



2015 USGA WOMEN'S STATE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP STORYLINES

There are 50 three-player teams in the field, representing 49 states and the District of Columbia. Vermont and Puerto Rico did not enter teams.

Jennifer Koga, 13, of Honolulu, Hawaii, is the championship's youngest competitor. She is five days younger than 13-year-old **Phoebe Brinker** of Wilmington, Del.

The championship's oldest competitor is **Katie Falk**, 69, of Milwaukee, Wis.

The average age of the Women's State Team competitors is 34.02 years old.

Delaware's team, comprised of 13-year-olds **Phoebe Brinker** and **Jennifer Cleary**, of Wilmington, and 14-year-old **Esther Park**, also of Wilmington, is the youngest team in the field, with a combined age of 40. Cleary turns 14 on Sept. 11. There are five all-teen teams in the field: Colorado, Delaware, Hawaii, South Dakota and Tennessee.

Illinois has the oldest team, with a combined age of 163, and is comprised of **Sue Miller**, 57, of Woodridge; **Maureen Sheehan**, 57, of Grayslake; and **DeAnne Stolarik**, 49, of Zion.

Field by age:

Teens – 40 players

20s – 35 players

30s – 16 players

40s – 27 players

50s – 24 players

60s – 8 players

Note: While there are no age limits for this championship, players currently on a college team are ineligible to play, per NCAA rules.

There are seven USGA individual champions in the field:

- **Kathy Hartwiger**, 49, of Birmingham, Ala. (2002 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur)
- **Martha Leach**, 53, of Hebron, Ky. (2009 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur)
- **Ellen Port**, 53, of St. Louis, Mo. (1995, 1996, 2000 and 2011 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur; 2012 and 2013 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur)
- **Julia Potter**, 27, of Indianapolis, Ind. (2013 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur)
- **Anna Schultz**, 60, of Rockwall, Texas (2007 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur)
- **Margaret Shirley**, 29, of Atlanta, Ga. (2014 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur)
- **Meghan (Bolger) Stasi**, 37, of Oakland Park, Fla. (2006, 2007, 2010 and 2012 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur)

Two players in the field have competed in the Curtis Cup Match: **Ellen Port** (1994, 1996) and **Meghan Stasi** (2008).

Four players have won a USGA Women's State Team title, including **Tara Fleming**, 48, of Jersey City, N.J., who will help New Jersey defend its 2013 title. Others are **Kathy Hartwiger** (Alabama – 1997); **Leigh Klasse**, 55 of Woodbury; Minn. (Minnesota – 2001); and **Judy Miller**, 65, of Tucson, Ariz. (Arizona – 2007).

Susan Marchese, 54, of Omaha, Neb., is playing in her 11th USGA Women's State Team Championship. The only player to compete in all 11 championships, she has always represented Nebraska, which posted its best finish in 1995 when it tied for 13th with Oregon.

There are three family combinations in the field: mother and daughter **Cissy** and **Mary Langdon Gallagher**, of Greenwood and Ridgeland, Miss., respectively; sisters **Dominique** and **Jacquelyn Galloway** of Rio Rancho, N.M.; and aunt-niece combo, **Janice** and **Julia Calomiris**, of the District of Columbia. In the 2013 USGA Women's State Team, Cissy represented Mississippi with her other daughter, Kathleen Gallagher; and Janice represented the District of Columbia with her other niece, Alexa Calomiris.

Several players in the field have attended college in Missouri:

- Maryville University
 - **Kayla Eckelkamp**, 25, of Washington, Mo.
- Missouri State University
 - **Catherine Dolan**, 25, of Ballwin, Mo.
- Southwest Missouri State
 - **Martha (Forslund) Linscott**, 45, of Mission Hills, Kan.
- University of Missouri
 - **Tobi (Probst) Herron**, 37, of Columbus, Ind.
 - **Ellen Port**
 - **Julia Potter**
 - **Tanna (Lee) Richard**, 58, of Fort Smith, Ark.

The following USGA Women's State Team competitors have played in a USGA championship in 2015, not including the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur and U.S. Senior Women's Amateur, which are yet to be contested this year:

- U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball, May 9-13, at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort in Bandon, Ore. – *24 players*
 - **Sarah Davison**, 35, of Choudrant, La. (lost in Round of 32 with partner Lacy Shelton)
 - **Catherine Dolan**, 25, of Ballwin, Mo. (missed cut with partner Kelly Hutchison)
 - **Shawn Farmer**, 33, of Bellevue, Wash. (missed cut with partner Christina Proteau)
 - **Tara Fleming**, 48, Jersey City, N.J. (lost in Round of 32 with partner Alicia Kapheim)
 - **Annette Gaiotti**, 62, of Salt Lake City, Utah (missed cut with partner Sue Billek Nyhus)
 - **Jenny Graeser**, 33, of Cedar Falls, Iowa (missed cut with partner Katie Gustafson)
 - **Lauren Greenlief**, 24, of Oakton, Va. (lost in Round of 16 with partner **Abby Portyrata**, 19, of Richmond, Va.)
 - **Kendall Griffin**, 16, of Sebring, Fla. (earned medalist honors before losing in the quarterfinals with partner Athena Yang)
 - **Gail Hackett**, 62, of Canton, Ohio (missed cut with partner **Shirley Vaughn**, 45, of Canton, Ohio)
 - **Olivia Herrick**, 27, of Roseville, Minn. (lost in Round of 32 with partner Samantha Sommers)
 - **Mallory Hetzel**, 28, of Waynesville, N.C. (missed cut with partner **Lea Venable**, 42, of Simpsonville, S.C.)
 - **Connie Isler**, 31, of Annapolis, Md. (missed cut with partner Shelley Sanders)
 - **Tara Joy-Connelly**, 42, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (missed cut with partner Mary Jane Hiestand)
 - **Martha Leach**, 53, of Hebron, Ky. (missed cut with partner Madison Gerstle)
 - **Lauren Lightfritz**, 17, of Suwanee, Ga. (lost in Round of 16 with partner Megan Carter)
 - **Dani Mullin**, 25, of West Islip, N.Y. (eliminated in playoff with partner **Ellen Oswald**, 25, of New City, N.Y.)
 - **Meghan Stasi** (lost in quarterfinals with partner **Dawn Woodard**, 41, of Greer, S.C.)
 - **Brynn Walker**, 17, of St. Davids, Pa. (lost in semifinals with partner Madelein Herr)
 - **Caryn Wilson**, 54, of Rancho Mirage, Calif. (lost in Round of 32 with partner Mina Hardin)
- U.S. Girls' Junior, July 20-25, at Tulsa (Okla.) Country Club – *12 players*
 - **Jennifer Cleary**, 13, of Wilmington, Del. (missed cut)
 - **Emily Cox**, 16, of Lancaster, S.C. (lost in Round of 64)
 - **Dominique Galloway**, 17, of Rio Rancho, N.M. (missed cut)
 - **Ami Gianchandani**, 15, of Short Hills, N.J. (missed cut)
 - **Kendall Griffin** (lost in Round of 64)
 - **Aubree Jones**, 16, of Covington, Tenn. (lost in Round of 32)
 - **Jennifer Koga**, 13, of Honolulu, Hawaii (lost in Round of 64)
 - **Aneka Seumanutafa**, 14, of Frederick, Md. (lost in Round of 16)
 - **Delaney Shah**, 17, of North Potomac, Md. (missed cut)
 - **Adeena Shears**, 17, of Elizabeth, W.Va. (lost in Round of 32)
 - **Yujeong Son**, 14, of Norman, Okla. (lost in Round of 16)
 - **Kelly Su**, 15, of Scottsdale, Ariz. (lost in Round of 64)

- U.S. Women's Amateur, Aug. 10-16, at Portland (Ore.) Golf Club – *nine players*
 - **Susan Cavanagh**, 21, of Warwick, R.I. (missed cut)
 - **Lauren Greenlief** (missed cut)
 - **Courtney McKim**, 25, of Raleigh, N.C. (missed cut)
 - **Emilie Meason**, 24, of Atlanta, Ga. (missed cut)
 - **Ellen Port** (missed cut)
 - **Julia Potter** (missed cut)
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Select Player Notes, by Team

Alabama

Kathy Hartwiger, 49, of Birmingham, won the 2002 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur and helped Alabama to the 1997 USGA Women's State Team title. She also won the 2005 Alabama Women's Amateur and 2004 Alabama Women's Stroke Play championships.

Michaela Morard, 13, of Huntsville, is the 2015 Alabama Golf Association Girls' Junior Amateur champion. She also won the 2015 Alabama High School Athletic Association individual title, setting records as the youngest champion in both events. In 2014, she helped the USA Team win the U.S. Kids World Cup at Pinehurst Resort & Country Club.

Alaska

Susie Macleod, 53, of Anchorage, won the 2014 Alaska Senior Ladies State Championship. Born and raised in Scotland, she is playing in her first USGA championship.

Audrey Russo, 26, of Anchorage, is the 2015 Alaska State Women's Amateur champion. The Bucknell University softball walk-on was born in Japan and is playing in her first USGA championship.

Arizona

Kim Eaton, 56, of Mesa, is a Colorado Golf Hall of Fame member who made the quarterfinals three times in the U.S. Senior Women's Amateur (2009, 2011 and 2014). She has won several state amateur and senior amateur titles in Arizona, California and Colorado.

Judy Miller, 65, of Tucson, helped Arizona win the 2007 USGA Women's State Team title. She has a pet desert tortoise named Arlow.

Arkansas

Tanna Richard, 58, of Fort Smith, was inducted into the Arkansas State Golf Association Hall of Fame in 2006. She won back-to-back Arkansas Girls' Junior titles in 1973 and 1974, and the 1980 Arkansas State Match Play and 1996 Arkansas State Stroke Play championships. She was also a quarterfinalist in the inaugural 1987 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur at Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, Okla. She played for the University of Missouri golf team under her maiden name, Lee.

California

Sara Banke, 24, of Danville, won the 2014 California Women's Amateur and finished second at the 2015 California Women's Championship. She competed in the LPGA Tour Qualifying Tournament this year, where she finished seventh by posting a 66, her lowest competitive 18-hole round. She played for the University of California-Irvine golf team from 2011-14.

Lynne Cowan, 52, of Rocklin, is a four-time California Women's Amateur champion (1999, 2000, 2005 and 2007) and two-time California Senior Women's Amateur champion (2014 and 2015). In 2015, she was recognized by the Northern

California Golf Association as one of the 10 greatest players in Northern California golf history – the only career amateur on a prestigious list that includes Paula Creamer, Juli Inkster and Pat Hurst.

Caryn Wilson, 54, of Rancho Mirage, is the second woman to compete in a U.S. Open championship in both golf and tennis, joining only Althea Gibson. A reinstated amateur, she was a three-time All-America selection in tennis at Stanford University, leading her team to a national title in 1982.

Colorado

Jaclyn Murray, 16, of Aurora, Colo., is a student at Regis Jesuit High School, alma mater of four-time Olympic swimming champion, Missy Franklin.

Connecticut

Jen Holland, 52, of Branford, won the 2008 Connecticut Women's Amateur. She is an elementary physical education and health teacher who also serves as a field hockey and lacrosse official at the college level.

Delaware

Phoebe Brinker, 13, of Wilmington, plays field hockey, basketball and tennis at Tower Hill School where she was elected class president for the upcoming school year. She is the niece of former LPGA Tour player and current PGA of America secretary Suzy Whaley, who is the first woman since Babe Didrikson Zaharias to qualify for and play in a PGA Tour event by qualifying for the 2003 Greater Hartford Open, after winning the 2002 Connecticut PGA Section Championship. This is Brinker's first USGA championship.

Jennifer Cleary, 13, of Wilmington, was born on Sept. 11, 2001, and will celebrate her 14th birthday during the USGA Women's State Team Championship. She has been a member of back-to-back state championship soccer teams and is a state-champion squash player.

District of Columbia

Janice Calomiris, 56, is a member of Congressional Country Club, which has hosted six USGA championships on its Blue Course, including three U.S. Opens.

Julia Calomiris, 15, competed in the inaugural 2014 Drive, Chip and Putt Championship at Augusta National. She is a point guard on the Meret School basketball team and a member of the Greek Orthodox Youth Association.

Florida

Kendall Griffin, 16, of Sebring, earned medalist honors before losing in the quarterfinals with partner Athena Yang in the inaugural 2015 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship. She plans to attend Louisiana State University.

Tara Joy-Connelly, 42, of Palm Beach Gardens, is representing Florida for the second time, having previously played for Massachusetts in seven Women's State Teams. She won the 2003 and 2013 Massachusetts Women's Amateurs, and is a six-time Massachusetts Women's Open champion. In 2015, she won the Florida Mid-Amateur.

Meghan Stasi, 37, of Oakland Park, is one of the most decorated players in the field. A graduate of Tulane University, she is a four-time U.S. Mid-Amateur champion (2006, 2007, 2010 and 2012) who also won the 2012 Lone D. Jones/Doherty Championship and 2014 Harder Hall Women's Invitational. After serving as the head women's golf coach at the University of Mississippi, she and her husband, Danny, opened Shuck N' Dive, a seafood restaurant in Fort Lauderdale.

Stasi and Joy-Connelly previously teamed to win the 2009 Florida Four-Ball Match Play Championship and 2012 Women's International Four-Ball Championship.

Georgia

Lauren Lightfritz, 17, of Suwanee, helped Lambert High School win back-to-back Georgia State High School golf championships in 2013 and 2014.

Emilie Meason, 24, of Atlanta, was a four-time All-America selection at the University of Georgia, where she played under her maiden name, Burger.

Margaret Shirley, 29, of Atlanta, is the reigning U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur champion. The former Auburn University golfer who helped the Tigers win the 2006 SEC Championship, also finished runner-up in the 2013 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur. After coaching stints at the University of Georgia and Auburn University, she now serves as the executive director of Atlanta Junior Golf, a role she assumed in March 2015.

Hawaii

Jennifer Koga, 13, of Honolulu, is the younger sister of Eimi Koga, who plays golf for the University of Washington. Jennifer, who caddied for Eimi in the 2014 U.S. Women's Amateur, made her USGA championship debut in the 2015 U.S. Girls' Junior, making it to the Round of 64.

Idaho

Abby Black, 42, of Meridian, won the 2011 Idaho Golf Association Tournament of Champions and 2012 IGA Mixed 29 Championship. A member of the University of Kansas tennis team, she serves on several nonprofit boards, including the Children's Home Society of Idaho and The First Tee of Idaho. This is her first USGA championship.

Karen Darrington, 57, of Boise, is a six-time Idaho State Amateur Champion (1979, 1980, 1983, 1985, 1991 and 1992) and four-time Idaho State Senior Amateur champion (2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011). A dental hygienist, she is playing in her ninth USGA Women's State Team Championship.

Kareen Markle, 53, of Meridian, is a three-time Pacific Northwest Golf Association Women's Mid-Amateur champion and three-time Idaho Senior Women's Amateur champion. A registered nurse, she also serves as a volunteer golf coach at Mountain View High School.

Illinois

Sue Miller, 57, of Woodridge, is the 2014 Illinois Senior Women's Amateur champion. A First Tee of Chicago volunteer and board member for the Chicago Metro Executive Women's Golf Association, she is playing in her first USGA championship.

Maureen Sheehan, 57, of Grayslake, is the executive director and head coach at Lake Forest Swim Club, where she coached U.S. Olympic champions Conor Dwyer and Matt Grevers.

Indiana

Tobi Herron, 37, of Columbus, won the 2009, 2010 and 2013 Indiana Women's Mid-Amateur Championships. She was the stroke-play medalist in the 2004 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship.

Julia Potter, 27, of Indianapolis, earned medalist honors on her way to winning the 2013 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur. The director of marketing for the Indiana Golf Office, and a former USGA P.J. Boatwright Intern for the Missouri Golf Association, she finished runner-up to Margaret Shirley in the 2014 U.S. Women's Amateur and is a four-time Indiana State Women's Amateur champion (2007, 2008, 2014 and 2015). She was also a three-time All-Big 12 selection at the University of Missouri, where she still holds several school records.

Iowa

Jenny Graeser, 33, of Cedar Falls, is a three-time Iowa Women's Amateur champion (2003, 2009 and 2015). In 2014, she was named Iowa's Women's Player of the Year and won the Iowa Women's Four-Ball Championship with her partner, Katie Gustafson.

Karli Kerrigan, 17, of Ankeny, is the 2014 5A Iowa State High School champion. She was also named the Iowa Golf Association Junior Player of the Year in 2013.

Kansas

Erin Carney, 39, of Mission Hills, was a two-time NCAA All-America selection for Indiana University, which won the 1998 and 1999 Big Ten titles. After graduating from Indiana, she spent two seasons playing professional golf in the United States and Asia. She has been a reinstated amateur since 2004.

Martha Linscott, 45, of Mission Hills, serves on the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Committee and is an executive board member for the Kansas City Golf Association. She played college golf at Southwest Missouri State from 1989-92.

Kentucky

Martha Leach, 53, of Hebron, is the 2009 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur champion. She is also the younger sister of six-time USGA champion Hollis Stacy. Leach introduced Stacy at her 2012 World Golf Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Martha has played in more than 50 USGA championships.

Ke' Asha Phillips, 16, of Owensboro, won the 2015 Kentucky Girls' Junior Amateur Championship. This is her first USGA championship.

Louisiana

Kay Daniel, 44, of Covington, is the 2005 Louisiana Women's Amateur champion and has won seven Louisiana Women's Mid-Amateurs. In the 2015 Louisiana Women's Amateur, she finished runner-up to Julia Johnson, her 2015 USGA Women's State teammate. Born in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, she is an orthodontist.

Sarah Davison, 35, of Choudrant, won the 2013 Louisiana Women's Amateur, having previously taken the title in 2009. A former University of Alabama standout, she reached the semifinals of the 1997 U.S. Girls' Junior under her maiden name, Johnston.

Julia Johnson, 16, of St. Gabriel, won the 2015 Louisiana Women's Amateur and 2013 Louisiana Junior Girls' championships. She also won the Louisiana State High School Championship three times (2013-15). She plans to attend Louisiana State University.

Maine

Emily Bouchard, 26, of Saco, won the 2011-13 Maine Women's Amateur Championships and 2010-12 Maine Mixed Championships with her father, John. She has a bachelor's degree in air traffic control from Daniel Webster College, which she used to land her current job with the Federal Aviation Association. She served as a USGA P.J. Boatwright Intern at the Maine State Golf Association (2008-10), later serving as the director of junior and senior golf for the MSGA.

Staci Creech, 42, of Veazie, is the assistant women's golf coach at Husson University, which begins its inaugural season this fall. An accomplished golfer at the University of North Carolina in the mid-90s, she became a Class A Member of the PGA of America in 2004, but regained her amateur status in 2008. Her husband, Karlton, is the director of athletics at the University of Maine.

Maryland

Connie Isler, 31, of Annapolis, previously served as the head women's golf coach at her alma mater, Georgetown University, where at age 21 she set a record as the youngest head coach for any NCAA Division I sports team. She now works as a software client leader for NASA and the Department of Energy on behalf of IBM.

Aneka Seumanutafa, 14, of Frederick, is the 2015 Maryland State Women's Amateur champion and won the 2015 Maryland State Girls' Junior Championship by 17 strokes. She represented her birth state, Hawaii, in the 2013 USGA Women's State Team.

Massachusetts

Chelsea Curtis, 28, of South Boston, won the 2009 Massachusetts Women's Amateur, 2008 New England Women's Amateur and 2005 Massachusetts Girls' Junior championships. A former Georgetown University golfer, she currently serves as a board member for the Women's Golf Association of Massachusetts.

Shannon Johnson, 32, of Foxborough, plays ice hockey year round in a Boston mixed-gender league. She works as a sales representative for Ping.

Pam Kuong, 54, of Wellesley, won the 2008 and 2010 Massachusetts Women's Amateur championships. She is also the 2011 New England Women's Amateur champion.

Michigan

Jennifer Elsholz, 22, of Grand Rapids, was named 2014 Women's Player of the Year by the Golf Association of Michigan after winning both the 2014 Michigan Women's Amateur and GAM Women's Championships.

Minnesota

Leigh Klasse, 55, of Woodbury, has won several Minnesota State Golf Association and Minnesota Women's Public Golf Association titles, including the Minnesota Women's Mid-Amateur in 2004 and 2009, and Minnesota Senior Women's Amateur from 2012-14. She was also a member of the Minnesota team that won the 2001 USGA Women's State Team. Her sons, Simon and Zachary, often caddie for her.

Olivia Herrick, 27, of Roseville, has won multiple Minnesota State Golf Association and Minnesota Women's Public Golf Association championships, including the 2009 Minnesota Women's Amateur. Herrick is the marketing and communications manager at Mounds Park Academy, where she attended high school, and also serves as coach of the varsity and junior varsity girls' golf teams.

Mississippi

Shannon Adams, 49, of Senatobia, won the 2013 and 2014 Mississippi State Four-Ball Championships. She manages physical fitness and Special Olympics programs for the Baddour Center, a home for adults with special needs.

Cissy Gallagher, 48, of Greenwood, is married to 1993 USA Ryder Cup Team member Jim Gallagher Jr., who now plays on the Champions Tour. She is a former LPGA professional who played at Louisiana State University under her maiden name, Meeks. She is also a 12-time Mississippi Women's Amateur champion who first won in 1986 and most recently won in 2015.

Mary Langdon Gallagher, 22, of Ridgeland, won the 2010 and 2014 Mississippi Women's Amateur. She played golf for Mississippi State University, where she helped the Bulldogs qualify for the 2013 NCAA Championship, a first for the women's golf program.

Missouri

Catherine Dolan, 25, of Ballwin, won the 2011 and 2013 Missouri Women's Golf Association Amateur Championships, and was the runner-up in 2012. She was named to the Missouri Valley All-Conference Team all four years at Missouri State University, and represented Missouri in its 26th-place finish in the 2013 USGA Women's State Team.

Kayla Eckelkamp, 25, of Washington, played for Maryville University where she was named Great Lakes Valley Conference Women's Golfer of the Year in 2012. Maryville's career-scoring leader (77.32 average), she also owns the 18, 36, 54 and 72-hole school records, and finished runner-up in the 2011 and 2015 Missouri Women's Golf Association Amateur championships. A registered nurse, she is playing in her first USGA championship.

Ellen Port, 53, of St. Louis, is one of the most decorated U.S. amateur golfers of all time. In addition to her six USGA championship titles, she represented the USA Team in two Curtis Cups (1994 and 1996), is an eight-time Missouri State Amateur champion and 13-time St. Louis Metropolitan champion. In 2012, she was inducted into both the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame and St. Louis Sports Hall of Fame. A University of Missouri alumna, she also captained the victorious USA Team in the 2014 Curtis Cup Match at St. Louis Country Club. On Aug. 10, she was named head women's golf coach at Washington University in St. Louis, a role she will fill after nearly 30 years of teaching and coaching at John Burroughs School, also in St. Louis.

Montana

Rosalie Meltzer, 60, of Missoula, served as president of the Montana State Women's Golf Association from 2006-11, and currently serves as MSWGA regional director.

Nebraska

Stephanie Kolbas, 44, of Lincoln, has won three Nebraska Women's Amateurs. A former University of Nebraska golfer who was born and raised in Canada, she competed in the 1999 U.S. Women's Open and is currently a teacher and girls' golf coach at Lincoln Pius X High School.

Susan Marchese, 54, of Omaha, has won 18 Nebraska Women's Amateur Golf Association titles, claiming her most recent victory in the 2015 Seniors State Stroke Play Championship.

Nevada

Karen Hoppe, 52, of Carson City, is the 2010 Nevada Women's Amateur champion. She currently serves on the U.S. Girls' Junior Championship Committee.

Lisa Stanley, 59, of Reno, is the 2008, 2009 and 2011 Nevada Women's Amateur champion. In 2008, she also won the Northern California Golf Association Senior Women's Amateur.

New Hampshire

Betsy Knights, 55, of West Lebanon, is the assistant women's golf coach at Dartmouth University, where she works with her husband, Alex Kirk, who is the head coach. A former member of the U.S. Ski Team, she is playing in her first USGA championship.

Tara Watt, 32, of Manchester, won the 2011 New Hampshire Women's Amateur Championship.

New Jersey

Tara Fleming, 48, of Jersey City, is a reinstated amateur who played in four U.S. Women's Opens, making the cut in 1994 at Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Lake Orion, Mich. In 1994, she won the Metropolitan Golf Writers Association's Mary Bea Porter Award, which is presented annually to individuals involved in golf who helped others through humanitarian efforts. Fleming performed CPR on a spectator at the Jamie Farr Classic who had suffered a heart attack. In 2013, she served as playing captain as New Jersey captured its first USGA Women's State Team title.

Ami Gianchandani, 15, of Short Hills, plays squash in the winter and is on a robotics team at The Pingry School, where she works on the mechanics of robot design and functionality. She won the 2015 New Jersey State Golf Association Junior Girls' Championship.

Adrienne MacLean, 50, of Basking Ridge, has been a reinstated amateur since 1997 when she and her husband, John, had their first of two sons. John is a former NHL player who won the 1995 Stanley Cup with the New Jersey Devils. She also played golf for Stanford University under her maiden name, Gilmartin.

New Mexico

Dominique Galloway, 17, of Rio Rancho, won the 2013 Albuquerque Women's City Golf Championship, becoming the youngest winner in championship history. She also won the 2013 New Mexico-West Texas Women's Amateur and is a three-time New Mexico state high school champion (2013-15). In 2015, she earned one of two exemptions into the LPGA Volunteers of America North Texas Shootout, a competition featuring the best high school golfers in the country.

Jonelle Martinez, 27, of Santa Fe, is a two-time New Mexico Women's State Amateur champion (2008-09). She also won the 2009 Mountain West Conference Championship individual title while playing for the University of Wyoming. This is her first USGA championship.

New York

Lindsay May, 15, of Auburn, is a two-time New York state high school golf champion (2014-15), winning as an eighth and ninth grader. She finished runner-up at the 2015 New York State Women's Amateur Championship.

Dani Mullin, 25, of West Islip, won the 2015 New York State Women's Mid-Amateur Championship. In college, she played golf for Elon University.

Ellen Oswald, 25, of New City, won the 2013 Women's Metropolitan Golf Association Match Play and Stroke Play championships. In 2012, Oswald won the New York State Women's Amateur Championship.

North Carolina

Debbie Adams, 48, of Asheville, reached the quarterfinals of the 2012 and 2014 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championships and won the 2004 Carolinas Women's Amateur Championship. She and husband, Anthony Adams, won their seventh Carolinas Mixed-Team Championship title, hosted by The Players Club at St. James Plantation, in 2014. A former Ohio State University golfer, she now coaches high school golf at Carolina Day School.

Mallory Hetzel, 28, of Waynesville, won the 2014 Carolinas Golf Association Women's Match Play Championship. A two-time NCAA All-America selection at the University of Georgia, where she helped the Bulldogs win the 2007 SEC Championship, she is now the head women's golf coach at Western Carolina University.

Courtney McKim, 25, of Raleigh, helped the University of Alabama win the 2012 NCAA Women's Golf Championship. She was born three and a half months early, weighing only 1 pound, 10½ ounces.

North Dakota

Mary Dockter, 48, of Bismarck, chairs the physical therapy department at the University of Mary and helped facilitate a National Amputee Golf Association clinic for healthcare providers and patients.

Ohio

Gail Hackett, 62, of Canton, is a three-time Ohio State Women's Senior Amateur champion who played tennis at Ashland University under her maiden name, Klippert.

Allison Schultz, 23, of Cincinnati, won the 2012 Ohio Women's Amateur Championship. A 2013 graduate of the University of Toledo, where she played on the women's golf team, she is currently the head golf coach at Saint Ursula Academy. She was a competitive Irish dancer for 10 years.

Oklahoma

Yujeong Son, 14, of Norman, won the 2014 Women's Oklahoma Golf Association State Amateur Championship, becoming the youngest winner in the championship's history. She also won the 2014 WOGA Girls Junior Championship, 2014 Junior All-Star Invitational and was the U.S. Kids National Player of the Year in 2012. She was born in the Republic of Korea.

Sydney Youngblood, 17, of Durant, is a three-time Oklahoma State High School 5A individual champion (2013-15). She plans to attend the University of Oklahoma.

Oregon

Kate (Hildahl) Harper, 27, of Portland, won the 2008 Oregon Women's Amateur Championship, as well as the 2008, 2010 and 2011 Pacific Northwest Golf Association's Women's Amateur Public Links Championships. She is an accountant for the Portland Trail Blazers.

Brie Stone, 34, of Veneta, has won 14 Oregon Golf Association championships, including the 2012 Stroke Play, Mid-Amateur, Tournament of Champions and Players championships. That quartet of victories earned her 2012 OGA Player of the Year honors.

Pennsylvania

Ellen Ceresko, 23, of Jefferson Township, won the 2012 and 2013 Pennsylvania State Women's Amateur championships. She's a 2015 graduate of Penn State University, where she played golf for the Nittany Lions.

Aurora Kan, 21, of Boothwyn, graduated this spring from Purdue University, where she played golf for the Boilermakers.

Brynn Walker, 17, of St. Davids, won the 2013 Pennsylvania Junior Girls' Championship and 2014 Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association individual state high school title.

Rhode Island

Kay Bullock, 50, of Warren, won the 2015 Rhode Island Golf Association State Mixed Championship with her 15-year-old partner and RIGA Junior champion Patrick Welch, who she coaches at Classical High School. She was born and raised in Belize.

Susan Cavanagh, 21, of Warwick, won the 2014 Rhode Island Golf Association Women's Amateur and RIGA Women's Stroke Play championships. The fourth-oldest of 13 kids, she played ice hockey during the 2013-14 season for the University of Connecticut, where she was the only freshman to play in all 35 games, before taking a year off to focus on golf.

Kibbe Reilly, 59, of Providence, is the 2013 and 2014 Rhode Island Senior Women's Amateur champion.

South Carolina

Dawn Woodard, 41, of Greer, was the 2012 Carolinas Women's Player of the Year. She also won the 2011 and 2012 Carolinas Women's Match Play Championships, 2010-14 Women's South Carolina Golf Association Match Play Championships and the 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2012 WSCGA Stroke Play Championships. Additionally, she's a three-time stroke-play medalist in the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship.

South Dakota

Sydney Borrmann, 18, of Parkston, grew up playing on a nine-hole golf course. She plans to attend South Dakota State University and major in biology and pre-medicine.

McKayla Poppens, 17, of Lennox, lives on her family's farm and helps drive the tractor. She was a competitive gymnast before switching to golf.

Tennessee

Aubree Jones, 16, of Covington, is a two-time Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association state champion (2014-15) who plans to attend Mississippi State University.

Texas

Stacy Dennis, 42, of Addison, is a two-time Women's Texas Amateur champion (2004 and 2009) who reached the semifinals of the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur in 2012 and carded a hole-in-one during the first round of qualifying in the 2013 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur at Biltmore Forest. She served six years on the Women's Texas Golf Association board, including a stint as president in 2011.

Anna Schultz, 60, of Rockwall, is an accomplished senior women's golfer who won the 2007 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur and finished runner-up in 2006. She also won the 2006 and 2007 Women's Southern Senior Amateur; 2012 and 2014 Women's Texas Golf Association Senior Championships; and 2013 Texas Women's Open Senior Championship. Runner-up in the 2000 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur, she was inducted into the Texas Golf Hall of Fame in 2013.

Rachel Smith, 27, of Mansfield, was a USGA P.J. Boatwright Intern for the Women's Texas Golf Association in 2013.

Utah

Kelsey Chugg, 24, of Salt Lake City, is a three-time Utah Women's Amateur champion (2012, 2013 and 2015). She served as a USGA P.J. Boatwright Intern for the Utah Golf Association in 2014 before securing a full-time job as the UGA's membership director.

Annette Gaiotti, 62, of Salt Lake City, has won three Utah Senior Women's Amateurs (2003, 2004 and 2008), and was a semifinalist in the 2005 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur.

Sadie Palmer, 25, of Morgan, won the 2008 Utah State High School Championship as Tooele High School's first female golfer. She played college golf at Southern Utah University.

Virginia

Lauren Greenlief, 24, of Oakton, won the 2009-11 Virginia Women's Stroke Play Championships. She tied for third place in the 2015 Canadian Women's Amateur Championship.

Washington

Shawn Farmer, 33, of Bellevue, is a golf performance and fitness trainer who works with her husband, a private-practice sports doctor. Their clients include several PGA Tour professionals. In 2014, she won the Washington State Golf Association Women's Mid-Amateur Championship.

Leslie Folsom, 48, of Tukwila, won the 2012 and 2013 Washington Women's Mid-Amateur Championships. She is a six-time winner of the Washington Women's Golf Association's State Championship (2003, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2011 and 2013).

West Virginia

Caroline Ramsey, 66, of Bridgeport, is a 13-time West Virginia Senior Women's Amateur champion who celebrated her most recent victory in June 2015. She carded a hole-in-one on the 12th hole of the Seaside Course at Sea Island Golf Club in St. Simons Island, Ga., during the second round of stroke play in the 2000 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur – one of the championship's four aces, all from different players and on different holes.

Adeena Shears, 17, of Elizabeth, is the 2014 West Virginia Women's Amateur champion and 2015 West Virginia Girls Junior Amateur champion.

Wisconsin

Katie Falk, 69, of Milwaukee, is a four-time Wisconsin State Senior Women's Amateur champion (2007-10) who is best known for winning the Women's Western Amateur in 1973, a title she earned by defeating Nancy Lopez in the semifinals. She also won three Wisconsin Women's State Golf Association Match Play titles, a WWSGA Stroke Play title, and played in two U.S. Women's Opens. She was inducted into the Wisconsin State Golf Hall of Fame in 1993.

Wyoming

Caitlyn Skavdahl, 18, of Casper, was the 2014 individual Wyoming State High School champion and helped the Natrona County High School golf team win back-to-back state titles (2012-13). Her father, Scott, has served as a United States District Court Judge for the District of Wyoming since 2011.

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