par 65 that included five birdies, one eagle and no bogeys. He eagled the 382-yard, par-4 15th and capped the round with a birdie.

ALL ABOUT ROUND BALL – Pat Tallent won the 2014 U.S. Senior Amateur Championship to become fully exempt into his fifth U.S. Senior Open. He was the low amateur in the 2004 Senior Open, where he tied for 54th. Tallent, a runner-up to Paul Simson in the 2010 U.S. Senior Amateur, was selected in the 1976 NBA Draft in the sixth round by the Washington Bullets.

WHEELING AND DEALING – Jeff Wilson, who was the medalist in the Green Valley, Calif., sectional qualifier for the second consecutive year, is the general sales manager at an automobile dealership. He abandoned a professional golfer's life, bouncing around mini-tours, for a more stable career path. Wilson, who was reinstated as an amateur in 1997, has had success over the years in USGA championships. He was one of two amateurs to make the cut in last year's U.S. Senior Open and was the low amateur in the 2000 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach (Calif.) Golf Links.

KILLER BEE – T.J. Brudzinski is competing in his first U.S. Senior Open after earning one of two spots in the Columbus, Ohio, sectional qualifier. Brudzinski has played in nine USGA championships, including six Mid-Amateurs and two U.S. Amateurs. He is a senior vice president of sales for D.A. Davidson Companies, an employee-owned investment service firm. His brother, Bob, was an NFL linebacker for 13 seasons with the Los Angeles Rams (1977-80) and Miami Dolphins (1981-89) who played in two Super Bowls on Miami's "Killer Bees" defense.

WHAT'S UP DOC – Doug Hanzel, of Savannah, Ga., is a physician who specializes in pulmonary critical care at Southeast Medical Group. Hanzel, who won the 2013 U.S. Senior Amateur, has competed in 25 USGA championships. In 2012, he made USGA history by becoming the first player to qualify for match play in the U.S. Amateur, U.S. Mid-Amateur and U.S. Senior Amateur in the same year. Hanzel, who wears an insulin pump to control diabetes, was the low amateur in the 2012 and 2013 U.S. Senior Opens.

FIRST PITCH – Former Major League Baseball pitcher Erik Hanson, of Kirkland, Wash., will make his first U.S. Senior Open appearance after surviving a one-hole playoff for the second of two spots in the Blaine, Wash., sectional qualifier. Hanson pitched for four Major League Baseball teams. He was named to the 1995 American League All-Star Team when the right-hander went 15-5 for the Boston Red Sox. He won 18 games for the Seattle Mariners in 1990. Hanson, who began playing golf in his 20s, has competed in 10 USGA championships. He was the runner-up in the Washington State Amateur in 2002.

WORLD TRAVELER – Doug Williams has lived in the People's Republic of China, Spain, France, England, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand. He currently resides in Hong Kong and spends summers in Honolulu, Hawaii. Williams is a retired golf course developer in Southeast Asia who worked with Gary Player for five years on a public course project in Hong Kong. Williams, who has won tournaments ranging from the 1982 Spanish International Amateur to the 2013 Hong Kong Senior Open, defeated 11-year-old Michelle Wie (2014 U.S. Women's Open champion) in the Hawaii State Match Play Championship (Manoa Cup). In 1982, he caddied for Jack Nicklaus in a two-day match against Seve Ballesteros in France. Williams, who is playing in his second consecutive U.S. Senior Open, advanced to the semifinals of last year's 106th Manoa Cup.

DÉJÀ VU ALL OVER AGAIN – Jerry Courville Jr. birdied the first playoff hole in sectional qualifying for the second consecutive year to advance to the U.S. Senior Open. Courville birdied the par-3 ninth at Lake Presidential Golf Club, in Marlboro, Md., on June 2 to garner his fourth Senior Open appearance. Courville won the 1995 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship and has played on two USA Walker Cup Teams (1995, 1997). He tied for 28th in his first Senior Open at Crooked Stick, Golf Club in Carmel, Ind., in 2009.

THREE TIMES A CHARM – Robin Byrd was the medalist in a Wisconsin sectional qualifier for the third consecutive year. This time, he survived a 2-for-1 playoff in the Lake Nakoma Golf Club, in Madison. Byrd tied for 57th last at Oak Tree National. He has been coached by Chuck Cook, who tutored a pair of U.S. Open champions: Payne Stewart and Tom Kite.

TENNIS ANYONE? – Amateur Ian Harris, 62, is the tennis professional at Franklin Athletic Club in Southfield, Mich. He earned an ATP world ranking in the late 1970s and early 1980s, and competed at Wimbledon in the first round of doubles in 1981. Harris, who began playing golf at age 34, advanced to match play in the 2009 and 2011 U.S. Senior Amateurs.

GOLF ADMINISTRATORS – Bryan Norton, the runner-up in the 2014 U.S. Senior Amateur, is the president of the Kansas Golf Association and is competing in his third U.S. Senior Open. He was also the runner-up in the 2003 U.S. Mid-Amateur, where he was forced to concede the final match to Nathan Smith due to a calf injury. Steve Jurick was medalist with a 68 in the Flint, Mich., sectional qualifier and advanced to his first U.S. Senior Open. He is the executive director of the Miami Valley Golf Association and was the official in charge at this year's U.S. Open sectional qualifier in Springfield, Ohio.

GOLF FAMILY – Steve Schneiter is one of three generations of golf course professionals. Schneiter, who is playing in his second consecutive U.S. Senior Open, is an assistant professional at his family's Pebblebrook Golf Links in Sandy, Utah. His brother, Gary, is the head pro at the course. Their grandfather, George Sr., was PGA Tournament Manager for the former Tournament Players Division, a forerunner of the PGA Tour. George Sr. reached the semifinals of the 1944 PGA Championship, losing to eventual champion Bob Hamilton during the event's match-play era. Steve's father, George Jr., developed and owned Pebblebrook Golf Links. He played in the 1983 and 1987 U.S. Senior Opens. Steve, who was an All-America player at Brigham Young University, has competed in three previous USGA championships (1982, '86 U.S. Amateur and 1986 U.S. Amateur Public Links). His other brother, John, is the head pro at Schneiter's Bluff Golf Course in West Point, Utah.

IN MEMORIAM – The USGA remembers Billy Casper, the 1983 U.S. Senior Open champion, Charlie Sifford, Calvin Peete and Kel Nagle, all of whom passed away in 2015. Casper is one of seven players to have won both the U.S. Open (1959, '66) and the Senior Open. Sifford, the first African American to play on the PGA Tour, competed in seven U.S. Senior Opens, including a fourth-place finish in 1980. Peete was the most successful African American on the PGA Tour prior to Tiger Woods, winning 12 times. He played in four U.S. Senior Opens. Kel Nagle made five U.S. Senior Open appearances and his best finish was ninth in 1984. Nagle won the 1960 British Open. He lost to Gary Player in a playoff for the 1965 U.S. Open title.

FIRST OFF THE TEE – Bob Niger, of El Dorado Hills, Calif., will strike the first ball on Thursday from the first tee at 7 a.m. PDT. Niger, who is playing in his first U.S. Senior Open, was named the Northern California Golf Association Player of the Year in 2005 and 2006. He also represented California in the 2005 USGA Men's State Team Championship.

REIGNING CHAMPIONS – Defending U.S. Senior Open champion Colin Montgomerie, 2014 Senior British Open winner Bernhard Langer and 2014 U.S. Senior Amateur champion Pat Tallent are grouped together for the first two rounds. The group starts from the first tee on Thursday at 1:27 p.m. PDT. Montgomerie defeated Gene Sauers in a three-hole aggregate playoff in last year's Senior Open, held at Oak Tree National. Langer edged Jeff Sluman in a playoff to win the Senior British Open. Pat Tallent defeated Bryan Norton, 2 and 1, to claim the 2014 U.S. Senior Amateur.

USGA CHAMPIONS – Lee Janzen, Mark O'Meara and Steve Jones are all USGA champions. The three players will be grouped together on Thursday and Friday at Del Paso Country Club. The group starts at the 10th hole on Thursday at 7:42 a.m. Janzen is one of 21 players who have won multiple U.S. Opens. Janzen claimed titles in 1993 and 1998. O'Meara captured the 1979 U.S. Amateur at Canterbury Country

Club in Cleveland, Ohio. He defeated John Cook, 8 and 7, in the final. Steve Jones won the 1996 U.S. Open at Oakland Hill County Club in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., by one stroke over Davis Love III and Tom Lehman. Jones is one of a handful of players to win the U.S. Open as a sectional qualifier.

ONE OF THE LAST IN – Paul Trittler earned his place in the U.S. Senior Open field as an alternate from the San Tan Valley, Ariz., sectional qualifier. He was added to the field when Fred Couples withdrew on June 23. Trittler serves as PGA Director of Instruction at Grayhawk Golf Club, in Scottsdale, Ariz. Trittler, who is playing in his third Senior Open, has more than 25 years of teaching experience.

TICKETS AVAILABLE – Tickets for the 2015 U.S. Senior Open Championship are available for purchase at 2015ussenioropen.com. Weekly tickets are \$125 (good Thursday-Sunday with parking). Trophy Club tickets are \$250. Daily tickets are \$39 for championship and practice rounds.

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