



## 116th U.S. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP FACT SHEET

Aug. 15-21, 2016

Oakland Hills Country Club (South Course) ([oaklandhillsgcc.com](http://oaklandhillsgcc.com))

Stroke-Play Co-Host Course: Oakland Hills Country Club (North Course)

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### PAR AND YARDAGE

Oakland Hills Country Club (South Course) will be set up at 7,334 yards and will play to a par of 35-35-70. The South Course will host all match-play rounds. The stroke-play co-host course, Oakland Hills Country Club's North Course, will be set up at 6,849 yards and will play to a par of 35-35-70.

#### OAKLAND HILLS COUNTRY CLUB (SOUTH COURSE) HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	5	3	4	4	4	4	4	3	35
Yards	431	525	192	445	486	387	446	485	253	3,650

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	4	5	3	4	4	4	3	4	35
Yards	454	453	592	154	500	397	401	237	496	3,684

#### OAKLAND HILLS COUNTRY CLUB (NORTH COURSE) HOLE BY HOLE

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	4	3	5	3	4	4	4	35
Yards	349	405	398	202	625	213	424	478	461	3,555

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	3	4	5	3	4	4	4	4	4	35
Yards	186	467	512	169	419	310	373	464	394	3,294

## **ARCHITECTS**

Donald Ross designed Oakland Hills Country Club's South and North courses. The South Course opened on July 13, 1918. The North Course opened on May 13, 1924. Robert Trent Jones renovated the South Course in 1950 and the North Course in 1969. Rees Jones updated the South Course in 2006. Oakland Hills Country Club celebrates its centennial in 2016. The club was founded on Oct. 17, 1916, with 140 charter members.

## **COURSE RATING AND SLOPE**

Based on the course setup for the championship, the USGA Course Rating™ for Oakland Hills Country Club's South Course is 77.5 and its Slope Rating® is 146. The Course Rating for the North Course is 75.1 and its Slope Rating is 142.

## **WHO CAN ENTER**

The championship is open to amateur golfers who hold a Handicap Index® not exceeding 2.4. The USGA accepted 7,385 entries in 2016. The record number of entrants is 7,920, in 1999.

## **SECTIONAL QUALIFYING**

Sectional qualifying, played over 36 holes at 99 U.S. sites and two international sites, was held between July 5-26. California had the most qualifying sites with 13, while Florida and Texas had eight and six, respectively. For the first time, sectional qualifiers were also held in Mexico and Canada.

## **EXEMPT PLAYERS**

A total of 59 golfers are currently exempt from qualifying for the 2016 U.S. Amateur Championship:

**Juan Alvarez** (WAGR Top 50)

**Dawson Armstrong** (WAGR Top 50)

**Philip Barbaree** (2015 U.S. Junior Amateur champion)

**Derek Bard** (2015 U.S. Amateur runner-up)

**David Boote** (WAGR Top 50)

**Jamie Bower** (WAGR Top 50)

**Tom Brandes** (2015 U.S. Senior Amateur runner-up)

**Sam Burns** (2016 U.S. Open qualifier)

**Ivan Cantero** (WAGR Top 50)

**Paul Chaplet** (2016 Latin America Amateur champion)

**Luca Cianchetti** (2016 European Amateur champion)

**Claudio Correa** (WAGR Top 50)

**Christopher Crawford** (2016 U.S. Open qualifier)

**Sean Crocker** (2015 U.S. Amateur semifinalist)

**Cameron Davis** (WAGR Top 50)

**Marc Dull** (2015 U.S. Mid-Amateur runner-up)

**Harrison Endycott** (WAGR Top 50)

**Ewan Ferguson** (2015 GB&I Walker Cup Team)

**Grant Forrest** (2015 GB&I Walker Cup Team)

**Mario Galiano** (WAGR Top 50)

**Jorge Garcia** (WAGR Top 50)

**Noah Goodwin** (WAGR Top 50, 2016 U.S. Junior Amateur runner-up)

**William Gordon** (WAGR Top 50)

**Scott Gregory** (2016 R&A Amateur champion)

**Gavin Hall** (WAGR Top 50)

**Nick Hardy** (2015 and 2016 U.S. Open qualifier)

**Scott Harvey** (2014 U.S. Mid-Amateur champion, 2015 USA Walker Cup Team)

**Rico Hoey** (WAGR Top 50)

**Sam Horsfield** (2015 and 2016 U.S. Open qualifier)

**Jack Hume** (WAGR Top 50)

**Austin James** (2015 U.S. Amateur quarterfinalist)

**Cheng Jin** (2015 Asia-Pacific Amateur champion)

**Min Woo Lee** (2016 U.S. Junior Amateur champion)  
**KK Limbhasut** (WAGR Top 50)  
**Curtis Luck** (WAGR Top 50)  
**Robert Macintyre** (WAGR Top 50)  
**Mike McCoy** (2015 USA Walker Cup Team)  
**Maverick McNealy** (2015 USA Walker Cup Team)  
**Bradley Moore** (WAGR Top 50)  
**Collin Morikawa** (WAGR Top 50)  
**Kyle Mueller** (2016 U.S. Open qualifier)  
**Joaquin Niemann** (WAGR Top 50)  
**John Oda** (WAGR Top 50)  
**Corey Pereira** (WAGR Top 50)  
**Matthew Perrine** (2015 U.S. Amateur quarterfinalist)  
**Robin Petersson** (WAGR Top 50)  
**Davis Riley** (WAGR Top 50)  
**Antoine Rozner** (WAGR Top 50)  
**Scottie Scheffler** (2016 U.S. Open qualifier)  
**Sammy Schmitz** (2015 U.S. Mid-Amateur champion)  
**Matthias Schwab** (WAGR Top 50)  
**Nathan Smith** (2013 USA Walker Cup Team)  
**Ryan Stachler** (2016 U.S. Open qualifier)  
**Justin Suh** (2016 U.S. Open qualifier)  
**Connor Syme** (WAGR Top 50)  
**Aaron Terrazas** (2016 Mexican Amateur champion)  
**Frederick Wedel** (2014 U.S. Amateur semifinalist)  
**Todd White** (2013 USA Walker Cup Team)  
**Gunn Yang** (2014 U.S. Amateur champion)

## **SCHEDULE OF PLAY**

A field of 312 players will play 18 holes of stroke play on Aug. 15 and 16 on each of the two qualifying courses, after which the field will be cut to the low 64 scorers. Six rounds of match play begin on Aug. 17 and the championship concludes with a 36-hole championship match on Aug. 21. Practice rounds are Aug. 14-15. Here is the schedule:

Monday, Aug. 15: First round, stroke play  
Tuesday, Aug. 16: Second round, stroke play  
Wednesday, Aug. 17: First round, match play  
Thursday, Aug. 18: Second and third rounds, match play  
Friday, Aug. 19: Quarterfinal round, match play  
Saturday, Aug. 20: Semifinal round, match play  
Sunday, Aug. 21: 36-hole championship match

## **THE CHAMPION RECEIVES**

Among the benefits enjoyed by the U.S. Amateur champion are:

- A gold medal and custody of the Havemeyer Trophy for the ensuing year
- An exemption from local and sectional qualifying for the next U.S. Open (must remain an amateur)
- An exemption from qualifying for the next 10 U.S. Amateurs
- An exemption from qualifying for the next Open Championship, conducted by The R&A
- A likely invitation to the next Masters Tournament (must remain an amateur)

## **THE RUNNER-UP RECEIVES**

Among the benefits enjoyed by the U.S. Amateur runner-up are:

- A silver medal
- An exemption from local and sectional qualifying for the next U.S. Open (must remain an amateur)
- A likely invitation to the next Masters Tournament (must remain an amateur)

## **U.S. AMATEUR HISTORY**

This is the 116th U.S. Amateur Championship. The U.S. Amateur Championship is the oldest golf championship in America, one day older than the U.S. Open. Other than an eight-year period from 1965-1972, when it was contested at stroke play, the Amateur has been a match-play championship.

Throughout its history, the U.S. Amateur has been the most coveted of all amateur titles. Many of the great names of professional golf, such as Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Gene Littler, Lanny Wadkins, Mark O'Meara, Hal Sutton, Phil Mickelson and Tiger Woods, grace the Havemeyer Trophy.

It was, however, legendary amateur Robert T. Jones Jr. who first attracted national media coverage and sparked spectator attendance at the U.S. Amateur. Jones captured the championship five times (1924, 1925, 1927, 1928 and 1930). His 1930 victory was a landmark moment in golf history when, at Merion Cricket Club in Ardmore, Pa., Jones completed the Grand Slam, winning the four major American and British championships in one year.

Sixty-six years later, in 1996, Woods attracted similar interest and enthusiasm at Pumpkin Ridge Golf Club in North Plains, Ore., when he won a record third straight U.S. Amateur, having registered 18 consecutive match-play victories. In 1994, Woods, at 18, had first entered the record book as the youngest ever to win the U.S. Amateur, following his three consecutive Junior Amateur titles (1991-1993). That record for youngest champion has since been broken twice, first by 17-year-old Danny Lee in 2008 at Pinehurst No. 2 in the Village of Pinehurst, N.C., and then in 2009, when 17-year-old Byeong-Hun An won at Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, Okla., with a 7-and-5 victory over Ben Martin of Greenwood, S.C.

## **2015 CHAMPION**

Bryson DeChambeau, 21, of Clovis, Calif., became the fifth player to win the NCAA Championship and the U.S. Amateur Championship in the same year when he claimed the Havemeyer Trophy with a 7-and-6 victory over Derek Bard at Olympia Fields (Ill.) Country Club. DeChambeau, who took NCAA individual honors three months earlier, joined Jack Nicklaus (1961), Phil Mickelson (1990), Tiger Woods (1996) and Ryan Moore (2004) in winning both championships in the same year.

DeChambeau, who was 2 down through seven holes, swung the match on No. 8 when he chipped in for a winning birdie from deep greenside rough before winning the 10th hole with another chip-in that squared the match. He later took holes 14, 15 and 16 for a 3-up advantage. DeChambeau's lead fell to 1 up when he bogeyed the par-5 19th hole, but then he won four of the next five holes, including three with birdies, to build a 5-up margin. DeChambeau, who competed at Southern Methodist University, increased his lead to 8 up by winning the 26th, 27th and 28th holes.

## **PREVIOUS USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT OAKLAND HILLS (10)**

1924 U.S. Open – Cyril Walker by three strokes over Robert T. Jones Jr., 297-300

1929 U.S. Women's Amateur – Glenna Collett def. Leona Pressler, 4 and 3

1937 U.S. Open – Ralph Guldahl by two strokes over Sam Snead, 281-283

1951 U.S. Open – Ben Hogan by two strokes over Clayton Heafner, 287-289

1961 U.S. Open – Gene Littler by one stroke over Doug Sanders, Bob Goalby, 281-282

1981 U.S. Senior Open – Arnold Palmer def. Bob Stone, Billy Casper, 289 (70) - 289 (74) - 289 (77)

1985 U.S. Open – Andy North by one stroke over Denis Watson, Dave Barr, Tze-Chung Chen, 279-280

1991 U.S. Senior Open – Jack Nicklaus def. Chi Chi Rodriguez, 282 (65) – 282 (69)

1996 U.S. Open – Steve Jones by one stroke over Davis Love III, Tom Lehman, 278-279

2002 U.S. Amateur – Ricky Barnes def. Hunter Mahan, 2 and 1

## **OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS AT OAKLAND HILLS**

1922 Western Open: Mike Brady won by 10 strokes over Jock Hutchinson, Laurie Ayton, 291-301

1972 PGA Championship: Gary Player won by two strokes over Tommy Aaron, Jim Jamieson, 281-283

1979 PGA Championship: David Graham def. Ben Crenshaw, 272-272 (third playoff hole)

2004 Ryder Cup Match: Team Europe def. Team USA, 18½-9½

2008 PGA Championship: Pádraig Harrington won by two strokes over Ben Curtis, Sergio Garcia, 277-279

## USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN MICHIGAN

This will be the 32nd USGA championship conducted in Michigan and the fourth U.S. Amateur. The 2002 U.S. Amateur was conducted at Oakland Hills Country Club. Ricky Barnes defeated Hunter Mahan, 2 and 1, in the final.

### U.S. Amateur Championships in Michigan (3):

1915: Country Club of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Farms (Robert A. Gardner def. John G. Anderson, 5 and 4)

1954: Country Club of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Farms (Arnold Palmer def. Robert Sweeny, 1 up)

2002: Oakland Hills Country Club, Bloomfield Hills (Ricky Barnes def. Hunter Mahan, 2 and 1)

## OAKLAND HILLS HISTORY

Oakland Hills was founded by Joseph Mack and Norval Hawkins at a meeting of 46 friends and associates at the Detroit Athletic Club on Oct. 17, 1916. In late January of 1917, Donald Ross visited the property for the first time and told the founders that: "The Lord intended this for a golf course." In 1918, the club hired Walter Hagen as its first professional and he served in that role until 1920, winning the 1919 U.S. Open, while "playing out of Oakland Hills."

The clubhouse, designed by club member C. Howard Crane, was completed in 1922 and included 24 rooms. Crane's local architecture work also included Orchestra Hall, the Fox Theater, and the current Detroit Opera House.

## TELEVISION COVERAGE

Fox and FS1 will air coverage of the match-play portion of the competition from Aug. 17-21.

Date	Network	Broadcast Hours (Local/EDT; subject to change)
Aug. 17	FS1	First Round, 3-6 p.m.
Aug. 18	FS1	Second & Third Rounds, 3-6 p.m.
Aug. 19	FS1	Quarterfinals, 3-6 p.m.
Aug. 20	Fox	Semifinals, 3-6 p.m.
Aug. 21	Fox	Championship, 3-6 p.m.

## LIVE STREAMING COVERAGE

The U.S. Amateur will receive at least four hours of live streaming coverage on the usga.org channel.

Date	Channel	Broadcast Hours (Local/EDT; subject to change)
Aug. 18	usga.org	Round-of-32 Matches, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Aug. 21	usga.org	Championship Match, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

## CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY

Like the U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Amateur Championships, the U.S. Amateur has been contested since the USGA's first championship season in 1895. The trophy was initially presented to the USGA on March 28, 1895, in honor of the association's first president, Theodore A. Havemeyer.

The original Havemeyer, an ornate silver trophy produced by J.E. Caldwell and Company in Philadelphia, was presented to C.B. Macdonald at Newport (R.I.) Golf Club after his 1895 victory. The prize was passed to each successive Amateur champion until Nov. 22, 1925, when it was lost in a massive fire at the home club of Bob Jones, East Lake Country Club in Atlanta, Ga.

Rather than replicate the original, the USGA decided to produce an entirely new trophy with an extended base to accommodate additional engraving. The new Havemeyer Trophy, a tall steeple cup designed in solid gold, was formally presented in January 1926 by USGA Treasurer Edward S. Moore. It was retired in 1992 and stolen during a theft at the USGA Museum in spring 2012, and never recovered. A copy of the trophy, produced in 1992, is passed from champion to champion. In 1996, the USGA replicated the original silver Havemeyer Trophy using two existing photographs. Fittingly, a second replica was produced for display at East Lake.

The original U.S. Amateur Trophy is on display at the USGA Museum in Far Hills, N.J.

**FUTURE U.S. AMATEUR SITES**

Aug. 14-20, 2017 – Riviera Country Club, Pacific Palisades, Calif.

Aug. 13-19, 2018 – Pebble Beach (Calif.) Golf Links

Aug. 12-18, 2019 – Pinehurst Resort & Country Club, Village of Pinehurst, N.C.

Aug. 10-16, 2020 – Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, Bandon, Ore.