



2nd U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship

May 21-25, 2016

Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, N.Y.

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Nathan Smith and Todd White Win the 2015 Championship

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.

"Great satisfaction," said White, of winning. "Great satisfaction, knowing that with Nathan here we're national champions."

"I think Nathan's got such a good short game," said Earnhardt, an insurance agent who battled blisters on his feet and toes for the final three rounds. "You know he's never out of the hole no matter where he is, and he's such a good putter and then Todd hits it so well."

"If we played them ten times, we might beat them twice," said Britt, a custom home builder. "But, we'd have to be rested to do it."

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.

"Getting up early was a big, big help," said White, a high school history teacher who won the 2015 Azalea Amateur. "It freed us up to not really take chances, because you can't do that here, but just know that we could play steady golf. It's difficult to make birdies out there, so it was going to be tough for them to catch up."

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 by White.

The next four holes were halved. Smith and White won the next two holes 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 three feet for a conceded birdie. The 7-and-5 decision was the largest margin of victory in any round of the championship.

"I just didn't want to let Todd down," said Smith, a four-time U.S. Mid-Amateur champion who works as an investment advisor. "So if you're just playing for yourself, it's kind of all on you, but I didn't want to let my partner down as we kept advancing. So for me, I felt a lot more pressure playing today than all week."

White, with 16 past USGA championship appearances and Smith, with 33, played 76 consecutive holes in five rounds of match play without making a bogey. In 78 holes, their lone bogey, against 19 birdies, was on the second hole of the first round.

"I didn't know it was that many holes," said Smith. "I was afraid if we made one bogey we were going to make like four in a row, so I didn't want to think about it too much."

In a "hometown" match, Britt and Earnhardt carried their own bags in defeating Scott Harvey, 36, of Greensboro, N.C., and Todd Mitchell, 36, of Bloomington, Ill., in 19 holes in one of the morning's semifinal.

Britt and Earnhardt won the first two holes but Harvey and Mitchell squared the match by winning holes 3 and 12. The sides halved the next six holes, including the 17th and 18th with birdies before Earnhardt birdied the par-4, 10th hole for the victory.

Earnhardt had holed key birdie putts on the 17th and 18th holes to extend the match.


"I've played with him 10 million times and I've never seen him putt like that," said Harvey, who won the 2014 U.S. Mid-Amateur and the 2015 South American Amateur.

In the other semifinal, Smith and White defeated the No.2-seeded and highly regarded side of 18-year-old high school seniors Sam Burns, of Shreveport, La., and Austin Connelly, of Irving, Texas. The younger duo, ranked 6th and 10th, respectively in the World Amateur Golf Ranking, lost 2 and 1.

Smith and White won the first hole and never trailed, though Burns and Connelly squared the match on the 10th hole with a 10-foot birdie putt by Burns, a three-time Louisiana high school champion who will attend LSU. Holding a 1-up advantage on the par-5 17th hole, Smith and White closed out the match when Smith holed a 40-foot birdie putt.

"They stepped up on the back nine," said Connelly, who captured the Jones Cup in February. They made three putts outside of 30 feet at really key times."

The Final: Britt/Earnhardt vs. White/Smith																		
HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
PAR	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	3	5	5	4
BRITT/EARNHARDT	5	5	3	5	3	4	4	3	4	4	5	5	3					
WHITE/SMITH	4	4	2	4	4	3	4	3	4	4	4	4	2					

 – Won hole

2015 Championship Notes

Leaders

Round 1 — Maverick McNealy/Viraat Badhwar (Ocean Course) at 6-under 64, by one stroke over Taylor Wood/Jordan Nasser (Lake Course) and Tim Tucker/Kyle Crawford (Ocean Course).
Round 2 — McNealy/Badhwar were medalists at 10-under 130, by two strokes over Austin Connelly/Sam Burns.

Cut

At 1-under 139, with an 8-for-3 playoff that lasted six holes for the final match-play spots.

Weather

Cloudy start with increasing sun Saturday. Winds picked up in the afternoon as temperatures reached the high 50s. A cloudy start with scattered sun on Sunday. Winds picked up in the afternoon as temperatures reached the low 50s. A chilly start on Monday, with clouds most of the day and a high in the low 50s. A cool and cloudy start on Tuesday, with breaks of sunshine and highs in the low 60s. Mostly sunny on Wednesday, with highs in the low 60s and typical afternoon breezes.

Notes

Nathan Smith posted his fifth USGA championship (2004, 2009, 2010, 2014 U.S. Mid-Amateur) to go along with a USGA State Team title from 2009 ... Todd White won his first USGA title ... Smith and White were part of the winning 2013 USA Walker Cup Team ... The inaugural Amateur Four-Ball was the first USGA championship to be televised by Fox. The new USGA broadcast partner televised four live hours of coverage on May 5 and 6 ... The Olympic Club hosted its 10th USGA championship. Previously, the club hosted the 1955, 1966, 1987, 1998 and 2012 U.S. Open; the 1958, 1981, 2007 U.S. Amateur; and the 2004 U.S. Junior Amateur ... Tyler Atkinson of Colleyville, Texas, made the first hole-in-one in championship history at the par-3 10th hole of the Ocean Course in the second round of stroke play. Kyosuke Hara of Honolulu, Hawaii, followed with an ace at the par-3 15th hole in the first round of match play

... Forty-two states and the District of Columbia were represented among the 128 sides, as well as five countries ... The oldest competitors were Robert Polk (59, born 6-18-55), Brady Exber (59, born 3-29-56) and Jim Williams (59, born 4-4-56) ... The youngest competitors were Olympic Club member Ahmed Ali (15, born 12-22-99), Ashwin Arasu (16, born 1-4-99), Kyosuke Hara (16, 10-24-98) and Kyle Suppa (16, 5-13-98) ... The average age of the field was 34.76 ... The oldest teams were Iain MacDonald (58) and Robert Valerio (56), Kenneth Bakst (57) and Jonathan Doppelt (54), and Robert Polk (59) and Bill Fowler (51) ... The youngest teams were Hara (16) and Suppa (16), Arasu (16) and Sahith Theegala (17), and Jacob Huizinga (17) and William Wrigley (17) ... The largest age difference between teams members was 36, Oliver Rheinfurth (55) and Marc Reyes (19); 35, Marc Apps (55) and Tyler Apps (20); 35, Michael Board (52) and Drew Jones (17) ... A total of seven USGA champions played: Ken Bakst (1997 Mid-Amateur), Austin Eaton III (2004 Mid-Amateur), Scott Harvey (2014 Mid-Amateur), Tim Jackson (1994, 2001 Mid-Amateur), Kevin Marsh (2005 Mid-Amateur), Michael McCoy (2013 Mid-Amateur) and Nathan Smith (2003, 2009, 2010, 2012 Mid-Amateur). Three USGA runners-up also played: Todd Mitchell (2008 Mid-Amateur), Brad Nurski (2014 Mid-Amateur) and Tim Spitz (2009 Mid-Amateur).

1st U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship

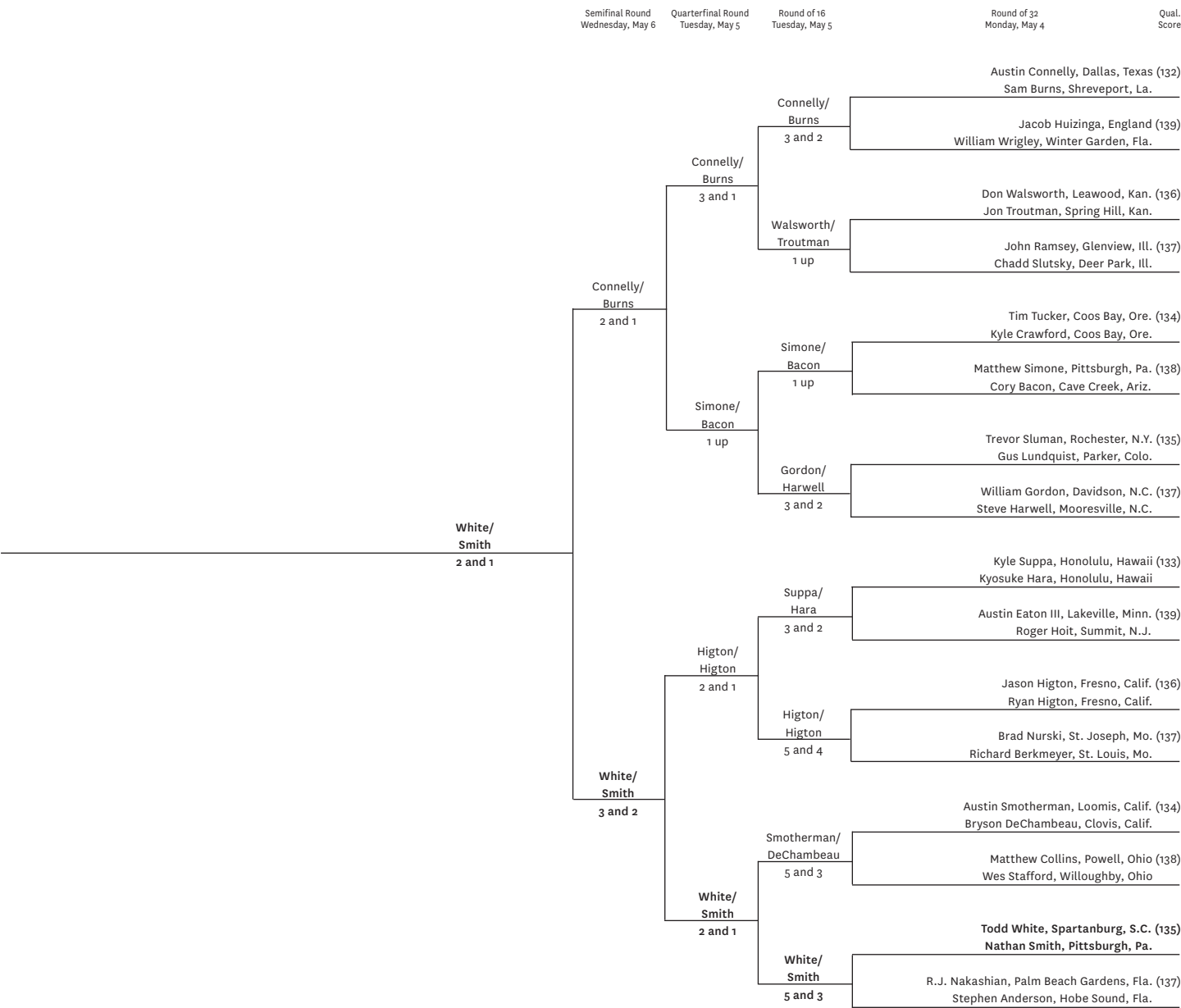
Qual. Score	Round of 32 Monday, May 4	Round of 16 Tuesday, May 5	Quarterfinal Round Tuesday, May 5	Semifinal Round Wednesday, May 6
(130) Maverick McNealy, Portola Valley, Calif. Viraat Badhwar, Australia		McNealy/ Badhwar 6 and 4		
(139) Erik Ciotti, Winfield, Ill. Michael Affeldt, Chicago, Ill.				
(136) Tom Brandes, Bellevue, Wash. Mike Haack, Bellevue, Wash.		Majors/ Price 1 up		
(136) Draegen Majors, Tulsa, Okla. Brooks Price, Dallas, Texas				
(135) Ryan McCarthy, Rockville, Md. Patrick McCormick, Baltimore, Md.		McCarthy/ McCormick 2 and 1		
(138) Benjamin Day, North Haven, Conn. Daniel Day, Clemson, S.C.				
(135) Gene Elliott, West Des Moines, Iowa Michael McCoy, Des Moines, Iowa				
(137) Sherrill Britt, West End, N.C. Greg Earnhardt, Greensboro, N.C.		Britt/ Earnhardt 1 up		
(133) Jordan Nasser, Irvine, Calif. Taylor Wood, Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif.				
(138) Doug Kleeschulte, Kingston, N.Y. Jeffrey Schaller, Kingston, N.Y.		Kleeschulte/ Schaller 4 and 3		
(135) Scott Harvey, Greensboro, N.C. Todd Mitchell, Bloomington, Ill.				
(137) Andrew Wyatt, Midland, Texas Brett Douglas, Midland, Texas		Harvey/ Mitchell 19 holes		
(134) Zach Atkinson, Colleyville, Texas James Edmondson, North Richland Hills, Texas				
(138) Andrew Sajevic, Fremont, Neb. John Sajevic, Fremont, Neb.		Atkinson/ Edmondson 3 and 2		
(135) Trevor Randolph, Franklin Lakes, N.J. Keith Unikel, Potomac, Md.				
(137) Jake Yount, Danville, Calif. Tim Mickelson, Scottsdale, Ariz.		Yount/ Mickelson 2 and 1		

The Olympic Club
(Lake Course)
Par: 35-35—70
Yardage: 6,981

Stroke-Play Co-Host:
The Olympic Club
(Ocean Course)
Par: 35-35—70
Yardage: 6,761
Entries: 2,234

FINAL
Wednesday, May 6
Todd White and
Nathan Smith
def.
Sherrill Britt and
Greg Earnhardt,
7 and 5

May 2-6, 2015, The Olympic Club (Lake Course), San Francisco, Calif.



Complete Stroke-Play Results

- 130 Maverick McNealy, Portola Valley, Calif., and Viraat Badhwar, Australia, 64oc-66lc
- 132 Austin Connelly, Irving, Texas and Sam Burns, Shreveport, La., 66oc-66lc
- 133 Kyosuke Hara, Honolulu, Hawaii and Kyle Suppa, Honolulu, Hawaii, 66oc-67lc; Jordan Nasser, Irvine, Calif., and Taylor Wood, Rancho Santa Margari, Calif., 65oc-68lc
- 134 Zach Atkinson, Colleyville, Texas and James Edmondson, North Richland Hills, Texas, 68oc-66lc; Austin Smotherman, Loomis, Calif., and Bryson DeChambeau, Clovis, Calif., 69oc-65lc; Tim Tucker, Coos Bay, Ore., and Kyle Crawford, Coos Bay, Ore., 65oc-69lc
- 135 Ryan McCarthy, Rockville, Md., and Patrick McCormick, Baltimore, Md., 70oc-65lc; Gene Elliott, West Des Moines, Iowa and Michael McCoy, Des Moines, Iowa, 69oc-66lc; Trevor Sluman, Rochester, N.Y., and Gus Lundquist, Parker, Colo., 68oc-67lc; Todd White, Spartanburg, S.C., and Nathan Smith, Pittsburgh, Pa., 69oc-66lc; Trevor Randolph, Franklin Lakes, N.J., and Keith Unikel, Potomac, Md., 69lc-66oc; Scott Harvey, Greensboro, N.C., and Todd Mitchell, Bloomington, Ill., 67oc-68lc
- 136 Jason Higon, Fresno, Calif., and Ryan Higon, Fresno, Calif., 72oc-64lc; Don Walsworth, Leawood, Kan., and Jon Troutman, Spring Hill, Kan., 70lc-66oc; Tom Brandes, Bellevue, Wash., and Mike Haack, Bellevue, Wash., 66lc-70oc; Draegen Majors, Tulsa, Okla., and Brooks Price, Dallas, Texas, 69oc-67lc
- 137 John Ramsey, Glenview, Ill., and Chadd Slutzky, Deer Park, Ill., 70oc-67lc; Richard Berkmeier, St. Louis, Mo., and Brad Nurski, St. Joseph, Mo., 69oc-68lc; Andrew Wyatt, Midland, Texas and Brett Douglas, Midland, Texas, 67lc-70oc; Jake Yount, Danville, Calif., and Tim Mickelson, Scottsdale, Ariz., 68oc-69lc; R.J. Nakashian, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and Stephen Anderson, Hobe Sound, Fla., 68oc-69lc; William Gordon, Davidson, N.C., and Steve Harwell, Mooresville, N.C., 67lc-70oc; Sherrill Britt, West End, N.C., and Greg Earnhardt, Greensboro, N.C., 69lc-68oc
- 138 Daniel Day, Clemson, S.C., and Benjamin Day, North Haven, Conn., 70c-68lc; Matthew Simone, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Cory Bacon, Cave Creek, Ariz., 66lc-72oc; Matthew Collins, Powell, Ohio and Wes Stafford, Willoughby, Ohio, 67oc-71lc; Andrew Sajevic, Fremont, Neb., and John Sajevic, Fremont, Neb., 70oc-68lc; Jeffrey Schaller, Kingston, N.Y., and Doug Kleeschulte, Kingston, N.Y., 68oc-70lc
- 139 *Erik Ciotti, Winfield, Ill., and Michael Affeldt, Chicago, Ill., 72oc-67lc (4, 3, 4, 4, 3, 3); *Jacob Huizinga, Orlando, Fla., and William Wrigley, Winter Garden, Fla., 66oc-73lc (3); *Austin Eaton III, Lakeville, Minn., and Roger Hoit, Summit, N.J., 71oc-68lc (3)

* = in playoff; oc = Ocean Course; lc = Lake Course

Failed to Qualify

- 139 *Devin Miertschin, El Paso, Texas and Justin Knauber, Albuquerque, N.M., 68oc-71lc (4, 3, 5); *James Scorse, Churchville, N.Y., and Tim Spitz, Rochester, N.Y., 67oc-72lc (5); *Brian Noonan, Austin, Texas and Riley Pumphrey, Austin, Texas, 71oc-68lc (4, 3, 4, 4, 3, X); *Jeff Williams, Narcoossee, Fla., and Tee McCabe, Naples, Fla., 66oc-73lc (4, 4); *Robert Leopold, Coventry, R.I., and Brad Valois, Providence, R.I., 71oc-68lc (4, 3, 4, 4, 3, 4)
- 140 Walter Gieselmann, Commerce Township, Mich., and Ken Hudson, Bloomfield Hills, Mich., 69lc-71oc; Ben Keefer, Glen Allen, Va., and Jimmy Delp, Fredericksburg, Va., 70lc-70oc; Daniel Eggertsson, Royal Palm Beach, Fla., and Jason Feng, Orlando, Fla., 69lc-71oc; Christopher Baloga, Baltimore, Md., and Jeffrey Castle, Towson, Md., 70lc-70oc; Sean Lackey, Canada and Patrick Forbes, Canada, 69oc-71lc; Casey Granston, Seattle, Wash., and Erik Heggelund, Seattle, Wash., 69oc-71lc; Gary Deblaquiere, Granite Bay, Calif., and Scott Colby, Granite Bay, Calif., 71oc-69lc; Edward Fryatt, Las Vegas, Nev., and David Bartman, Los Angeles, Calif., 71oc-69lc; Henry Shimp, Charlotte, N.C., and Nolan Mills, Charlotte, N.C., 69oc-71lc; Will Betts, Leechburg, Pa., and Evan Russell, Grantham, N.H., 67oc-73lc; Chase Nicolai, Long Beach, Calif., and Cole Young, Carlsbad, Calif., 71oc-69lc; Kenneth Bakst, New York, N.Y., and Jonathan Doppelt, Great Neck, N.Y., 70oc-70lc; Jim Williams, Orinda, Calif., and Scott Williams, San Francisco, Calif., 70oc-70lc
- 141 Brian Gillespie, Newton Square, Pa., and Mike Hyland, Medford, N.J., 71oc-70lc; Jack Wallace, Beverly, Pa., and Sean Semenetz, Philadelphia, Pa., 72oc-69lc; Walter Egloff, Chevy Chase, Md., and Leland Detmer, Washington, D.C., 71oc-70lc; Jeffrey Jolley, South Jordan, Utah and Darrin Overson, Provo, Utah, 73oc-68lc; David Nelson, Reno, Nev., and Roman Mudd, Reno, Nev., 71oc-70lc; Jon Hurst, Fredericksburg, Va., and Keith Decker, Martinsville, Va., 72oc-69lc; Thomas Walsh, Leawood, N.C., and Hardin Councill, High Point, N.C., 72lc-69oc
- 142 Jim Dunlap, Beaverton, Ore., and Jay Poletiek, Portland, Ore., 72oc-70lc; Tom Abell, Oregon, Wis., and Keith Humerickhouse, Eagle, Colo., 71oc-71lc; Tim Jackson, Germantown, Tenn., and Todd Burgan, Knoxville, Tenn., 73oc-69lc; Andy Latowski, Plainsboro, N.J., and Philip Bartholomew, Philadelphia, Pa., 72lc-70oc; Satchel Herrmann, Ventura, Calif., and Daniel Ragsdale, Oak Park, Calif., 71lc-71oc; Mike Cromer, Peachtree Corners, Ga., and David Poteet, Suwanee, Ga., 71oc-71lc; Oliver Rheinfurth, Encino, Calif., and Marc Reyes, Philippines, 67oc-75lc; Christian Voza, Orlando, Fla., and Matthew McLaughlin, Barrington, Ill., 73oc-69lc; Ryan Riley, Easton, Mass., and Kevin Silva, New Bedford, Mass., 72oc-70lc; Clark Rustand, Tucson, Ariz., and Eric Rustand, Tucson, Ariz., 70oc-72lc; Sam Wallach, Randolph, N.J., and Steven Zychowski, Mendham, N.J., 72oc-70lc; Ashwin Arasu, San Diego, Calif., and Sahith Theegala, Chino Hills, Calif., 71oc-71lc; T.J. Brudzinski, Columbus, Ohio and Chris Brooks, Columbus, Ohio, 72oc-70lc; Robert Polk, Parker, Colo., and Bill Fowler, Lakewood, Colo., 70oc-73lc
- 143 Forrest Crabtree, Mobile, Ala., and Austin Hynson, Mobile, Ala., 72lc-71oc; Drew Olson, Piedmont, Calif., and David Reneker, Santa Monica, Calif., 73lc-70oc; Kevin Marsh, Henderson, Nev., and Brady Exber, Las Vegas, Nev., 69oc-74lc; Iain Macdonald, Fullerton, Calif., and Robert Valerio, Hawthorne, Calif., 69lc-74oc; Joseph Alvarez, North Berwick, Maine and Ricky Jones, Thomaston, Maine, 69lc-74oc; Matthew Van Zandt, Houston, Texas and Drew Allenspach, Louisville, Ky., 73lc-70oc; Sam Bernstein, New York, N.Y., and Gregory Shuman, New York, N.Y., 69oc-74lc; Will Doughtie, Amarillo, Texas and Luke Kane, Amarillo, Texas, 70oc-73lc; Patrick Ross, Dunmore, Pa., and Brandon Matthews, Dupont, Pa., 71oc-72lc; Patrick Bailey, Houston, Texas and Seth Thornton, Houston, Texas, 70oc-73lc; Andrew Lawson, Dallas, Texas and James Lawson, Los Angeles, Calif., 72oc-71lc
- 144 Michael Walton, Indian Wells, Calif., and Jeffrey Fortson, Palm Desert, Calif., 73oc-71lc; Ahmed Ali, Palo Alto, Calif., and Hussain Ali, Palo Alto, Calif., 73oc-71lc; Matthew Giovannelli, Ocala, Fla., and David Griffin, Ocala, Fla., 70oc-74lc; Kyle Milner III, Spartanburg, S.C., and Josh Branyon, Anderson, S.C., 71oc-73lc; Michael Board, New Braunfels, Texas and Drew Jones, Decatur, Texas, 75oc-69lc; Jon Peterson, Granite Bay, Calif., and Gary Dunn, Sacramento, Calif., 70oc-74lc; Mike Melhus, Rogers, Minn., and Greg Melhus, West Fargo, N.D., 73oc-71lc
- 145 Paul Dagys, Bolingbrook, Ill., and Robert Bruce, Chicago, Ill., 74lc-71oc; Alex Kephart, Colorado Springs, Colo., and Nicholas Tarasiewicz, Germany, 71oc-74lc; Hunter Watkins, Lexington, S.C., and Gary

- Wilkerson, Columbia, S.C., 76oc-69lc; Cole Chelle, Canada and Jack Fiscus, Bentonville, Ark., 71oc-74lc; Eric Sage, Scottsdale, Ariz., and Mike Wagner, Scottsdale, Ariz., 71oc-74lc; Clinton Dammann, Glencoe, Minn., and Mike Fiedler, Apple Mountain, Minn., 73oc-72lc; Patrick Rahn, Stratham, N.H., and Billy Forcier, Portsmouth, N.H., 73oc-72lc; Kent Crymes, Birmingham, Ala., and Jason Owenby, Birmingham, Ala., 71lc-74oc; Addison Owens, New Preston, Conn., and Todd Payne, Danbury, Conn., 71lc-74oc
- 146 Greg Kennedy, Duluth, Ga., and Reece Whitley, Atlanta, Ga., 71oc-75lc; Jeff Chapman, Centennial, Colo., and Andrew Tapia, Raton, N.M., 76lc-70oc; Amory Droogsma, Fort Worth, Texas and Mike Masowich, Fort Worth, Texas, 74oc-72lc; Timothy Schmitt, Garden City, N.Y., and James Mastaglio, Garden City, N.Y., 75oc-71lc; Jay Csipkes, McKinney, Texas and Brian Csipkes, Omaha, Neb., 72oc-74lc; Michael Garcia, Erie, Pa., and Ted Grassi, Erie, Pa., 72oc-74lc; Tanner Higham, Logan, Utah and Nick Higham, Shelley, Idaho, 73oc-73lc
- 147 Danny Lovell, Dallas, Texas and Greg Smith, Austin, Texas, 74oc-73lc; Lew Mitchell, Birmingham, Ala., and Will Swift, Vestavia, Ala., 75oc-72lc; Michael Walker, Marstons Mills, Mass., and Bill Vanstratum, South Dennis, Mass., 75oc-72lc; Grant Skyllas, Wyomissing, Pa., and Josh Krumholz, Reading, Pa., 75oc-72lc; Conor Casey, Madison, N.J., and Griffin Kern, New York, N.Y., 73oc-74lc
- 148 Brian Hicks, Rockville, Md., and Matthew McCormick, Rockville, Md., 73oc-75lc; John Simpson, Canada and Gary Young, San Francisco, Calif., 73lc-75oc; Cameron Hooper, Atlanta, Ga., and David Noll Jr., Dalton, Ga., 72oc-76lc; Michael Sims, West Columbia, S.C., and Jordan Byrd, Greenville, S.C., 72oc-76lc; David Jones, Norwich, Conn., and Brian Bardier, Dayville, Conn., 72lc-76oc
- 149 Tyler Shelton, Fairway, Kan., and Doug Albers, Kansas City, Kan., 77lc-72oc; John Penn, Chicago, Ill., and Edward Kantor, Chicago, Ill., 75oc-74lc; Tyler Haire, Fort Wayne, Ind., and Brian Straley, Fort Wayne, Ind., 74oc-75lc; Austin Gray, Richmond, Va., and Ross Sumner, Richmond, Va., 74oc-75lc; Rick Bell, Norman, Okla., and Don Cochran, Norman, Okla., 74oc-75lc; Daniel Benedum, Menomonee Falls, Wis., and Blake Seider, Wauwatosa, Wis., 75oc-74lc
- 150 Brian Keenan, Tampa, Fla., and Paul Royak, Tampa, Fla., 75oc-75lc; Jason Greiner, Cincinnati, Ohio and Jason Allen, Las Vegas, Nev., 78oc-72lc; Clay Pinson, St. Francisville, La., and Bret Pinson, Baton Rouge, La., 75oc-75lc
- 151 J.D. McNeill, Raleigh, N.C., and Victor Galvani, Hopkinton, Mass., 76oc-75lc
- 152 Kyle Cox, Springport, Ind., and Kyle Wilson, Selma, Ind., 77lc-75oc
- 155 Marc Apps, Phoenix, Ariz., and Tyler Apps, Phoenix, Ariz., 74oc-81lc; Jim Krivanek, Cleveland, Ohio and Brian Smith, Amherst, Ohio, 79oc-76lc

Championship History

The U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championships were first played in 2015 but the genesis of these new USGA competitions was years in the making.

As part of its mission to provide the best in national championship competition, the USGA began the process of developing and deploying these new championships at the suggestion of Executive Director Mike Davis.

Through extensive research and cooperation from the nation's many state and regional golf associations, the planning and implementation by the USGA's Rules & Competitions department produced a proposal to the Executive Committee, which was passed and ultimately announced at the USGA Annual Meeting in San Diego in 2013.

"We couldn't be more excited about the creation of national four-ball championships, given the popularity and enjoyment of this competitive format at the amateur level," said USGA Vice President and Championship Committee Chairman Thomas J. O'Toole Jr., at the time of the announcement. "Because the four-ball format lends itself to spirited team competition and aggressive risk-reward shotmaking, we are confident these championships will deliver exciting amateur golf to the national stage for both players and spectators alike."

In 2012, more than 150 championships, either strictly four-ball or as part of a competition format, were conducted in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The first two sites for each championship were announced in July of 2013: 2015 Four-Ball at The Olympic Club in San Francisco, Calif., and 2016 Four-Ball at Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, N.Y. and the 2015 Women's Four-Ball at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort in Bandon, Ore., and the 2016 Women's Four-Ball at Streamsong Resort in Streamsong, Fla.

It marked the first time in 25 years, since the establishment of the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur in 1987, that the USGA had added a new championship.

The establishment of the Four-Ball championships was first and foremost a reflection of the Association's continued commitment to supporting and growing amateur competition well into the future. A critical factor was that four-ball is a very popular event, not only at the club level, but through our state and regional golf associations who conduct championships like this every year and have for many years.

This format, more than most other formats, promotes camaraderie and perhaps players traveling together. The risk-reward element involved in two balls in play on each hole can produce some exciting golf and likely more birdies and eagles, which is attractive to competitors and viewers.

In the inaugural year, 2015, the Four-Ball championships were the first USGA competitions to be televised by the Association's new broadcast partner, Fox Sports, with both championships receiving four hours of live broadcast coverage.

Championship Result: 2015

2015 (May 2-6) **Todd White** and **Nathan Smith** def. **Sherrill Britt** and **Greg Earnhardt**, 7 and 5; The Olympic Club (Lake Course), San Francisco, Calif.; Medalists — 130, **Maverick McNealy** and **Viraat Badhwar**; Entries: § 2,234

· *Record qualifying score (2015)*

§ *Record entry (2015)*

Stroke-Play Co-Host: 2015

Secondary Courses Used for Stroke-Play Qualifying

2015 The Olympic Club (Ocean Course), San Francisco, Calif.

Records

Age

Oldest Co-Champion (years/months/days, as of the final)

47/5/29 **Todd White**, 2015
36/9/0 **Nathan Smith**, 2015

Youngest Competitor (as of the start of competition)

15/4/11 **Ahmed Ali**, 2015
16/3/29 **Ashwin Arasu**, 2015
16/6/9 **Kyosuke Hara**, 2015

Oldest Competitor (as of the start of competition)

59/10/14 **Robert Polk**, 2015
59/1/4 **Brady Exber**, 2015
59/0/28 **Jim Williams**, 2015

Youngest Teams (average age)

16 **Kyosuke Hara** (16) and **Kyle Suppa** (16), 2015
16.5 **Ashwin Arasu** (16) and **Sahith Theegala** (17), 2015
17 **Jacob Huizinga** (17) and **William Wrigley**, 2015

Oldest Teams (average age)

57 **Iain MacDonald** (58) and **Robert Valerio** (56), 2015
55.5 **Kenneth Bakst** (57) and **Jonathan Doppelt** (54), 2015
55 **Robert Polk** (59) and **Bill Fowler** (51), 2015

Course

Longest Course

6,981 yards **The Olympic Club**, San Francisco, Calif. (Lake Course), 2015

Entries

Largest

2,234 (2015)

Match Play

Largest Winning Margin

7 and 5 **Nathan Smith** and **Todd White** d. **Sherrill Britt** and **Greg Earnhardt**, final round, The Olympic Club (Lake Course, San Francisco, Calif., 2015

6 and 4 **Viraat Badhwar** and **Maverick McNealy** d. **Erik Ciotti** and **Michael Affeldt**, first round, The Olympic Club (Lake Course, San Francisco, Calif., 2015
5 and 4 **Jason Higton** and **Todd Higton** d. **Brad Nurski** and **Richard Berkmeier**, first round, The Olympic Club (Lake Course, San Francisco, Calif., 2015

Longest 18-Hole Match

19 holes **Scott Harvey** and **Todd Mitchell** d. **Andrew Wyatt** and **Brett Douglas**, first round, The Olympic Club (Lake Course), San Francisco, Calif., 2015
19 holes **Sherrill Britt** and **Greg Earnhardt** d. **Scott Harvey** and **Todd Mitchell**, semifinals, The Olympic Club (Lake Course), San Francisco, Calif., 2015

Stroke Play

Lowest Score, 9 holes

30 **Tim Tucker** and **Kyle Crawford**, first nine, first round, stroke-play co-host, The Olympic Club (Ocean Course), San Francisco, Calif., 2015
31 **Will Betts** and **Evan Russell**, first nine, first round, stroke-play co-host, The Olympic Club (Ocean Course), San Francisco, Calif., 2015
31 **Jason Higton** and **Todd Higton**, first nine, second round, stroke-play co-host, The Olympic Club (Ocean Course), San Francisco, Calif., 2015

Lowest Score, 18 Holes

64 **Maverick McNealy** and **Viraat Badhwar**, first round, stroke-play co-host, The Olympic Club (Ocean Course), San Francisco, Calif., 2015
64 **Jason Higton** and **Ryan Higton**, second round, stroke-play co-host, The Olympic Club (Ocean Course), San Francisco, Calif., 2015
65 **Jordan Nasser** and **Taylor Wood**, first round, The Olympic Club (Lake Course), San Francisco, Calif., 2015
65 **Tim Tucker** and **Kyle Crawford**, first round, stroke-play co-host, The Olympic Club (Ocean Course), San Francisco, Calif., 2015
65 **Austin Smotherman** and **Bryson DeChambeau**, second round, The Olympic Club (Lake Course), San Francisco, Calif., 2015
65 **Ryan McCarthy** and **Patrick McCormick**, second round, The Olympic Club (Lake Course), San Francisco, Calif., 2015

Lowest Score, 36 Holes

130 **Maverick McNealy** and **Viraat Badhwar**, The Olympic Club (Lake Course), San Francisco, Calif., 2015 (medalists)

- 132 **Austin Connelly** and **Sam Burns**, The Olympic Club
(Lake Course), San Francisco, Calif., 2015
- 133 **Jordan Nasser** and **Taylor Wood**, The Olympic Club
(Lake Course), San Francisco, Calif., 2015
- 133 **Kyosuke Hara** and **Kyle Suppa**, The Olympic Club
(Lake Course), San Francisco, Calif., 2015

Miscellaneous

Holes-in-One (2)

Zach Atkinson, second round, stroke play, 174-yard, par-3 10th hole, stroke-play co-host, The Olympic Club (Ocean Course), San Francisco, Calif., 2015

Kyosuke Hara, first round, match play, 165-yard, par-3 15th hole, The Olympic Club (Lake Course), San Francisco, Calif., 2015