



2015 U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN NOTEBOOK AND STORY IDEAS

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

U.S. Women's Open champions (10)

Na Yeon Choi (2012), Paula Creamer (2010), Laura Davies (1987), Eun-Hee Ji (2009), Cristie Kerr (2007), Birdie Kim (2005), Inbee Park (2008, 2013), So Yeon Ryu (2011), Karrie Webb (2000, 2001), Michelle Wie (2014)

U.S. Women's Open runners-up (10)

Na Yeon Choi (2010), Cristie Kerr (2000), I.K. Kim (2013), Candie Kung (2009), Brittany Lang (2005), Stacy Lewis (2014), Suzann Pettersen (2010), Morgan Pressel (2005), Angela Stanford (2003), Amy Yang (2012)

U.S. Women's Amateur champions (8)

Kristen Gillman (2014), Danielle Kang (2010, 2011), Lydia Ko (2012), Jane Park (2004), Morgan Pressel (2005), Jennifer Song (2009), Emma Talley (2013), Mariajo Uribe (2007)

U.S. Women's Amateur runners-up (8)

Jaye Marie Green (2012), Brooke Henderson (2014), Jennifer Johnson (2009), Moriya Jutanugarn (2011), Jimin Kang (1999), Jessica Korda (2010), Azahara Munoz (2008), Jane Park (2003)

U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links champions (6)

Mina Harigae (2007), Tiffany Joh (2006, 2008), Candie Kung (2001), Jennifer Song (2009), Yani Tseng (2004), Michelle Wie (2003)

U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links runners-up (2)

Jennifer Song (2008), Michelle Wie (2004)

U.S. Girls' Junior champions (7)

Julietta Granada (2004), Ariya Jutanugarn (2011), I.K. Kim (2005), Minjee Lee (2012), Inbee Park (2002), Jenny Shin (2006), Lexi Thompson (2008)

U.S. Girls' Junior runners-up (4)

Candie Kung (1997), Alison Lee (2012), Inbee Park (2003, 2005), Jane Park (2004)

U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball runner-up (1)

Hannah O'Sullivan (2015)

USA Curtis Cup Team members (17)

Paula Creamer (2004), Austin Ernst (2012), Mina Harigae (2008), Tiffany Joh (2008), Jennifer Johnson (2010), Cristie Kerr (1996), Jessica Korda (2010), Brittany Lang (2004), Alison Lee (2014), Stacy Lewis (2008), Ally McDonald (2014), Brooke Pancake (2012), Jane Park (2004, 2006), Jennifer Song (2010), Emma Talley (2014), Lexi Thompson (2010), Michelle Wie (2004)

GB&I Curtis Cup Team members (6)

Laura Davies (1984), Georgia Hall (2014), Charley Hull (2012), Catriona Matthew (1990, 1992, 1994), Stephanie Meadow (2012, 2014), Jodi Ewart Shadoff (2008)



NCAA Division I individual champions (6)

Caroline Hedwall (Oklahoma State University, 2010), Austin Ernst (Louisiana State University, 2011), Stacy Lewis (University of Arkansas, 2007), Azahara Munoz (Arizona State University, 2008), Dewi Claire Schreefel (University of Southern California, 2006), Emma Talley (University of Alabama, 2015)

PLAYERS WITH MOST WOMEN'S OPEN APPEARANCES (2015 included)

Laura Davies (27), Cristie Kerr (20), Karrie Webb (20), Catriona Matthew (19), Angela Stanford (16), Laura Diaz (15), Natalie Gulbis (14), Candie Kung (14), Paula Creamer (13), Christina Kim (13), Suzann Pettersen (13), Morgan Pressel (13), Katherine Kirk (12), Brittany Lincicome (12), Michelle Wie (12), Karine Icher (11), Jimin Kang (11), Birdie Kim (11), Brittany Lang (11), Jane Park (11), I.K. Kim (10), Meena Lee (10), Inbee Park (10), Yani Tseng (10)

ACTIVE CONSECUTIVE U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN APPEARANCES (2015 included)

Karrie Webb (20, 1996-2015), Cristie Kerr (18, 1998-2015), Angela Stanford (16, 2000-15), Paula Creamer (13, 2003-15), Candie Kung (13, 2003-15), Suzann Pettersen (13, 2003-15), Brittany Lincicome (12, 2004-15), Morgan Pressel (12, 2005-15), Brittany Lang (11, 2005-15), Birdie Kim (11, 2005-15), I.K. Kim (10, 2006-15)

FIRST-TIME U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN COMPETITORS (52)

Lori Adams, Holly Aitchison, Q Baek, Maria Balikeova, Sarah Burnham, In Gee Chun, Jennifer Coleman, Stephanie Connelly, Daniela Darquea, Breanna Elliott, Maria Fassi, Christina Foster, Kristen Gillman, Georgia Hall, Muni He, Charley Hull, Haley Italia, Kim Kaufman, Erika Kikuchi, Dylan Kim, Hyo Joo Kim, Jung Min Lee, Min Lee, Mirim Lee, So Young Lee, Beth Lillie, Babe Liu, Alejandra Llana, Nikki Long, Lee Lopez, Heather Macrae, Ayaka Matsumori, Haruka Morita-WanyaoLu, Liz Nagel, Su Oh, Yanhong Pan, Jennifer Park, Regina Plasencia, Nikolette Schroeder, Yuting Shi, Nontaya Srisawang, Bertine Strauss, Ai Suzuki, Lauren Taylor, Angella Then, Line Vedel, Lilia Khatu Vu, Samantha Wagner, Kylie Walker, Suzuka Yamaguchi, Min Gyeong Youn, Rumi Yoshida

COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN THE FIELD (25)

Australia, Canada, the People's Republic of China, Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Denmark, Ecuador, England, France, Germany, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Northern Ireland, Norway, Paraguay, the Russian Federation, Scotland, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, the United States of America

CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD

The USGA accepted a record 1,873 U.S. Women's Open entries in 2015. The previous mark was 1,702 entries for the 2014 championship at Pinehurst Resort & Country Club in the Village of Pinehurst, N.C.

The 156-player field includes 95 fully exempt golfers and 10 past Women's Open champions. Sectional qualifying, conducted over 36 holes, was held at 25 sites around the world between May 9 and June 15.



HISTORY OF U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRIES

YEAR	NUMBER	HOST SITE
2015	1,873	Lancaster (Pa.) Country Club
2014	1,702	Pinehurst Resort and Country Club (Course No. 2), Village of Pinehurst, N.C.
2013	1,420	Sebonack Golf Club, Southampton, N.Y.
2012	1,364	Blackwolf Run, Kohler, Wis.
2010	1,296	Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club
2009	1,278	Saucon Valley Country Club (Old Course), Bethlehem, Pa.
2007	1,251	Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club, Southern Pines, N.C.
2005	1,158	Cherry Hills Country Club, Cherry Hills Village, Colo.
2004	1,097	Orchards Golf Club, South Hadley, Mass.
2001	980	Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club, Southern Pines, N.C.
2000	953	The Merit Club, Gurnee, Ill.
1998	925	Blackwolf Run, Kohler, Wis.
1996	875	Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club, Southern Pines, N.C.
1991	865	Colonial Country Club, Fort Worth, Texas
1990	785	Atlanta Athletic Club (Riverside Course), Duluth, Ga.
1988	736	Baltimore (Md.) Country Club
1987	712	Plainfield (N.J.) Country Club
1986	704	NCR Country Club, Kettering, Ohio
1985	626	Baltusrol Golf Club (Upper Course), Springfield, N.J.
1984	558	Salem Country Club, Peabody, Mass.
1983	414	Cedar Ridge Country Club, Tulsa, Okla.
1981	434	La Grange (Ill.) Country Club
1980	337	Richland Country Club, Nashville, Tenn.
1979	335	Brooklawn Country Club, Fairfield, Conn.
1978	297	Country Club of Indianapolis (Ind.)
1946	205	Rolling Green Golf Club, Springfield, Pa.
1972	176	Winged Foot Golf Club (East Course), Mamaroneck, N.Y.
1971	141	Kahkwa Club, Erie, Pa.
1970	131	Muskogee (Okla.) Country Club
1968	104	Moselem Springs Golf Club, Fleetwood, Pa.
1966	101	Hazeltine National Golf Club, Chaska, Minn.
1957	98	Winged Foot Golf Club (East Course), Mamaroneck, N.Y.
1954	58	Salem Country Club, Peabody, Mass.
1953	37	Country Club of Rochester (N.Y.)

AMATEURS (25)

Lori Adams, Celine Boutier, Sarah Burnham, Daniela Darquea, Maria Fassi, Mariel Galdiano, Kristen Gillman, Muni He, Megan Khang, Dylan Kim, So Young Lee, Beth Lillie, Nikki Long, Gaby Lopez, Hannah O'Sullivan, Jennifer Park, Regina Plasencia, Nikolette Schroeder, Emma Talley, Angella Then, Lilia Khatu Vu, Samantha Wagner, Lindsey Weaver, Suzuka Yamaguchi, Min Gyeong Youn



TOP-RANKED AMATEURS

Eleven amateurs are in the top 50 of the Women's World Amateur Golf Ranking™ as of July 1:

- No. 4 – Celine Boutier
- No. 7 – Hannah O'Sullivan
- No. 10 – Emma Talley
- No. 16 – Kristen Gillman
- No. 17 – Gaby Lopez
- No. 19 – So Young Lee
- No. 29 – Megan Khang
- No. 35 – Dylan Kim
- No. 37 – Daniela Darquea
- No. 38 – Mariel Galdiano
- No. 49 – Lindsey Weaver

NOTABLE AMATEUR STORYLINES

Celine Boutier, of France, received a full exemption into the championship for winning the 2015 Ladies' British Open Amateur Championship. Boutier is a rising senior at Duke University, where she was named 2014 WGCA Player of the Year and helped lead Duke to the 2014 NCAA Women's Golf Championship team title.

Two current members and one future member of the University of Arkansas women's golf team, all of who hail from Mexico, qualified for the championship. Gaby Lopez finished her junior year with a runner-up finish in the individual portion of the 2015 NCAA Women's Golf Championship. Regina Plasencia, a rising senior, was runner-up at the 2015 Mexican Women's Amateur Championship to Maria Fassi, who will join the Razorbacks in 2016. Lopez has also enjoyed success at the Mexican Women's Amateur, taking the title in 2014.

At age 17, Mariel Galdiano, of Pearl City, Hawaii, and Megan Khang, of Rockland, Mass., are both competing in their third U.S. Women's Open.

So Young Lee, of the Republic of Korea, took the gold medal at the 2014 Youth Olympic Games. She was the low amateur at the LPGA Tour's 2015 LOTTE Championship, where she tied for 16th, and in June, she was low amateur at the Korean Women's Open.

Hannah O'Sullivan, of Chandler, Ariz., won the 2015 Gateway Classic, the opening event on the Symetra Tour, becoming the youngest winner in Tour history at age 16 (she has since turned 17) and the first amateur winner since 1999. She was a semifinalist in the 2014 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship, and won the American Junior Golf Association's 2015 Rolex Tournament of the Champions and Rolex Girls Junior. In May, O'Sullivan, who is competing in her second U.S. Women's Open, teamed with future University of Southern California teammate Robynn Ree for a runner-up finish at the inaugural U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship.

Emma Talley, of Princeton, Ky., is playing in her fourth U.S. Women's Open at age 21. Talley, the 2013 U.S. Women's Amateur champion who secured the winning point for the USA at the 2014 Curtis Cup Match, won the individual portion of the 2015 NCAA Women's Golf Championship for the University of Alabama.

In 2013, Lancaster Country Club hosted the American Junior Golf Association's Tournament of Champions. Four players in that field are in the 2015 U.S. Women's Open field: Megan Khang, Alison Lee, Hannah O'Sullivan and Lilia Khatu Vu. All four players excelled that week, with Lee taking the title, O'Sullivan tying for fourth, Vu tying for sixth and Khang tying for 11th.



In 2014, Lancaster Country Club hosted the Women's Western Amateur Championship. Megan Khang competed in that event, losing in the first round of match play.

AMATEURS AT RECENT U.S. WOMEN'S OPENS

YEAR	NUMBER	MADE CUT	TOP FINISHER
2015	23	???	???
2014	36	6	Brooke Henderson (T10)
2013	19	6	Casie Cathrea (T25)
2012	28	3	Lydia Ko (T39)
2011	25	5	Moriya Jutanugarn (T32)
2010	29	6	Jennifer Johnson (T41)
2009	28	7	Jennifer Song (T13)
2008	26	7	Mariajo Uribe (T10)
2007	23	4	Jennie Lee and Jennifer Song (T39)
2006	29	4	Amanda Blumenherst and Jane Park (T10)
2005	18	6	Brittany Lang and Morgan Pressel (T2)
2004	16	4	Paula Creamer and Michelle Wie (T13)
2003	21	8	Aree Song (5)
2002	14	2	Angela Jerman and Aree Song (T51)
2001	19	4	Candy Hannemann (T30)
2000	16	2	Naree Song (T40)
1999	11	2	Grace Park (T8)
1998	15	5	Jenny Chuasiriporn (2, lost in playoff)
1997	9	2	Jenny Chuasiriporn (T56)
1996	15	2	Cristie Kerr (T36)
1995	14	4	Sarah LeBrun Ingram (T51)
1994	21	3	Carol Semple Thompson (T31)
1993	12	2	Debbi Miho Koyama (T26)
1992	17	2	Vicki Goetze (T48)
1991	16	5	Tracy Hanson (T21)

YOUNGEST COMPETITOR

At 14 years, 11 months and 10 days of age as of the first day of the championship, Suzuka Yamaguchi, of Japan, is the championship's youngest competitor. There are four 16-year-olds in the field (in age order): Muni He, of the People's Republic of China; Min Gyeong Youn, of the Republic of Korea; Beth Lillie, of Fullerton, Calif.; and Angella Then, of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.

OLDEST COMPETITOR

At age 51, 1987 U.S. Women's Open champion Laura Davies, of England, is the championship's oldest competitor. Jimin Kang, 35, of the Republic of Korea, is the championship's oldest qualifier.



FIELD BY AGE

Age 14-19 – 30 players
Age 20-29 – 99 players
Age 30-39 – 22 players
Age 40-49 – 4 players
Age 50-plus – 1 player

The average age of the championship field is 25.077.

CHAMPIONSHIP BIRTHDAYS

Three players in the U.S. Women's Open field will celebrate a birthday during championship week: Sarah-Jane Smith (7/8/84, turning 31), Erika Kikuchi (7/12/88, turning 27) and Inbee Park (7/12/88, turning 27). Pernilla Lindberg will turn 29 on July 13, the day after the championship ends.

SISTERS IN FIELD

Sisters Ariya and Moriya Jutanugarn, of Thailand, are in the championship field. Ariya, 19, won the 2011 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship, while Moriya, 20, was runner-up in the 2011 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship. The Jutanugarns are one of seven sets of sisters to compete in the same U.S. Women's Open.

Danielle and Dina Ammaccapane – 1991-93, 1996, 1998-99, 2001-02
Alice Bauer and Marlene Bauer Hagge – 1947, 1949-55, 1957-58, 1964, 1966
Ariya and Moriya Jutanugarn – 2011, 2015
Jessica and Nelly Korda – 2013
Aree and Naree Song – 2003, 2005
Annika and Charlotta Sorenstam – 1997, 1999-2005
Hollis Stacy and Martha Stacy Leach – 1980

PROFESSIONAL DEBUT

Christina Foster will be making her professional debut this week. She completed her amateur career by reaching the semifinals of last week's Toronto Star Women's Amateur.

THE U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN COURSE

Designed by architect William Flynn, the Old Course at Lancaster Country Club opened in 1920. A course revision to bring it very near to the original layout was completed in 2007 by Ron Forse and Jim Nagle of Forse Design. The par-70 layout will play at 6,483 yards for the championship.

LANCASTER COUNTRY CLUB HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	4	4	4	3	5	3	4	35
Yards	407	374	399	346	392	172	482	198	421	3,191

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	4	3	5	4	4	4	3	4	35
Yards	428	416	169	508	389	414	353	178	437	3,292



COURSE RATING AND SLOPE

Based on the course setup for the championship, the USGA Course Rating™ is 79.0. Its Slope Rating® is 149.

U.S. WOMEN'S OPENS IN PENNSYLVANIA

This will be the ninth U.S. Women's Open conducted in the state of Pennsylvania.

YEAR	HOST SITE	CITY	CHAMPION
1952	Bala G.C.	Philadelphia	Louise Suggs
1959	Churchill Valley C.C.	Pittsburgh	Mickey Wright
1968	Moselem Springs G.C.	Fleetwood	Susie Maxwell Berning
1971	Kahkwa Club	Erie	JoAnne Gunderson Carner
1976	Rolling Green G.C.	Springfield	JoAnne Gunderson Carner
1992	Oakmont C.C.	Oakmont	Patty Sheehan
2009	Saucon Valley C.C.	Bethlehem	Eun-Hee Ji
2010	Oakmont C.C.	Oakmont	Paula Creamer
2015	Lancaster C.C.	Lancaster	???

USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN PENNSYLVANIA

The 2015 U.S. Women's Open will be the 83rd USGA championship conducted in Pennsylvania. The first USGA championship was the 1899 U.S. Women's Amateur at Philadelphia Country Club, won by Ruth Underhill.

Prior to the 2015 U.S. Women's Open, the most recent USGA championship held in Pennsylvania was the 2014 U.S. Mid-Amateur, conducted at Saucon Valley Country Club in Bethlehem and won by Scott Harvey.

WHAT THE WINNER RECEIVES

In addition to prize money, the champion will receive a gold medal, custody of the Harton S. Semple Trophy for the ensuing year and an exemption from qualifying for the next 10 U.S. Women's Open Championships.

TELEVISION COVERAGE

Date	Show	Hours (Local/EDT)	Network
July 7 (Tuesday)	Preview Show	8:30-9 p.m.	Fox Sports 1
July 8 (Wednesday)	Preview Show	7-8 p.m.	Fox Sports 1
July 9 (Thursday)	First Round	2-7 p.m.	Fox Sports 1
July 9 (Thursday)	Wrap-Up Show	7-7:30 p.m.	Fox Sports 1
July 10 (Friday)	Second Round	2-7 p.m.	Fox Sports 1
July 10 (Friday)	Wrap-Up Show	7-7:30 p.m.	Fox Sports 1
July 11 (Saturday)	Third Round	2:30-6:30 p.m.	Fox
July 11 (Saturday)	Wrap-Up Show	6:30-7 p.m.	Fox Sports 1
July 12 (Sunday)	Fourth Round	2:30-6:30 p.m.	Fox
July 12 (Sunday)	Wrap-Up Show	6:30-7 p.m.	Fox Sports 1



HISTORY

This is the 70th U.S. Women's Open Championship.

The first U.S. Women's Open, played at Spokane (Wash.) Country Club in 1946, was the only one conducted at match play. The Women's Professional Golfers Association (WPGA) conducted the inaugural championship, won by Patty Berg. The WPGA conducted the Women's Open until 1949, when the newly formed Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) took over operation of the championship. The LPGA ran the Women's Open for four years but in 1953 asked the United States Golf Association to conduct the championship, which it has done ever since.

The youngest winner of the U.S. Women's Open is Inbee Park, who won the 2008 championship at the age of 19 years, 11 months and 18 days. Babe Zaharias, who won the 1954 Women's Open at age 43 years and 6 months, is the oldest winner.

In 1967, Catherine Lacoste, daughter of French tennis player Rene Lacoste and 1927 British Ladies Amateur champion Simone Thion de la Chaume, became the only amateur to win the U.S. Women's Open. Six other amateurs, most recently Brittany Lang and Morgan Pressel in 2005, have had runner-up or co-runner-up finishes.

THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED AT THE U.S. WOMEN'S OPEN

Inbee Park: last foreign-born winner (2013)

Karrie Webb: last to defend title (2001)

Never been done: last to win three consecutive Women's Opens

Birdie Kim: last champion to win Women's Open on first attempt (2005)

So Yeon Ryu: last winner to win Women's Open on second attempt (2011)

Catherine Lacoste: only amateur to win Women's Open (1967)

Annika Sorenstam: last start-to-finish winner, including ties (2006)

Inbee Park: last winner to win money title in same year (2013)

So Yeon Ryu: last winner to birdie the 72nd hole (2011)

So Yeon Ryu: last winner to birdie the 72nd hole to force playoff (2011)

Eun-Hee Ji: last winner to birdie the 72nd hole to win by one stroke (2009)

Inbee Park: last to win with four under-par rounds (2008)

Eun-Hee Ji: last to win without a round in the 60s (2009)

Never been done: last to win with all rounds in the 60s

Hilary Lunke: last player to win after being in local qualifying (2003)

Birdie Kim: last player to win after being in sectional qualifying (2005)

Inbee Park, 19: last winner younger than 20 (2008)

Michelle Wie, 24: last winner between ages 20-29 (2014)

Annika Sorenstam, 35: last winner between ages 30-39 (2006)

Meg Mallon, 41: last winner over age 40 (2004)

Never been done: last winner who received a special exemption

Birdie Kim: last defending champion to miss the cut (2006)



TITLE DEFENSE

Should Michelle Wie win, she would become the eighth player to successfully defend her championship title. She would join Mickey Wright (1958-59), Donna Caponi (1969-70), Susie Maxwell Berning (1972-73), Hollis Stacy (1977-78), Betsy King (1989-90), Annika Sorenstam (1995-96) and Karrie Webb (2000-01).

Since 1991, only four players have finished in the top 10 in the championship following their victory.

YEAR	CHAMPION	RESULT IN DEFENSE
2014	Michelle Wie	???
2013	Inbee Park	T43
2012	Na Yeon Choi	T17
2011	So Yeon Ryu	T14
2010	Paula Creamer	T15
2009	Eun-Hee Ji	T39
2008	Inbee Park	T26
2007	Cristie Kerr	T13
2006	Annika Sorenstam	T32
2005	Birdie Kim	Missed cut
2004	Meg Mallon	T13
2003	Hilary Lunke	64
2002	Juli Inkster	8
2001	Karrie Webb	Missed cut
2000	Karrie Webb	Champion
1999	Juli Inkster	T23
1998	Se Ri Pak	T15
1997	Alison Nicholas	Missed cut
1996	Annika Sorenstam	Missed cut
1995	Annika Sorenstam	Champion
1994	Patty Sheehan	T10
1993	Lauri Merten	T12
1992	Patty Sheehan	6
1991	Meg Mallon	4
1990	Betsy King	T28