



# U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship

Oct. 3-8, 2015

Squire Creek Country Club, Choudrant, La.



## 2014 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Champion

*Margaret Shirley*

### U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Trophy

The U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Trophy is a sterling Revere bowl. It was presented in 1987 by Mildred Prunaret, who was chairman of the USGA Women's Committee from 1959 through 1963.

## 29th U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship

Oct. 3–8, 2015

Squire Creek Country Club, Choudrant, La.

**Par:** 36–36–72

**Yardage:** 6,103 yards (subject to change)

**Golf Course Architect:** Tom Fazio

**Opened:** 2002

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## 2015 Conditions of Play

### Entries

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Open to female amateur golfers who will have reached their 25th birthday by Oct. 3, 2015, and who have a Handicap Index® not exceeding 9.4. Entries close Aug. 19.

### Starting Field

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132 players

### Schedule of Play

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- Saturday, Oct. 3 — First round, stroke play (18 holes)
  - Sunday, Oct. 4 — Second round, stroke play (18 holes)
- After 36 holes, the field will be cut to the low 64 scorers, who will advance to match play.
- Monday, Oct. 5 — First round, match play (18 holes)
  - Tuesday, Oct. 6 — Second round, match play (18 holes); Third round, match play (18 holes)
  - Wednesday, Oct. 7 — Quarterfinals, match play (18 holes); Semifinals, match play (18 holes)
  - Thursday, Oct. 8 — Final, match play (18 holes)

### Sectional Qualifying

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18 holes stroke play, scheduled at 26 sites, between Aug. 25 and Sept. 14.

### Exemptions from Sectional Qualifying

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- Winners of the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship the last 10 years
- Runners-up of the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship the last three years
- Semifinalists of the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship the last two years
- Quarterfinalists from the 2014 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship
- From the 2015 U.S. Women's Open Championship, those returning scores for 72 holes
- From the 2014 U.S. Women's Open Championship, those returning scores for 72 holes

- Winners of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship the last 10 years
- Winners of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship since 1992, 10 years from the time the player becomes age eligible
- Winners of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championships prior to 1992, 15 years from the time the player becomes age eligible
- Runners-up of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship the last three years
- Quarterfinalists from the 2015 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship
- Winner of the 2014 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship
- From the U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Championship, the winners in 2014 and 2015 and the runners-up in 2014 and 2015
- Playing members of the two most current United States and Great Britain and Ireland Curtis Cup Teams
- Playing members of two most current United States Women's World Amateur Teams
- Low eight finishers and ties of the 2014 Women's World Amateur Team Championship
- Winners of the Ladies' British Open Amateur Championship the last five years
- Winners of the most current Women's Mexican Amateur and the Royale Cup Canadian Women's Amateur Championships
- From the current Women's World Amateur Golf Rankings, the top 500 point leaders and anyone trying for 500th place as of August 19, 2015
- Special exemptions as selected by the USGA

## Shirley Wins the 2014 Championship

Stroke-play medalist Margaret Shirley never trailed en route to a 5-and-3 win over defending champion Julia Potter in the 2014 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship, conducted at the 6,117-yard, par-72 Harbour Trees Golf Club.

"It just doesn't feel real right now," said Shirley, who was runner-up to Potter in 2013. "It's obviously the pinnacle of our sport, a USGA championship, and to be able to say I'm a USGA champion now is incredible."

"I was going to need birdies to beat her," said Potter, who was trying to become just the fourth back-to-back Women's Mid-Amateur champion. "I just wasn't knocking them close enough or really sinking putts to be able to put any pressure on her. She played an amazing front nine, an amazing round and she's much deserving of this championship."

Shirley, 28, of Atlanta, joins Carol Semple Thompson (1997), Ellen Port (2000) and Potter (2013) as the only stroke-play medalists to take the championship title. This also marked the first rematch of championship finalists in Women's Mid-Amateur history, and made them the third pair of players to meet in back-to-back USGA championship finals.

Shirley struck first, knocking her hybrid approach at the par-4 first hole to 12 feet and holing the birdie.

"That putt kind of got me going for the rest of the round," said Shirley, a director of Rules and competitions for Atlanta Junior Golf.

Shirley extended her advantage to 2 up with a two-putt par at No. 3. Potter had a chance to halve the hole, but could not convert her comebacker after sending her birdie try long.

Potter pulled within one with a conceded par at the fourth hole. But perhaps the defining moment of the match came at the par-4 seventh. Shirley drained a 25-foot birdie to regain her 2-up advantage and start her championship charge.

"That's actually the first time I've hit that green all week," said Shirley, who graduated from Auburn University in 2008. "I was just happy to be on that green. And that putt was dead center."

On the inward nine, Shirley kept putting pressure on her opponent. Potter's tee shot at No. 10 flew into the right rough, and her second shot clipped a tree and fell well short of the green. Shirley found the left greenside bunker, but converted the up-and-down par for the win and a 3-up lead.

Shirley's hot hand with the putter again played to her advantage on the par-4 11th. After Potter chipped to within 3 feet for par, Shirley drained an 18-foot birdie putt for a 4-up lead.

Potter had a prime opportunity to end Shirley's momentum at No. 12. With Shirley's bogey conceded, Potter missed her short par putt. When Potter missed a par comebacker on No. 13, Shirley had a dormie-5 lead.

"At the end I was trying to push and trying to hit some closer shots," said Potter, a 2011 alumna of the University of Missouri who works for the Indiana Golf Office. "It didn't work out, and that was really one of the reasons why I missed that putt so badly on 13 was because at that point I need to make. I can't just tie with her."

Potter won the 14th with a par to extend the match. But after she chipped on well short of the hole at No. 15 and missed her par attempt, she conceded Shirley's par putt and the championship title.

Families were a weeklong presence for Shirley and Potter. Both players had their father as caddie, and other family supporting from the clubhouse. They each pointed to their father — and their own close friendship that blossomed in 2013 — as the highlights of this championship week.

"Julia is a great champion, obviously a phenomenal player but an even better person," said Shirley. "We had so much fun out there. It was kind of relaxing this last match. It really was, to play someone that you know."

"Your father is going to be your biggest support out there," added Potter. "They're going to believe in you when you don't even believe in yourself. That's what my dad was out there for me, and I'm sure that's the same for Margaret."

"Clearly we have a lot in common and a lot to talk about, but I'm very happy for her and her family to experience what my family and I experienced last year."

This was the fourth time in championship history that the final match included two players in their 20s, including the 1993 and 1994 finals as well as the Potter-Shirley match in 2013.

Both players needed to finish their semifinal matches on Thursday morning due to torrential rains and storms that halted play on Wednesday. Shirley cruised to a 5-and-4 win over four-time champion Meghan Stasi, while Potter took a 2-and-1 victory over Tara Joy-Connelly.





The Final: Shirley vs. Potter																		
HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PAR	4	5	4	4	3	5	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	4	5	3
SHIRLEY	3	4	4	5	3	5	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	4			
POTTER	4	4	5	4	3	5	4	3	4	5	5	4	5	4	5			

- Won hole

 – Won hole

## 2014 Championship Notes

### Leaders

Round 1 — Dawn Woodard, at 1-under 71, by one stroke over Julia Potter. Round 2 — Margaret Shirley was medalist at 2-under 141, by one stroke over Woodard.

### Cut

At 19-over 163, with a 5-for-4 playoff that lasted one hole to determine the final playoff spots.

### Weather

Saturday morning saw light drizzle and gusty winds, but the afternoon brought sunny skies and temperatures in the low 70s. Sunny and calm on Sunday through Tuesday, with temperatures in the upper 70s and low 80s. Play was suspended due to dangerous weather conditions Wednesday at 9:47 a.m. and resumed at 10:47 a.m. Play was again suspended at 1:45 p.m. and resumed at 5 p.m. A third suspension came at 6:49 p.m. and play was called for the day at 7:15 p.m. Thursday was overcast and cool, with temperatures in the upper 60s.

### Notes

For the second time in championship history, no matches went beyond 19 holes. The feat was first accomplished in 2013 ... The average age of the 132 Women's Mid-Amateur competitors was 43.46 years old ... The average age of the Women's Mid-Amateur competitors was 43.11 years old ... The youngest player in the championship was Alisha Matthews, who turned 25 on Aug. 2. Three other players were in their first year of championship eligibility: Katelynn Hogenson, Julia Puscheck and Alyssa Roland ... Taffy Brower, 69, was the oldest player in the championship. Brower first qualified for the Women's Mid-Amateur in 1987, and has played in at least one championship in each ensuing decade ... There were four countries and 34 states represented at the championship ... There were six USGA champions in the field: Mina Hardin (2010 U.S. Senior

Women's Amateur); Martha Leach (2009 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur); Julia Potter (2013 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur); Anna Schultz (2007 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur); Meghan Stasi (2006, 2007, 2010, 2012 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur); and Corey Weworski (2004 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur) ... Five players were members of victorious teams in the USGA Women's State Team Championship: Brower (Florida, 1999); Laura Coble (Georgia, 2005, 2009, 2011); Leigh Klasse (Minnesota, 2001); Claudia Pilot (Minnesota, 2001); and Lynn Thompson (Ohio, 2003) ... Two-time USGA champion Alice Dye was the championship's honorary chairman. Dye's husband, noted golf course architect Pete Dye, designed the Harbour Trees course. The Dyes were honored guests at the USGA Players Dinner, and Alice Dye visited the championship on the first day of match play, following defending champion and Indiana native Potter ... The Shirley/Potter final was the first rematch of championship finalists in Women's Mid-Amateur history. They are also only the third pair of players to meet in back-to-back USGA championship finals, joining Patty Berg and Estelle Lawson Page (1937-38 U.S. Women's Amateur) and J. Clark Espie and Frederick J. Wright (1956-57 U.S. Senior Amateur) ... Christina Proteau reached the quarterfinals while six months pregnant. All four of her matches were decided on the 19th hole.

## 28th U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship

Qual. Score	First Round Monday, Sept. 8	Second Round Tuesday, Sept. 9	Third Round Tuesday, Sept. 9	Quarterfinal Round Wednesday, Sept. 10	Semifinal Round Wednesday, Sept. 10 - Thursday Sept. 11
<b>(142) Margaret Shirley, Atlanta, Ga.</b>		<b>Shirley</b> 2 up			
(163) Rachel Smith, Mansfield, Texas			<b>Shirley</b> 5 and 4		
(158) Patricia Cornett, Mill Valley, Calif.		<b>Cornett</b> 6 and 4			
(158) Lea Venable, Simpsonville, S.C.				<b>Shirley</b> 2 and 1	
(154) Cara Stuckey, Terre Haute, Ind.		<b>Stuckey</b> 2 and 1			
(160) Renata Young, Walnut Creek, Calif.			<b>Herron</b> 4 and 3		
(154) Tobi Herron, Columbus, Ind.		<b>Herron</b> 5 and 4			
(160) Therese Quinn, Jacksonville, Fla.					<b>Shirley</b> 2 up
(152) Debbie Adams, Asheville, N.C.		<b>Adams</b> 2 and 1			
(162) Kim Braaten, Las Vegas, Nev.			<b>Adams</b> 3 and 2		
(157) Andrea Kraus, Baltimore, Md.		<b>Daniel</b> 5 and 3			
(159) Kay Daniel, Covington, La.				<b>Adams</b> 2 up	
(152) Lynne Cowan, Rocklin, Calif.		<b>Cowan</b> 1 up			
(162) Kathy Crumley, Dallas, Texas			<b>Cowan</b> 4 and 3		
(157) Sarah Davison, Choudrant, La.		<b>Jacobs</b> 2 up			
(159) Amanda Jacobs, Seattle, Wash.					
(151) Meghan Stasi, Oakland Park, Fla.		<b>Stasi</b> 4 and 2			
(163) Lisa McGill, Philadelphia, Pa.			<b>Stasi</b> 2 up		
(157) Kimberly Noonan, Austin, Texas		<b>Noonan</b> 2 and 1			
(159) Julie Carmichael, Plainfield, Ind.				<b>Stasi</b> 3 and 2	
(154) Linda Jeffery, Abilene, Texas		<b>Jeffery</b> 5 and 4			
(161) Shannon Langhardt, Lakewood, Colo.			<b>Jeffery</b> 5 and 4		
(156) Allison Mayborg, Cincinnati, Ohio		<b>Mayborg</b> 1 up			
(160) Glynnis Price, Shiprock, N.M.					<b>Stasi</b> 19 holes
(151) Katie Miller, Jeannette, Pa.		<b>Miller</b> 19 holes			
(162) Susan Rheney, Greensboro, Ga.			<b>Miller</b> 4 and 3		
(157) Martha Leach, Hebron, Ky.		<b>Chin</b> 2 up			
(159) Jane Chin, Mission Viejo, Calif.				<b>Proteau</b> 19 holes	
(154) Christina Proteau, Canada		<b>Proteau</b> 19 holes			
(161) Julie Streng, Greensboro, N.C.			<b>Proteau</b> 19 holes		
(156) Leigh Klasse, St. Anthony, Minn.		<b>Roland</b> 19 holes			
(160) Alyssa Roland, New York, N.Y.					

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Yardage: 6,117  
Entries: 349

*FINAL*  
*Thursday, Sept. 11*  
*Margaret Shirley*  
*def.*  
*Julia Potter,*  
*5 and 3*



## Sept. 6–11, 2014, Harbour Trees Golf Club, Noblesville, Ind.

Semifinal Round Wednesday, Sept. 10 – Thursday, Sept. 11	Quarterfinal Round Wednesday, Sept. 10	Third Round Tuesday, Sept. 9	Second Round Tuesday, Sept. 9	First Round Monday, Sept. 8	Qual. Score
				Dawn Woodard, Greer, S.C. (143)	
			Isler 2 up	Connie Isler, Arlington, Va. (163)	
		Kelo Escartin 4 and 3	Kelo Escartin 5 and 4	Liisa Kelo Escartin, Mexico (158)	
				Patty Moore, Charlotte, N.C. (158)	
	Kelo Escartin 2 and 1		Herrick 1 up	Olivia Herrick, Roseville, Minn. (154)	
		Ishii 3 and 2		Amy Loughney, Hoboken, N.J. (161)	
			Ishii 3 and 2	Mallory Hetzel, Waynesville, N.C. (154)	
				Midori Ishii, Torrance, Calif. (160)	
Joy-Connelly 5 and 4			Joy-Connelly 5 and 4	Tara Joy-Connelly, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (152)	
				Laura Carson, Lake Forest, Ill. (162)	
	Joy-Connelly 5 and 4		Thompson 4 and 2	Lynn Thompson, Cincinnati, Ohio (157)	
		Joy-Connelly 6 and 5		Kelly Wilson, Cameron Park, Calif. (159)	
			Dennis 4 and 2	Stacy Dennis, Huntsville, Texas (153)	
		Dennis 3 and 1		Suzi Spotleson, Canton, Ohio (162)	
			Markle 5 and 4	Mercedes Huarte, Argentina (157)	
				Kareen Markle, Meridian, Idaho (160)	
Potter 2 and 1			Potter 2 and 1	Julia Potter, Granger, Ind. (144)	
				Audrey Akins, Canada (163)	
		Potter 2 and 1	Daughan 6 and 5	Charlotte Daughan, Orlando, Fla. (157)	
				Corey Weworski, Carlsbad, Calif. (159)	
	Potter 1 up		Matin 6 and 5	Sarah Matin, Winter Garden, Fla. (154)	
		Schlesinger 4 and 3		Lisa Cook, Noblesville, Ind. (161)	
			Schlesinger 1 up	Lisa Schlesinger, Laytonsville, Md. (156)	
				Amy Dickison, Rowley, Mass. (160)	
Potter 5 and 4			Makabe 5 and 4	Mariko Makabe, Irvine, Calif. (152)	
		Hardin 19 holes		Laura Coble, Augusta, Ga. (162)	
			Hardin 2 and 1	Daria Cummings, Monroe, Conn. (157)	
				Mina Hardin, La Quinta, Calif. (159)	
	Hardin 5 and 4		Johnson 6 and 5	Shannon Johnson, Foxborough, Mass. (153)	
		Johnson 5 and 3		Stefi Markovich, Canada (162)	
			Golden 2 and 1	Wendi Golden, Bradenton, Fla. (156)	
				Kristen Obush, Greensburg, Pa. (160)	

## Complete Stroke-Play Results

- 144 Margaret Shirley, Atlanta, Ga., 73-69  
 143 Dawn Woodard, Greer, S.C., 71-72  
 144 Julia Potter, Granger, Ind., 72-72  
 151 Meghan Stasi, Oakland Park, Fla., 77-74; Katie Miller, Jeannette, Pa., 75-76  
 152 Mariko Makabe, Irvine, Calif., 73-79; Tara Joy-Connelly, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., 75-77; Debbie Adams, Asheville, N.C., 73-79; Lynne Cowan, Rocklin, Calif., 74-78  
 153 Stacy Dennis, Huntsville, Texas, 74-79; Shannon Johnson, Foxborough, Mass. 77-76  
 154 Christina Proteau, Canada, 79-75; Linda Jeffery, Abilene, Texas, 77-77; Sarah Martin, Winter Garden, Fla., 77-77; Olivia Herrick, Roseville, Minn., 76-78; Cara Stuckey, Terre Haute, Ind., 77-77; Tobi Herron, Columbus, Ind., 76-78; Mallory Hetzel, Waynesville, N.C., 77-77  
 156 Lisa Schlesinger, Laytonville, Md., 81-75; Allison Mayborg, Cincinnati, Ohio, 82-74; Leigh Klasse, St. Anthony, Minn., 80-76; Wendi Golden, Bradenton, Fla., 81-75  
 157 Mercedes Huarte, Argentina, 76-81; Sarah Davison, Choudrant, La., 79-78; Andrea Kraus, Baltimore, Md., 82-75; Lynn Thompson, Cincinnati, Ohio, 78-79; Daria Cummings, Monroe, Conn., 76-81; Martha Leach, Hebron, Ky., 74-83; Kimberly Noonan, Austin, Texas, 78-79; Charlotte Daughan, Orlando, Fla., 78-79  
 158 Liisa Kelo Escartin, Mexico, 81-77; Patricia Cornett, Mill Valley, Calif., 80-78; Lea Venable, Simpsonville, S.C., 78-80; Patty Moore, Charlotte, N.C., 79-79  
 159 Corey Weworski, Carlsbad, Calif., 80-79; Julie Carmichael, Plainfield, Ind., 81-78; Jane Chin, Mission Viejo, Calif., 81-78; Mina Hardin, La Quinta, Calif., 77-82; Kelly Wilson, Cameron Park, Calif., 77-82; Kay Daniel, Covington, La., 83-76; Amanda Jacobs, Seattle, Wash., 80-79  
 160 Kareen Markle, Meridian, Idaho, 78-82; Kristen Obush, Greensburg, Pa., 81-79; Alyssa Roland, New York, N.Y., 79-81; Glynnis Price, Shiprock, N.M., 75-85; Amy Dickison, Rowley, Mass. 78-82; Midori Ishii, Torrance, Calif., 79-81; Therese Quinn, Jacksonville, Fla., 80-80; Renata Young, Walnut Creek, Calif., 82-78  
 161 Amy Loughney, Hoboken, N.J., 81-80; Lisa Cook, Noblesville, Ind., 80-81; Shannon Langhardt, Lakewood, Colo., 76-85; Julie Streng, Greensboro, N.C., 83-78  
 162 Stefi Markovich, Canada, 84-78; Suzi Spotleson, Canton, Ohio, 79-83; Kathy Crumley, Dallas, Texas, 78-84; Kim Braaten, Las Vegas, Nev., 83-79; Laura Carson, Lake Forest, Ill., 83-79; Laura Coble, Augusta, Ga., 81-81; Susan Rheney, Greensboro, Ga., 79-83  
 163 \*Rachel Smith, Mansfield, Texas, 85-78 (6, 5); \*Audrey Akins, Canada, 84-79 (4); \*Connie Isler, Arlington, Va., 76-87 (4); \*Lisa McGill, Philadelphia, Pa., 81-82 (4)

\* = in a playoff

## Failed to Qualify

- 163 \*Kristyl Sunderman, Corona, Calif., 81-82 (6, 6)  
 164 Susan West, Tuscaloosa, Ala., 84-80; Kristen Wagner, Atlantic Beach, Fla., 80-84; Janet Moore, Cherry Hills Village, Colo., 84-80; Anna Morales, Austin, Texas, 87-77; Anna Schultz, Rockwall, Texas, 84-80; Jen Holland, Branford, Conn., 81-83; Helene Thoman, Sylvania, Ohio, 81-83  
 165 Carrie Chambers, Dallas, Texas, 81-84; Tanya Olson, Naperville, Ill., 86-79; Kathy Kurata, Pasadena, Calif., 83-82  
 166 Julie Murphy, Amherst, N.Y., 87-79; Jamie Hoffmann, Escondido, Calif., 83-83; Brooke Cooper, New York, N.Y., 84-82; Leslie Folsom, Seattle, Wash., 82-84; Joan Garety, Ada, Mich., 83-83; Noreen Mohler, Bethlehem, Pa., 85-81; Brenda Pictor, Marietta, Ga., 81-85  
 167 Toni Durr, Ada, Okla., 83-84; Courtney Tincher, Greenwich, Conn., 82-85; Teresa Cleland, Syracuse, N.Y., 86-81; Cecilia Fournil, Columbia, S.C., 82-85  
 168 Linda Pearson, Glendale, Calif., 85-83; Claudia Pilot, Lake Shore, Minn., 84-84; Danielle Davis, Saint Simons, Ga., 83-85; Denise Desilet, Wichita, Kan., 86-82; Taffy Brower, Boynton Beach, Fla., 83-85  
 169 Katie O'Donnell, Dallas, Texas, 83-86; Julia Puscheck, Pismo Beach, Calif., 82-87; Molly Gorman, Forty Fort, Pa., 82-87  
 170 Katelynn Hogenson, Ames, Iowa, 83-87; Marykay Thanos-Zordani, Rancho Mirage, Calif., 84-86; Carmen Titus, Kansas City, Mo., 86-84; Christie Austin, Denver, Colo., 87-83  
 171 Kelly Loeb, Tucson, Ariz., 83-88; Carol Martin, La Quinta, Calif., 83-88  
 172 Maureen Sheehan, Grayslake, Ill., 84-88; Alisha Matthews, St. Louis, Mo., 86-86; Pamela Kuong, Wellesley Hills, Mass., 82-90; Lindsey Hughes, Plano, Texas, 87-85; Maricel Manguinao, Somerset, N.J., 89-83  
 173 Eden Anderson, Oakland, Calif., 85-88; Dee Johnson, Perryville, Mo., 89-84  
 174 Anita Venner, Monrovia, Md., 82-92  
 175 Cindy Morris, Portsmouth, Va., 90-85; Meg Cavanaugh, Northbrook, Ill., 88-87; Blair Fraser, Boulder, Colo., 84-91  
 176 Eleanor Layton, Rochester, Minn., 90-86; Angelia Whitley Coleman, New Castle, Del., 90-86; Marlene Summers, Montgomery, Texas, 90-86  
 177 Patti Feldman, Sands Point, N.Y., 86-91; Sue O'Connor, Scottsdale, Ariz., 86-91; Suzanne Stanley, Nashville, Tenn., 95-82; Char McLearn, McHenry, Ill., 91-86; Ailam Newkirk, Corona Del Mar, Calif., 87-90  
 179 Jennifer Hays, Edmond, Okla., 90-88  
 179 Desiree Banlowe, Thousand Oaks, Calif., 95-84; Catherine Stypula, Boulder, Colo., 88-91  
 182 Laurie White, Carmel, N.Y., 87-95  
 183 Miki Gardner, Escondido, Calif., 98-85; Ann Brownfield, Thiensville, Wis., 91-92  
 184 Julie Robichaux, Kingwood, Texas, 90-94  
 188 Deirdre Robertson, Iberia, Mo., 92-96  
 190 Lynn Fischer, Niwot, Colo., 94-96  
 195 Donna Tepper, Grosse Pointe Park, Mich., 93-102  
 197 Toshiko Anan, San Gabriel, Calif., 97-100  
 WD Jill Johnson, Tulsa, Okla.  
 DQ Jill Trider, Green Bay, Wis.

## Championship History

The U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship began in 1987 as a result of a need determined by an ad hoc committee headed by Dena Nowotny, a member of the USGA Women's Committee.

The Women's Mid-Amateur, the USGA's 13th championship, was created to provide a national competitive arena for amateurs age 25 and older.

By 1987, it had become increasingly difficult for female amateur golfers beyond college to compete equitably with their collegiate counterparts, for whom golf was nearly a full-time vocation.

One must go back to 1973 and Carol Semple Thompson to find the last career amateur to win the U.S. Women's Amateur.

As with any new championship, there was initial concern with the level of entries. In this case, women amateurs responded with enthusiasm. The first championship attracted 320 entries, only 29 fewer than the number that had entered the 1987 Women's Amateur a few weeks earlier.

The starting field of 135 players was determined by sectional qualifying. The first Women's Mid-Amateur was played at Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, Okla. The inaugural championship was won by Cindy Scholefield, 27, of Malibu, Calif.

The Women's Mid-Amateur has been the setting for a number of noteworthy finals. In 1989, Robin Weiss, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., defeated Page Marsh Lea on the 22nd hole. In 1990, despite the tremendous pressure of competing on her home course as a crowd favorite, Carol Semple Thompson, 41, of Sewickley, Pa., defeated Marsh Lea, 3 and 1, at the Allegheny Country Club, where Semple Thompson had learned the game.

Two women have won the Women's Mid-Amateur on four occasions. In 2011, Ellen Port, of St. Louis, Mo., captured her fourth championship title with a 2-and-1 victory over 2009 champion Martha Leach at Bayville Golf Club in Virginia Beach, Va. Having previously won in 1991, 1993 and 2000, Port's 11-year span between victories broke the record of seven years, set by Thompson in 1997.

The following year, Meghan Stasi, of Oakland Park, Fla., won her fourth Women's Mid-Amateur, taking a 6-and-5 victory over Liz Waynick at Briggs Ranch Golf Club in San Antonio, Texas. She won back-to-back titles in 2006 and 2007 under her maiden name of Bolger, and also took the victory in 2010.

Sarah LeBrun Ingram, of Nashville, Tenn., in 1994 became the first player to take consecutive Women's Mid-Amateur championships. She had previously won in 1991 and 1993.

## Championship Results: 1987 to 2014

1987	(Oct. 10–15) <b>Cindy Scholefield</b> d. <b>Pat Cornett-Iker</b> , 6 and 5; Southern Hills C.C., Tulsa, Okla.; Medalist — 157, <b>Anne Quast Sander</b> ; Entries: 320	2003	(Oct. 11–16) <b>Amber Marsh</b> d. <b>Shannon Ogg</b> , 3 and 2; Long Cove Club, Hilton Head, S.C.; Medalist — 142, <b>Robin Burke</b> ; Entries: 532
1988	(Oct. 8–13) <b>Martha Lang</b> d. <b>Mary Hanyak</b> , 4 and 3; Amelia Island (Fla.) Plantation; Medalist — 148, <b>Anne Quast Sander</b> ; Entries: 346	2004	(Sept. 10–15) <b>Corey Weworski</b> d. <b>Virginia Grimes</b> , 5 and 4; Holston Hills C.C., Knoxville, Tenn.; Medalist — 146, <b>Tobi Probst</b> ; Entries: 425
1989	(Oct. 7–12) <b>Robin Weiss</b> d. <b>Page Marsh Lea</b> , 22 holes; The Hills of Lakeway G.C., Lakeway, Texas; Medalist — 150, <b>Carol Semple Thompson</b> ; Entries: 289	2005	(Sept. 10–15) <b>Mary Ann Lapointe</b> d. <b>Kerry Postillion</b> , 1 up; Shadow Hawk G.C., Richmond, Texas; Medalist — 142, <b>Kerry Postillion</b> ; Entries: 418
1990	(Sept. 19 – Oct. 4) <b>Carol Semple Thompson</b> d. <b>Page Marsh Lea</b> , 3 and 1; Allegheny C.C., Sewickley, Pa.; Medalists — 149, <b>Sally Krueger</b> , <b>Carol Semple Thompson</b> ; Entries: 354	2006	(Oct. 21–26) <b>Meghan Bolger</b> d. <b>Thuhashini Selvaratnam</b> , 5 and 4; Old Waverly G.C., West Point, Miss.; Medalist — 142, <b>Dawn Woodard</b> ; Entries: 455
1991	(Sept. 21–26) <b>Sarah LeBrun Ingram</b> d. <b>Martha Lang</b> , 6 and 5; Desert Highlands G.C., Scottsdale, Ariz.; Medalist — 143, <b>Andrea Dornin</b> ; Entries: 394	2007	(Sept. 29 – Oct. 4) <b>Meghan Bolger</b> d. <b>Kerry Postillion</b> , 1 up; Desert Forest G.C., Carefree, Ariz.; Medalist — 144, <b>Dawn Woodard</b> ; Entries: 483
1992	(Oct. 10–15) <b>Marion Maney-McInerney</b> d. <b>Carol Semple Thompson</b> , 19 holes; Old Marsh G.C., Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; Medalist — 142, <b>Robin Weiss</b> ; Entries: 452	2008	(Sept. 6–11) <b>Joan Higgins</b> d. <b>Lynn Simmons</b> , 1 up; Barton Hills C.C., Ann Arbor, Mich.; Medalist — 142, <b>Wendi Patterson-Golden</b> ; Entries: 410
1993	(Aug. 9–14) <b>Sarah LeBrun Ingram</b> d. <b>Mary Burkhardt</b> , 2 and 1; Rochester (Minn.) G. & C.C.; Medalist — •141, <b>Carol Semple Thompson</b> ; Entries: 461	2009	(Oct. 3–8) <b>Martha Leach</b> d. <b>Laura Coble</b> , 3 and 2; Golden Hills G. & T.C., Ocala, Fla.; Medalists — 146, <b>Meghan Stasi</b> , <b>Mina Hardin</b> , <b>Jennifer Lucas</b> , <b>Laura Ladden</b> ; Entries: 411
1994	(Sept. 10–15) <b>Sarah LeBrun Ingram</b> d. <b>Marla Jemsek</b> , 2 and 1; Tacoma (Wash.) C. & G.C.; Medalist — 144, <b>Robin Weiss</b> ; Entries: 356	2010	(Sept. 25–30) <b>Meghan Stasi</b> d. <b>Carol Robertson</b> , 2 up; Wichita (Kan.) C.C.; Medalist — 146, <b>Ellen Port</b> ; Entries: 364
1995	(Sept. 18–23) <b>Ellen Port</b> d. <b>Brenda Corrie Kuehn</b> , 3 and 1; Essex County Club, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mass.; Medalist — 146, <b>Brenda Corrie Kuehn</b> ; Entries: 397	2011	(Sept. 17–22) <b>Ellen Port</b> d. <b>Martha Leach</b> , 2 and 1; Bayville G.C., Virginia Beach, Va.; Medalist — 146, <b>Brenda Pictor</b> ; Entries: 390
1996	(Sept. 24–29) <b>Ellen Port</b> d. <b>Kerry Postillion</b> , 2 and 1; Mission Hills C.C. (Dinah Shore Course), Rancho Mirage, Calif.; Medalist — 145, <b>Brenda Corrie Kuehn</b> ; Entries: 515	2012	(Oct. 6–11) <b>Meghan Stasi</b> d. <b>Liz Waynick</b> , 6 and 5; Briggs Ranch G.C., San Antonio, Texas; Medalist — 142, <b>Dawn Woodard</b> ; Entries: 405
1997	(Sept. 18–23) <b>Carol Semple Thompson</b> d. <b>Leslie Shannon</b> , 2 and 1; Atlantic City C.C., Northfield, N.J.; Medalist — 143, <b>Kerry Postillion</b> ; Entries: 450	2013	(Oct. 5–10) <b>Julia Potter</b> d. <b>Margaret Shirley</b> , 19 holes; Biltmore Forest C.C., Asheville, N.C.; Medalist — 143, <b>Julia Potter</b> ; Entries: 420
1998	(Oct. 5–9) <b>Virginia Grimes</b> d. <b>Robin Weiss</b> , 4 and 3; Champions G.C. (Cypress Creek Course), Houston, Texas; Medalist — 142, <b>Mary Ann Lapointe</b> ; Entries: 469	2014	(Sept. 6–11) <b>Margaret Shirley</b> d. <b>Julia Potter</b> , 5 and 3; Harbour Tree G.C., Noblesville, Ind.; Medalist — 142, <b>Margaret Shirley</b> ; Entries: 349
1999	(Oct. 2–7) <b>Alissa Herron</b> d. <b>Leland Beckel</b> , 1 up; Cherokee Town & C.C., Atlanta, Ga.; Medalist — 146, <b>Pat Milton</b> ; Entries: 515	• Record qualifying score (1993)	
2000	(Oct. 3–8) <b>Ellen Port</b> d. <b>Anna Schultz</b> , 3 and 2; Big Canyon C.C., Newport Beach, Calif.; Medalist — 147, <b>Ellen Port</b> ; Entries: §533	§ Record entry (2000)	
2001	(Oct. 6–11) <b>Laura Shanahan</b> d. <b>Mina Hardin</b> , 4 and 3; Fox Run G.C., Eureka, Mo.; Medalist — 147, <b>Ellen Port</b> ; Entries: 517		
2002	(Sept. 21–26) <b>Kathy Hartwiger</b> d. <b>Ellen Port</b> , 2 up; Eugene (Ore.) C.C.; Medalists — 150, <b>Taffy Brower</b> , <b>Ellen Port</b> , <b>Lara Tennant</b> ; Entries: 488		

## Records

### Age

#### Youngest Champion (years/months/days)

25/3/26 **Sarah LeBrun Ingram**, 1991  
 25/11/21 **Julia Potter**, 2013

#### Oldest Champion

52/1/1 **Joan Higgins**, 2008

### Champions

#### Most Victories

4 **Ellen Port** (1995, 1996, 2000, 2011)  
 4 **Meghan Stasi** (2006, 2007, 2010, 2012)

#### Consecutive Victories

2 **Sarah LeBrun Ingram** (1993, 1994)  
 2 **Ellen Port** (1995, 1996)  
 2 **Meghan Stasi** (2006, 2007)

#### Winner of Women's Amateur and Women's Mid-Amateur (1)

**Carol Semple Thompson** (1973 Women's Amateur; 1990, 1997 Women's Mid-Amateur)

#### Longest Span Between Victories

11 years **Ellen Port** (2000, 2011)

### Entries

#### Largest

533 (2000)

#### Smallest

289 (1989)

### Match Play

#### Largest Margin of Victory

9 and 8 **Ellen Port** d. **Sue Churchich**, first round, Fox Run G.C., Eureka, Mo., 2001

9 and 8 **Thuhashini Selvaratnam** d. **Brenda Williams**, third round, Holston Hills C.C., Knoxville, Tenn., 2004  
 9 and 7 **Ellen Port** d. **Marianne Towersey**, third round, Big Canyon C.C., Newport Beach, Calif., 2000  
 9 and 7 **Kathy Hartwiger** d. **Kate Grace**, first round, Holston Hills C.C., Knoxville, Tenn., 2004  
 9 and 7 **Liz Waynick** d. **Mary Jane Hiestand**, second round, Briggs Ranch G.C., San Antonio, Texas, 2012  
 8 and 7 **Pat Cornett-Iker** d. **Tamara Bowman**, second round, Southern Hills C.C., Tulsa, Okla., 1987  
 8 and 7 **Carolyn Creekmore** d. **Robin Weiss**, second round, Mission Hills C.C., Rancho Mirage, Calif., 1996  
 8 and 7 **Susan Marchese** d. **Elizabeth Haines**, first round, Cherokee Town & C.C., Atlanta, Ga., 1999  
 8 and 7 **Lesley Stacks** d. **Mary Ann Lapointe**, first round, Fox Run G.C., Eureka, Mo., 2001  
 8 and 7 **Thuhashini Selvaratnam** d. **Alicia Kapheim**, first round, Holston Hills C.C., Knoxville, Tenn., 2004  
 8 and 7 **Ann Pohira** d. **Joan Garety**, first round, Old Waverly G.C., West Point, Miss., 2006

#### Largest Margin of Victory, Final

6 and 5 **Cindy Scholefield** d. **Pat Cornett-Iker**, Southern Hills C.C., Tulsa, Okla., 1987  
 6 and 5 **Sarah LeBrun Ingram** d. **Martha Lang**, Desert Highlands G.C., Scottsdale, Ariz., 1991  
 6 and 5 **Meghan Stasi** d. **Liz Waynick**, Briggs Ranch G.C., San Antonio, Texas, 2012

#### Longest Match

24 holes **Tanna Lee** d. **Mary Jane Anderson**, first round, Southern Hills C.C., Tulsa, Okla., 1987  
 24 holes **Carolyn Creekmore** d. **Laura Ladden**, second round, Desert Forest G.C., Carefree, Ariz., 2007  
 23 holes **Lynn Anderson** d. **Mina Hardin**, first round, Atlantic City C.C., Northfield, N.J., 1997  
 23 holes **Sylvia Kim** d. **Dana Harrity**, second round, Mission Hills C.C., Rancho Mirage, Calif., 1996  
 23 holes **Kathy Hartwiger** d. **Andrea Kraus**, first round, Fox Run G.C., Eureka, Mo., 2001  
 23 holes **Shawn Farmer** d. **Wendi Golden**, first round, Bayville G.C., Virginia Beach, Va., 2011  
 23 holes **Kathy Kurata** d. **Christy Larrimore**, third round, Bayville G.C., Virginia Beach, Va., 2011

#### Longest Match, Final

22 holes **Robin Weiss** d. **Page Marsh Lea**, The Hills of Lakeway G.C., Lakeway, Texas, 1989  
 19 holes **Marion Maney-McInerney** d. **Carol Semple Thompson**, Old Marsh G.C., Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., 1992  
 19 holes **Julia Potter** d. **Margaret Shirley**, Biltmore Forest C.C., Asheville, N.C., 2013



**Most Match–Play Victories**

58	<b>Ellen Port</b>
56	<b>Carol Semple Thompson</b>
38	<b>Robin Burke</b>
38	<b>Meghan Stasi</b>

**Most Times to Advance to Match Play**

25	<b>Martha Leach</b> (1988, 1990–2009, 2011–14)
23	<b>Carol Semple Thompson</b> (1987–2009)

**Most Match–Play Holes Needed to Win the Championship**

108	<b>Corey Weworski</b> , Holston Hills C.C., Knoxville, Tenn., 2004
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**Fewest Match–Play Holes Needed to Win the Championship**

81	<b>Cindy Scholefield</b> , Southern Hills C.C., Tulsa, Okla., 1987
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**Most Extra–Hole Matches, Championship**

11	Holston Hills C.C., Knoxville, Tenn., 2004
10	Long Cove Club, Hilton Head, S.C., 2003
10	Bayville G.C., Virginia Beach, Va., 2011

142	<b>Robin Weiss</b> , Old Marsh G.C., Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., 1992 (medalist)
142	<b>Kerry Postillion</b> , Shadow Hawk G.C., Richmond, Texas, 2005 (medalist)
142	<b>Dawn Woodard</b> , Old Waverly G.C., West Point, Miss., 2006 (medalist)
142	<b>Wendi Patterson–Golden</b> , Barton Hills C.C., Ann Arbor, Mich., 2008 (medalist)
142	<b>Dawn Woodard</b> , Briggs Ranch G.C., San Antonio, Texas, 2012 (medalist)
142	<b>Margaret Shirley</b> , Harbour Trees G.C., Noblesville, Ind., 2014 (medalist)
143	<b>Andrea Dornin</b> , Desert Highlands G.C., Scottsdale, Ariz., 1991 (medalist)
143	<b>Leslie Shannon</b> , Old March G.C., Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., 1992
143	<b>Kerry Postillion</b> , Atlantic City C.C., Northfield, N.J., 1997 (medalist)
143	<b>Brenda Corrie Kuehn</b> , Champions G.C. (Cypress Creek Course), Houston, Texas, 1998
143	<b>Kathy Hartwiger</b> , Barton Hills G.C., Ann Arbor, Mich., 2008
143	<b>Julia Potter</b> , Biltmore Forest C.C., Asheville, N.C., 2013 (medalist)

**Most Times Medalist**

4	<b>Ellen Port</b> (2000, 2001, 2002, 2010)
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**Stroke Play****Lowest Score, 18 Holes**

68	<b>Dawn Woodard</b> , first round, Shadow Hawk G.C., Richmond, Texas, 2005
69	<b>Andrea Dornin</b> , second round, Desert Highlands G.C., Scottsdale, Ariz., 1991
69	<b>Robin Weiss</b> , first round, Old Marsh G.C., Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., 1992
69	<b>Kerry Postillion</b> , first round, Atlantic City C.C., Northfield, N.J., 1997
69	<b>Brenda Corrie Kuehn</b> , first round, Champions G.C. (Cypress Creek Course), Houston, Texas, 1998
69	<b>Linda Olsen</b> , first round, Champions G.C. (Cypress Creek Course), Houston, Texas, 1998
69	<b>Mina Hardin</b> , second round, Golden Hills G. & T.C., Ocala, Fla., 2009
69	<b>Dawn Woodard</b> , first round, Briggs Ranch G.C., San Antonio, Texas, 2012
69	<b>Julia Potter</b> , first round, Biltmore Forest C.C., Asheville, N.C., 2013
69	<b>Margaret Shirley</b> , second round, Harbour Trees G.C., Noblesville, Ind., 2014

**Lowest Score, 36 Holes**

141	<b>Carol Semple Thompson</b> , Rochester (Minn.) G. & C.C., 1993 (medalist)
142	<b>Mary Ann Lapointe</b> , Champions G.C. (Cypress Creek Course), Houston, Texas, 1998 (medalist)

**Miscellaneous****Sisters in Match**

1994	<b>Page Marsh Lea</b> defeated her sister <b>Amber Marsh</b> , 2 and 1, in the second round at Tacoma (Wash.) G. & C.C.
1995	<b>Page Marsh Lea</b> defeated her sister <b>Amber Marsh</b> , 3 and 1, in the first round at Essex County Club, Manchester-by-the-Sea, Mass.

**Recent Holes–in–One (6)**

<b>Kathleen Prieve</b> , second round, stroke play, 7th hole (with 6–iron), Eugene C.C., Eugene, Ore., 2002
<b>Marilyn Hardy</b> , first round, stroke play, 13th hole (with pitching wedge), Long Cove Club, Hilton Head, S.C., 2003
<b>Tobi Probst</b> , first round, stroke play, 8th hole (with 6–iron), Long Cove Club, Hilton Head, S.C., 2003
<b>Stacy Dennis</b> , first round, stroke play, 9th hole (with 7–iron), Biltmore Forest C.C., Asheville, N.C., 2013
<b>Marilyn Hardy</b> , first round, match play, 9th hole (with 6–iron), Biltmore Forest C.C., Asheville, N.C., 2013
<b>Julie Streng</b> , first round, match play, 9th hole (with 6–iron), Biltmore Forest C.C., Asheville, N.C., 2013

**Most Times in Championship**

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26	Martha Leach
24	Patricia Cornett
23	Ellen Port
23	Carol Semple Thompson