



## 2016 U.S. AMATEUR FOUR-BALL CHAMPIONSHIP – FACT SHEET

### SITE INFORMATION

[www.usga.org/fourball](http://www.usga.org/fourball)

May 21-25, 2016

Winged Foot Golf Club (East Course), Mamaroneck, N.Y. ([wfgc.org](http://wfgc.org))

Stroke Play Co-Host Course: Winged Foot Golf Club (West Course), Mamaroneck, N.Y.

### PAR AND YARDAGE

Winged Foot Golf Club's East Course will be set up at 6,728 yards and will play to a par of 35-35-70. Winged Foot Golf Club's West Course, which will serve as the stroke-play co-host course for the two days of stroke play, will be set up at 7,033 yards and play to a par of 35-35-70.

(Note: Yardages subject to change.)

#### WINGED FOOT GOLF CLUB (EAST COURSE) HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	3	5	4	3	4	4	4	35
Yards	396	465	145	585	434	178	447	446	401	3,497

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	3	4	35
Yards	353	361	557	148	410	336	445	206	415	3,231

#### WINGED FOOT GOLF CLUB (WEST COURSE) HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	3	4	5	4	3	4	4	35
Yards	440	440	200	453	515	321	157	465	462	3,453

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	3	4	5	3	4	4	4	4	4	35
Yards	183	396	570	209	430	416	457	467	452	3,580

### ARCHITECT

The East and West Courses at Winged Foot Golf Club were designed by A. W. Tillinghast and both opened for play on Sept. 8, 1923. Interestingly, Tillinghast competed in two U.S. Opens and eight U.S. Amateurs between 1902 and 1912. Gil Hanse supervised a complete renovation of the East Course and the project was completed in 2015. Hanse is also scheduled to begin work on the West Course in the fall of 2016.

### COURSE RATING AND SLOPE

Based on the course setup for the championship, the East Course has a Course Rating™ of 73.6 and a Slope Rating® of 140. The Course Rating™ for the West Course is 74.5 and the Slope Rating® is 135.

### WHO CAN ENTER

The championship is open to teams (or sides) of amateurs with a Handicap Index® not exceeding 5.4. The deadline for entries was Aug. 5, 2015. Partners comprising teams (or sides) do not have age restrictions and are not required to be from the same club, state or country.

## ENTRIES

The USGA accepted 2,432 team entries for the 2016 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship. There were 2,234 team entries in 2015.

## SECTIONAL QUALIFYING

Sectional qualifying, played over 18 holes, was conducted at 51 sites around the country between Aug. 17, 2015 and April 13, 2016. The sectional qualifying sites were located in 36 states, including six in California and three in Florida and New York.

## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FOUR-BALL AND FOURSOMES?

- While each involves four players, four-ball and foursome are different formats.
- In four-ball, matches are played in pairs (a player and a partner, called a side, against another player and partner), with each golfer playing his or her own ball on each hole. At the end of each hole, the player with the lowest score wins that hole for the side. In stroke play, the low score is the side's score for that hole.
- Foursomes matches are also played in pairs (one side against another side), but each pair only plays with one ball. In this format, each player takes turns hitting the ball from the teeing grounds and during play of each hole, with "Player A" hitting the tee shot, "Player B" the second shot, "Player A" the third, and so on. While the side can choose the order, if "Player A" hits the tee shots on odd-numbered holes, "Player B" must hit them on even-numbered holes.

## 2015 CHAMPIONS

Nathan Smith and Todd White, 2013 USA Walker Cup teammates, defeated Sherrill Britt and Greg Earnhardt, 7 and 5, in the final match to win the inaugural U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship at The Olympic Club's Lake Course in San Francisco, Calif. Smith, 36, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and White, 47, of Spartanburg, S.C., began the match with wins on the first four holes, including a 14-foot birdie putt by Smith on the third hole. Britt, 49, of West End, N.C., and Earnhardt, 46, of Greensboro, N.C., won their only hole of the match on the fifth on a 6-foot birdie putt by Earnhardt, but lost the sixth on a 9-foot birdie putt by White. The next four holes were halved. Smith and White won holes 11 and 12 with pars to extend their lead to 6 up. The match and the championship were clinched on the par-3 13th when White hit a 7-iron to 3 feet for a conceded birdie. The 7-and-5 decision was the largest margin of victory in any round of the championship.

## CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD

Practice rounds will take place May 19 and May 20. The starting field of 128 sides (256 players) will play 18 holes of stroke play on May 21 and May 22, with the low 32 sides (64 players) advancing to match play. Five 18-hole rounds of match play will determine the champion. The schedule is as follows:

### Schedule of Play

May 21 (Saturday): First round, stroke play  
May 22 (Sunday): Second round, stroke play  
May 23 (Monday): First round, match play  
May 24 (Tuesday): Second and quarterfinal rounds, match play  
May 25 (Wednesday): Semifinal and championship rounds, match play

**EXEMPT PLAYERS:** A total of eight sides – 16 players – are fully exempt into the 2016 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball based on performances in USGA championships and other elite amateur competitions. Additional players gained exemptions into the championship by being in the top 400 of the World Amateur Golf Ranking™ (WAGR) as of the close of entries on Aug. 5, 2015. Here are those sides (or teams):

**Sherrill Britt/Greg Earnhardt** (2015 Amateur Four-Ball runners-up)  
**Scott Harvey/Todd Mitchell** (2015 Amateur Four-Ball semifinalists)  
**Patrick Christovich/Garrett Rank** (Top 400 WAGR)  
**Clark Engle/Will Grimmer** (Top 400 WAGR)  
**Andrew Orischak/Doc Redman** (Top 400 WAGR)  
**Nathan Smith/Todd White** (2015 Amateur Four-Ball champions)  
**Andrew Whalen/Dylan Wu** (Top 400 WAGR)

## **Cameron Young/Paul McBride (Top 400 WAGR)**

**USGA CHAMPIONS:** There are three USGA champions in the 2016 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship field (as of April 19). They are: Scott Harvey (2014 Mid-Amateur), Nathan Smith (2003, 2009, 2010, 2012 Mid-Amateur, 2015 Amateur Four-Ball) and Todd White (2015 Amateur Four-Ball).

### **USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT WINGED FOOT GOLF CLUB**

1929 U.S. Open: Robert T. Jones Jr. def. Al Espinosa, 294 (72-69) - 294 (84-80)

1940 U.S. Amateur: Richard D. Chapman def. W.B. McCullough, 11 and 9

1949 Walker Cup Match: United States def. Great Britain and Ireland, 10-2

1957 U.S. Women's Open: Betsy Rawls won by six strokes over Patty Berg, 299-305

1959 U.S. Open: Billy Casper by one stroke over Bob Rosburg, 282-283

1972 U.S. Women's Open: Susie Maxwell Berning won by one stroke over Kathy Ahern, Pam Barnett, Judy Rankin, 299-300

1974 U.S. Open: Hale Irwin by two strokes over Forrest Fezler, 287-289

1980 U.S. Senior Open: Roberto De Vincenzo by four strokes over William C. Campbell, 285-289

1984 U.S. Open: Fuzzy Zoeller def. Greg Norman, 276 (67) - 276 (75)

2004 U.S. Amateur: Ryan Moore def. Luke List, 2 up

2006 U.S. Open: Geoff Ogilvy by one stroke over Jim Furyk, Phil Mickelson and Colin Montgomerie, 285-286

### **OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS AT WINGED FOOT GOLF CLUB**

1997 PGA Championship: Davis Love III won by five strokes over Justin Leonard, 269-274

### **U.S. OPENS AT WINGED FOOT GOLF CLUB**

This is the 12th USGA championship, including five U.S. Opens, to be conducted at Winged Foot Golf Club. Geoff Ogilvy won the 2006 U.S. Open with a winning score of 5-over-par 285. He made clutch pars on the final two holes, including a chip-in on No. 17. Jim Furyk, Colin Montgomerie and Phil Mickelson were all unable to par the 72nd hole as Ogilvy came away with a one-stroke victory. Mickelson, who was playing in the final pairing, double-bogeyed the par-4 18th after failing to find the fairway with his tee shot. Montgomerie also double-bogeyed the final hole, while Fuyrk made bogey when he missed a 5-foot par putt.

In 1929, Robert T. Jones Jr. won the third of his four U.S. Open titles by defeating Al Espinosa in a 36-hole playoff. Each player finished with a 72-hole score of 6-over 294. Jones, who overcame a triple bogey on No. 15 during the final round, forced the playoff when he got up and down from a greenside bunker on the 72nd hole by holing a 12-foot par putt. Jones shot 72-69 in the playoff while Espinosa had rounds of 84-80.

In 1959, Billy Casper claimed the first of his two U.S. Open crowns when he edged Bob Rosburg by one stroke. Casper, who finished at 2-over 282, began the final round with a three-stroke lead over Ben Hogan, who would struggle to a 76 and tie for eighth. Rosburg made a run at Casper's lead when he holed a bunker for birdie at No. 11 and made a 50-foot birdie putt on the following hole to draw even. After Rosburg bogeyed No. 13, he needed to birdie the final hole to force a playoff. He was not able to convert a 40-foot putt. Casper, who shot a final-round 74, had just one three-putt and 31 one-putts during the championship.

Hale Irwin won by two strokes over Forrest Fezler with a 7-over-par 287 to capture the 1974 U.S. Open. Irwin, who won the first of his three U.S. Open championships, made a 10-foot par putt on the 17th while Fezler was making a bogey 5 on No. 18. Irwin secured the victory by hitting his 2-iron approach to within 20 feet on the final hole and two-putted for par. Tom Watson shot a third-round 69 and held a one-stroke lead over Irwin after 54 holes. In the final round, Watson bogeyed three of four holes on the outward nine en route to a 79 and a tie for fifth. Irwin's winning score was the highest in relation to par since 1963 and the second highest in post-World War II history.

Fuzzy Zoeller defeated Greg Norman in an 18-hole playoff to win the 1984 U.S. Open. Each player completed 72 holes at 4-under-par 276 before Zoeller fired a 67 to Norman's 75 in the playoff. Zoeller led by three strokes with nine holes to play in the final round, but Norman pulled even at the 17th and saved par on the 18th by holing a 45-foot putt after receiving relief from a grandstand following an errant approach shot. In the playoff, Zoeller made the turn at 1-under 34 and held a commanding five-stroke advantage. He went ahead for good

when he sank a 68-foot birdie putt on the par-4 second while Norman made a double-bogey 6. Zoeller's score of 67 is the lowest ever recorded in a U.S. Open playoff.

## **USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN NEW YORK**

This will be the 70th USGA championship contested in New York. The Empire State is second to Pennsylvania (83) and California (74) in number of USGA championships hosted. New York has played host to 11 individual championships, as well as six Walker Cup Matches (1922, 1924, 1949, 1977, 1997, 2013) and two Curtis Cup Matches (1950, 1978). New York has hosted 18 U.S. Opens, including five at Winged Foot Golf Club.

## **CLUBS THAT HAVE HOSTED THE U.S. OPEN, U.S. SENIOR OPEN & U.S. AMATEUR**

Winged Foot Golf Club is one of 10 clubs to have hosted a U.S. Open, U.S. Senior Open and U.S. Amateur.

Canterbury Country Club, Cleveland, Ohio: Open – 1940, 1946; Senior – 1996; Amateur – 1964, 1979  
Cherry Hills Country Club, Englewood, Colo.: Open – 1938, 1960, 1978; Senior – 1993; Amateur – 1990, 2012  
Hazeltine National Golf Club, Chaska, Minn.: Open – 1970, 1991; Senior – 1983; Amateur – 2006  
Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio: Open – 1920, 1931, 1957, 1979; Senior – 2003, 2011; Amateur – 1973  
Oak Hill Country Club, Rochester, N.Y.: Open – 1956, 1968, 1989; Senior – 1984; Amateur – 1949, 1998  
Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club: Open – 1927, 1935, 1953, 1962, 1973, 1983, 1994, 2007; Senior – 1981, 1991; Amateur – 1919, 1925, 1938, 1969, 2003  
Olympia Fields (Ill.) Country Club: Open – 1928, 2003; Senior – 1997; Amateur – 2015  
Pinehurst Resort & Country Club, Village of Pinehurst, N.C.: Open – 1999, 2005, 2014; Senior – 1994; Amateur – 1962, 2008  
Scioto Country Club, Columbus, Ohio: Open – 1926; Senior – 1986, 2016; Amateur - 1968  
Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, N.Y.: Men – 1929, 1959, 1974, 1984, 2006; Senior – 1980; Amateur – 1940, 2004

## **TELEVISION SCHEDULE**

The U.S. Amateur Four-Ball will receive at least five hours of live network coverage. FS1 will air the quarterfinal round of match play (May 24) and the semifinals and championship match (May 25).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Network</b>	<b>Broadcast Hours (EDT)</b>
May 24	FS1	Quarterfinal Round, 3-5:30 p.m.
May 25	FS1	Semifinals & Championship, 3-5:30 p.m.

## **ADMISSION**

Admission is free. Tickets are not required for this USGA championship and spectators are encouraged to attend.

## **HISTORY**

The U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship was played for the first time in 2015, along with the U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball. The championships are the first additions to the USGA competition roster since the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur was first conducted in 1987. The addition of the two Amateur Four-Ball championships to the USGA competition schedule was announced on Feb. 11, 2013.

## **FUTURE SITES**

May 27-31, 2017: Pinehurst Resort & Country Club, Village of Pinehurst, N.C.  
May 19-23, 2018: Jupiter Hills Club, Tequesta, Fla.  
May 23-27, 2020: Philadelphia (Pa.) Cricket Club

## **PHOTO MEDIA SERVICE**

The USGA will offer daily complimentary high-resolution photographs during the U.S. Amateur Four-Ball (Saturday-Wednesday) for news use only. For more information and to register, contact [photorequests@usga.org](mailto:photorequests@usga.org).

## **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

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