



2015 U.S. WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP FACT SHEET

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Aug. 10-16, 2015

Portland (Ore.) Golf Club (portlandgolfclub.com)

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FREE ADMISSION

Admission is free. Tickets are not required and spectators are encouraged to attend.

PAR AND YARDAGE

Portland Golf Club will be set up at 6,360 yards and will play to a par of 35-37-72.

(NOTE: yardages subject to change)

PORTLAND GOLF CLUB HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	4	3	5	4	4	3	4	35
Yards	391	418	327	123	489	345	348	181	356	2,978

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	5	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	5	37
Yards	505	368	180	377	384	535	371	140	522	3,382

ARCHITECT

Nestled along Fanno Creek, Portland Golf Club was established in 1914 by a small group of businessmen who built the initial course based on its proximity to frequent passenger rail service from downtown Portland via the Oregon Electric Railroad. Today, the course features century-old trees, rolling hills and undulating greens.

WHO CAN ENTER

The championship is open to any female amateur golfer with a Handicap Index® not exceeding 5.4.

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

Sectional qualifying, played over 18 holes, will be conducted at 19 sites between July 6 and July 22.

2014 CHAMPION

Kristen Gillman earned a 2-up victory over Brooke Mackenzie Henderson in the 36-hole championship match of the 2014 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship, conducted at Nassau Country Club in Glen Cove, N.Y.

Gillman, 16, of Austin, Texas, was 3 down through 26 holes to Henderson, 16, of Canada. But Gillman, a junior at Lake Travis High School, birdied five of the final 10 holes to complete the remarkable rally.

For more information on the 2014 championship match, visit uswamateur.org.

FIELD AND EXEMPT PLAYERS

A field of 156 golfers will compete in the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship. A list of exempt players will be released upon the close on entries on July 1.



SCHEDULE

Monday, Aug. 10 – First round, stroke play
Tuesday, Aug. 11 – Second round, stroke play (field reduced to 64 players for match play)
Wednesday, Aug. 12 – First round, match play
Thursday, Aug. 13 – Second and third rounds, match play
Friday, Aug. 14 – Quarterfinal round, match play
Saturday, Aug. 15 – Semifinal round, match play
Sunday, Aug. 16 – 36-hole championship final, match play

TELEVISION COVERAGE

The match-play rounds of the 2015 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship will be broadcast on Fox Sports 1. Coverage will be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. EDT on Aug. 12-16.

WHAT THE WINNER RECEIVES

- A gold medal and custody of the Robert Cox Trophy for one year
- Exemption from qualifying for the 2016 U.S. Women's Open (provided she remains an amateur)
- Exemption from qualifying for the next 10 U.S. Women's Amateurs, if eligible
- Exemption from qualifying for the next 10 U.S. Girls' Juniors, if eligible
- Exemption from qualifying for the next 15 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateurs, or 15 years from the time the player becomes eligible
- Exemption from qualifying for the next 15 U.S. Senior Women's Amateurs, or 15 years from the time the player becomes eligible

THE TROPHY

The Cox Trophy was presented in 1896 by Robert Cox, of Gorgie, Edinburgh, Scotland, a member of Britain's Parliament. It is the only USGA trophy donated by a person from another country and is the oldest surviving trophy for a USGA championship.

THE USGA AT PORTLAND GOLF CLUB

This will be the third USGA championship contested at Portland Golf Club. In 1982, the club hosted the first of Miller Barber's record three U.S. Senior Open Championship victories, while Bill Ploeger won the 1999 U.S. Senior Amateur Championship.

THE USGA AND THE STATE OF OREGON

The 2015 U.S. Women's Amateur will be the 34th USGA championship conducted in Oregon. The first USGA championship in Oregon was the 1933 U.S. Amateur Public Links, played at Portland's Eastmoreland Golf Club and won by Charles Ferrera. Bandon Dunes concurrently hosted the 2011 U.S. Amateur Public Links and U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links, won by Corbin Mills and Brianna Do, respectively. In May 2015, Bandon Dunes will host the inaugural U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship, on its Pacific Dunes course.

This will be the sixth U.S. Women's Amateur in the Beaver State. Waverley Country Club in Portland hosted the 1952, 1981 and 2000 championships, won by Jackie Pung, Juli Inkster and Marcy Newton, respectively. In 2006, 14-year-old Kimberly Kim became the youngest Women's Amateur champion, at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club in North Plains. Eugene Country Club hosted Amanda Blumenherst's victory in 2008.



CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

The U.S. Women's Amateur Championship is one of the United States Golf Association's original three championships. It was first conducted in 1895, shortly after the inaugural U.S. Amateur and U.S. Open. The Women's Amateur has been conducted every year since, except 1917-18, when it was suspended due to World War I, and 1942-45, when it was suspended due to World War II.

The most decorated champion is Glenna Collett Vare, a lifelong amateur who won the Cox Trophy a record six times. In the 1920s and 1930s, Vare was the darling of the sports world, much as Bob Jones was during that era.

Second only to Vare is JoAnne Gunderson Carner, who won five U.S. Women's Amateur Championships. Combined with her two wins in the U.S. Women's Open and one victory in the U.S. Girls' Junior, Carner's eight USGA titles are eclipsed only by Jones and Tiger Woods, who have each won nine.

U.S. Women's Amateur champions seem to possess a remarkable facility to repeat. Beatrix Hoyt, Alexa Stirling, Vare, Virginia Van Wie and Juli Inkster have all won the U.S. Women's Amateur three consecutive times. Another seven champions – Genevieve Hecker, Dorothy Campbell, Margaret Curtis, Betty Jameson, Kay Cockerill, Kelli Kuehne and Danielle Kang – have won two in a row.

The U.S. Women's Amateur has long identified some of golf's greatest female players, many of whom have gone on to successful professional careers. Along with the champions listed above, Patty Berg, Babe Didrikson Zaharias, Louise Suggs, Marlene Stewart Streit, Anne Quast Sander, Barbara McIntire, Catherine Lacoste, Carol Semple Thompson, Beth Daniel, Morgan Pressel and Lydia Ko have secured a place in golf history.

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Aug. 7-13, 2017 – San Diego Country Club, Chula Vista, Calif.

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