



2016 U.S. SENIOR WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP STORYLINES

Born on Aug. 18, 1966, **Kathy Glennon**, 50, of St. Albans, Mo., is the youngest competitor in the 132-player field.

The championship's oldest competitor is **Marianne Springer**, of Wellington, Fla., who was born on Dec. 30, 1943 and will be 72 years, 8 months and 18 days old, as of the first day of play (Sept. 17). Born on Feb. 21, 1944, **Patsy Ehret**, of Stuart, Fla., is the only other 72-year-old player in the field.

The average age of the U.S. Senior Women's Amateur competitors is 56.73 years old.

Field by age: 50-54, 51 players; 55-59, 47 players; 60-64, 23 players; 65-69, 8 players; 70-74, 3 players

There are seven countries represented in the championship: Australia, Canada, Japan, Mexico, Spain, United States and Venezuela.

There are 34 states represented in the championship: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

The field includes eight players from New England: **Nancy Diemoz**, 58, of Warren, R.I.; **Cindy Fentross**, 52, of West Boylston, Mass.; **Lynda Foster**, 63, of Madison, Conn.; **Dana Harrity**, 57, of North Hampton, N.H.; **Natalie Galligan**, 53, of Cataumet, Mass.; **Jen Holland**, 53, of Branford, Conn.; **Pamela Kuong**, 55, of Wellesley Hills, Mass.; and **Jo Rasmussen**, 56, of Westport, Conn.

There are 10 USGA individual champions in the field:

- **Karen Garcia**, 53, of Cool, Calif. (2015 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur)
- **Mina Hardin**, 56, of Mexico (2010 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur)
- **Mary Ann Hayward**, 56, of Canada (2005 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur)
- **Sherry Herman**, 58, of Middletown, N.J. (2009 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur)
- **Diane Lang**, 61, of Weston, Fla. (2005, 2006 and 2008 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur)
- **Martha Leach**, 54, of Hebron, Ky. (2009 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur)
- **Ellen Port**, 54, of St. Louis, Mo. (1995, 1996, 2000 and 2011 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur; 2012 and 2013 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur)
- **Anna Schultz**, 61, of Heath, Texas (2007 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur)
- **Robin Weiss**, 62, of Palm Beach, Fla. (1989 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur)
- **Corey Weworski**, 54, of Carlsbad, Calif. (2004 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur)

There are 13 USGA runners-up in the field:

- **Robin Burke**, 53, of Houston, Texas (1997 U.S. Women's Amateur)
- **Laura Coble**, 52, of Augusta, Ga. (2009 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur)
- **Sue Cohn**, 53, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (2013 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur)
- **Robin Weiss** (1998 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur)
- **Jane Fitzgerald**, 54, of Kensington, Md. (2012 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur)
- **Alexandra Frazier**, 58 of Conshohocken, Pa., (2010 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur)
- **Mina Hardin** (2001 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur; 2011 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur)
- **Brenda Corrie Kuehn**, 51, of Asheville, N.C. (1995 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur)
- **Pamela Kuong** (2015 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur)
- **Judith Kyrinis**, 52, of Canada (2014 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur)
- **Martha Leach** (2011 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur)
- **Ellen Port** (2002 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur)

- **Anna Schultz** (2000 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur; 2006 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur)

Three players in the field have won a USGA Women's State Team title: **Laura Coble** (Georgia, 2005, 2009, 2011); **Robin Weiss** (Florida, 1999); and **Leigh Klasse**, 56, of Surprise, Ariz. (Minnesota, 2001).

Twelve U.S. Senior Women's Amateur competitors played in the 2003 USGA Women's State Team conducted at Wellesley Country Club:

- **Laura Coble** (Georgia, third)
- **Amy Ellertson**, 55, of Charlottesville, Va. (Virginia, 26th)
- **Mina Hardin** (Texas, 15th)
- **Mary Jane Hiestand**, 57, of Naples, Fla. (Michigan, 24th)
- **Leigh Klasse** (Minnesota, 17th)
- **Andrea Kraus, 55, of Baltimore, Md.** (Maryland, fourth)
- **Brenda Corrie Kuehn** (North Carolina, second)
- **Maggie Leef**, 56, of Merton, Wis. (Wisconsin, 20th)
- **Kareen Markle**, 54, of Meridian, Idaho (Idaho, 23rd)
- **Anna Schultz** (Texas, 15th)
- **Marianne Towersey**, 65, of Pebble Beach, Calif. (California, ninth)
- **Corey Weworski** (California, ninth)

Five U.S. Senior Women's Amateur competitors have represented the USA in the Curtis Cup Match:

- **Robin Burke** (1998; captain 2016)
- **Brenda Corrie Kuehn** (1996, 1998)
- **Robin Weiss** (1990, 1992, 2000)
- **Noreen Mohler**, 62, of Bethlehem, Pa. (1978; captain 2010)
- **Ellen Port** (1994, 1996; captain 2014)

Five U.S. Senior Women's Amateur competitors have represented their home countries in the Women's World Amateur Team Championship (* denotes a winning team):

- **Macarena Campomanes**, 52, of Spain (Spain, *1986, *1992; captained the runner-up team in 2008)
- **Mary Ann Hayward** (Canada, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, *1998, 2000, 2004, 2006)
- **Brenda Corrie Kuehn** (Dominican Republic, 1986; USA, 1996, *1998)
- **Maria Marino**, 56, of Venezuela (Venezuela, 1984, 1986)
- **Terrill Samuel**, 54, of Canada (Canada, 1990)

The following U.S. Senior Women's Amateur competitors played in a USGA championship in 2016:

- U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball, May 21-25, at Streamsong (Fla.) Resort – *nine players*
 - **Julie Carmichael**, 52, of Indianapolis, Ind., and **Mary Jane Hiestand** (missed cut)
 - **Amy Ellertson** (missed cut with partner Tiffany Maurycy)
 - **Mary Ann Hayward** and **Judith Kyris** (lost in the Round of 32)
 - **Pamela Kuong** (missed cut with partner Susan Curtin)
 - **Julie Massa**, 53 of Holt, Mich. (missed cut with partner and daughter Mariah Massa)
 - **Ivy Steinberg**, 60, of Canada and **Marie Torti**, 53, of Canada (missed cut)
- U.S. Women's Amateur, Aug. 1-7, at Rolling Green Golf Club in Springfield, Pa. – *one player*
 - **Pamela Kuong** (missed cut)
- U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur, Sept. 10-15, at The Kawkwa Club in Erie, Pa. – *28 players*
 - **Lecia Alexander**, 58, of Stafford, Texas (missed cut)
 - **Lynn Anderson**, 51, of Edina, Minn. (missed cut)
 - **Susan Beaupied**, 58, of Pittsboro, N.C. (missed cut)
 - **Robin Burke** (lost in the Round of 32)
 - **Stacey Camara**, 52, of Windsor, Calif. (lost in the Round of 64)
 - **Julie Carmichael** (missed cut)
 - **Angie Whitley Coleman**, 52, of New Castle, Del. (missed cut)
 - **Lin Culver**, 56, of Palm Coast, Fla. (missed cut)
 - **Robin Weiss** (missed cut)

- **Jane Fitzgerald** (lost in the Round of 64)
- **Mina Hardin** (lost in the Round of 64)
- **Gigi Higgins**, 53, of Cape Coral, Fla. (lost in the Round of 64)
- **Andrea Kraus** (lost in the Round of 64)
- **Brenda Corrie Kuehn** (lost in the Round of 64)
- **Judith Kyrinis** (lost in the Round of 64)
- **Martha Leach** (lost in the Round of 16)
- **Maggie Leef** (lost in the Round of 16)
- **Kareen Markle** (lost in the Round of 64)
- **Lisa McGill**, 57, of Philadelphia, Pa. (lost in the Round of 64)
- **Janet Moore**, 52, of Centennial, Colo. (missed cut)
- **Linda Pearson**, 61, of Glendale, Calif. (missed cut)
- **Tanna Richard**, 59, of Fort Smith, Ark. (missed cut)
- **Patricia Schremmer**, 51, of Honolulu, Hawaii (lost in the semifinal)
- **Anna Schultz**, 61, of Heath, Texas (missed cut)
- **Sydney Wells**, 54, of Menominee, Mich. (lost in the Round of 64)
- **Corey Weworski**, (lost in the Round of 32)
- **Caryn Wilson**, 55, of Rancho Mirage, Calif. (lost in the Round of 64)
- **Sue Wooster**, 54, of Australia (lost in the Round of 32)

Sixty-four players competed in the 2015 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur: Lynn Anderson, Susan Beaupied, Tama Caldabaugh, Stacey Camara, Julie Carmichael, Laura Coble, Sue Cohn, Lynne Cowan, Kim Eaton, Patsy Ehret, Leslie Elkins, Jane Fitzgerald, Bonnie Fry, Mina Hardin, Marilyn Hardy, Dana Harrity, Carolina Hart, Toyoko Hawkins, Mary Ann Hayward, Sherry Herman, Mary Jane Hiestand, Gigi Higgins, Beverly Hoffenberg, Deb Hughes, Lisa Judge, Louella Kanew, Alicia Kapheim, Akemi Nakata Khaiat, Leigh Klasse, Pamela Kuong, Judith Kyrinis, Diane Lang, Martha Leach, Maggie Leef, Allison Long, Kathy Malpass, Kareen Markle, Julie Massa, Janet Moore, Katherine Moore-Lilly, Heidi Munn, Courtney Myhrum, Linda Pearson, Heidi Person, Ellen Port, Therese Quinn, Tanna Richard, Colette Rosenberg, Terrill Samuel, Sue Sardi, Liz Scaggs, Lisa Schlesinger, Patricia Schremmer, Anna Schultz, Nanette Seman, Marie Torti, Marianne Towersey, Robin Weiss, Sydney Wells, Susan West, Corey Weworski, Caryn Wilson, Sue Wooster and Lindsay Wortham. For results, visit <http://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/championships/2015/u-s--senior-women-s-amateur/scoring.html>.

Seven U.S. Senior Women's Amateur competitors will celebrate a birthday during the championship:

- **Mary Gabriele**, 53, of Vienna, Va. (Sept. 18, turning 54)
- **Diane Chancellor**, 55, of St. Albans, Mo. (Sept. 18, turning 56)
- **Leigh Klasse** (Sept. 22, turning 57)
- **Rhonda Orr**, 54, of Canada (Sept. 19, turning 55)
- **Ellen Port** (Sept. 21, turning 55)
- **Robin Weiss** (Sept. 20, turning 63)
- **Sydney Wells** (Sept. 21, turning 55)

Select Player Notes

Lynn Anderson, 51, of Edina, Minn., is a fitness coach for Totally Driven who played both professional golf and tennis. She won the 2016 Minnesota Women's State Open.

Nicki Anderson, 60, of Arroyo Grande, Calif., is playing in her first USGA championship after picking up the game at age 54. A real estate agent, she also helps facilitate "Everyone wants to Rules the World," a weekly radio program on "Golf Talk Radio with Mike and Billy" that explores various Rules of Golf topics, and serves on The First Tee of the Central Coast board.

Pat Ayres, 58, of Port St. Lucie, Fla., won the 2006 and 2009 Executive Women's Golf Association Championships. Her sister, Jan Bel Jan, is a golf course designer and was the second woman to be elected to the American Society of Golf Course Architects.

Marian Barker, 62, of Lubbock, Texas, has hit 14 holes-in-one. Her first was in 1982.

Tina Barker, 57, of Fairfield, Calif., is an air traffic controller who won the 2010 and 2011 California Senior Women's Amateur Championships.

Helen Bernstein, 50, of Tenafly, N.J., won the 2016 New Jersey Women's Mid-Amateur Championship. Born in the United Kingdom, she represented England in the 1985 and 1989 Maccabiah Games in Israel.

Kim Briele, 55, of New Bern, N.C., won the 2015 North Carolina Senior Women's Amateur Championship. An accomplished athlete, she was drafted to play professional softball after her sophomore year in high school and participated in the 1980 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for Women's Basketball. With more than 30 years of experience in broadcasting, she is the president and CEO of LCA Advertising & Productions and was twice a semifinalist on Golf Channel's "Big Break."

Lea Anne Brown, 56, of Mt. Pleasant, S.C., is a South Carolina Golf Hall of Fame member who has won three Women's South Carolina Golf Association Senior Championships. She's also won the Charleston Women's City Amateur a record 13 times and has won the South Carolina women's amateur stroke play and match play championships three times each. Outside of golf, she owns Cottage Collections, an antique business.

Robin Burke, 54, of Houston, Texas, is a three-time U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur semifinalist and was a member of the victorious 1998 USA Curtis Cup Team. She served as captain of the 2016 USA Curtis Cup Team, which in June lost to the GB&I Team at Dun Laoghaire Golf Club in Enniskerry, Ireland. She has also competed in three U.S. Women's Opens. Burke is married to two-time major champion and World Golf Hall of Fame member Jack Burke Jr. The Burkes own Houston's famed Champions Golf Club, where Robin serves as vice president. In October, Burke will be inducted into the Texas Golf Hall of Fame.

Mary Gabriele, 53, of Vienna, Va., was the first woman to play for the men's golf team at Franklin and Marshall College (Lancaster, Pa.). In 1984, she became the first woman to qualify for and compete in the NCAA Division III Men's Golf Championship.

Tama Caldabaugh, 52, of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., won the Jacksonville Women's Golf Association Championship in 2013 while undergoing chemotherapy for ovarian cancer. The 2015 Florida State Golf Association Senior Women's Player of the Year accepted her husband's wedding proposal during a golf trip to Scotland in 1999. She currently serves on the Executive Committee of the FSGA's board of directors.

Stacey Camara, 52, of Windsor, Calif., is a retired law enforcement officer, having worked for the Los Angeles and Santa Rosa police departments. She currently works part time as a deputy sheriff for Sonoma County.

Macarena Campomanes, 52, of Spain, won the 2016 International European Senior Ladies Championship. She also played on two winning Women's World Amateur Teams in 1986 and 1992. This is her first time playing in a USGA championship.

Julie Carmichael, 52, of Indianapolis, Ind., is a healthcare and real estate executive and strategist. Along with her father, 1961 U.S. Amateur quarterfinalist and former Indiana University golf coach Sam Carmichael, she owns the Martinsville (Ind.) Golf Club. Julie won the 1986 NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championship while attending Stanford University. She was inducted into the Indiana Golf Hall of Fame in 2005 and has won numerous Indiana Golf Association and Indiana Women's Golf Association championships.

Laura Carson, 60, of Vero Beach, Fla., was an early leader in the 1987 U.S. Women's Open. Her group was the first off the tee, and she birdied the opening hole.

Helene Chartrand, 60, of Canada, won the 2014 Canadian Senior Women's Championship. She is also the 2013 Canadian Women's Mid-Amateur champion.

Laura Coble, 52, of Augusta, Ga., is a Georgia Golf Hall of Fame member who among her many accolades has won the Georgia Women's Open and is a six-time Georgia State Women's Amateur champion. She is also the only golfer to have won the Tommy Barnes Award as overall GSGA Player of the Year three times.

Lynne Cowan, 53, of Rocklin, Calif., 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. At age 18, Cowan was diagnosed with ankylosing spondylitis, a form of rheumatoid arthritis, and credits golf with keeping her limber.

Lin Culver, 56, of Palm Coast, Fla., is known to her close friends as the “crazy cat lady” for her dedication to feral cat rescue. In the last year, she has found and rescued nearly 50 feral kittens, helping to feed, socialize, spay/neuter and return the cats to their neighborhood colony. She has also adopted 10 cats.

Geri DeVille, 59, of La Habra, Calif., was visiting her 31-year-old son, Martin, at his home in Alaska when she qualified for the 2016 U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur at the Anchorage qualifier. This is her second USGA championship.

Kim Eaton, 57, of Mesa, Ariz., is a Colorado Golf Hall of Fame member who has reached the U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur quarterfinals three times (2009, 2011 and 2014). She has won several state amateur and senior amateur titles in Arizona, California and Colorado. Eaton is a retired police officer.

Patsy Ehret, 72, of Stuart, Fla., has survived three different primary cancers. She qualified for the 2015 U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur 40 days after having a third blood transfusion due to radiation and chemotherapy. In her free time she assists the Martin County Girls’ Golf Team.

Amy Ellertson, 55, of Charlottesville, Va., manages more than \$450 million in assets for wealthy families and organizations as a managing director for Wells Fargo Advisors.

Joann Ferrieri, 52, of Lake Worth, Fla., won a gold medal in softball at the 1987 Pan American Games. She also helped Cal State-Fullerton win the 1986 NCAA Softball Championship, played professionally in Italy for four years and has coached more than 200 players to play NCAA softball.

Jane Fitzgerald, 54, of Kensington, Md., is a buyer and operations manager at Chevy Chase Club, where her husband, Jim, is the head golf professional. She also owns her own company, selling items featuring golf illustrations and working with the Trawick Foundation, which serves nonprofit organizations in Maryland’s Montgomery County. Fitzgerald is a five-time Maryland Women’s Amateur champion and won the 2001 Maryland Women’s Open Championship.

Lynda Foster, 63, of Madison, Conn., married her husband, Dr. Craig Foster, on the 18th green at Pebble Beach. The two book a 7 a.m. tee time at Pebble Beach each year on their anniversary.

Alexandra Frazier, 58, of Conshohocken, Pa., is the executive director of the Valentine Foundation, a Philadelphia-area grant-making organization that provides charitable funds to organizations and programs that empower women and girls. She also founded Women Golfers Give Back, a nonprofit charity that raises money for 13 girls’ golf programs in Philadelphia. To date, the charity has given nearly \$1 million to these programs.

Bonnie Fry, 63, of Bel Air, Md., has served on the women’s executive committee of the Maryland State Golf Association since 2012. In 2005, she won the Maryland Senior Women’s Amateur Championship.

Karen Garcia, 53, of Cool, Calif., is the defending U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur [champion](#). A high school guidance counselor, she lost 60 pounds by following a three-year golf fitness regimen before winning last year’s championship.

Mina Hardin, 56, of Mexico, was the first Mexican woman to play on the LPGA Tour and the first Mexican-born USGA champion. A reinstated amateur since 1991, she has twice won the Texas Women’s Amateur and was inducted into the Texas Golf Hall of Fame in 2012.

Julie Harrison, 56, of Baton Rouge, La., won the 2004 Louisiana State Women’s Amateur, 2009 Louisiana State Women’s Mid-Amateur and is a four-time Louisiana State Senior Amateur champion (2011, 2012, 2013 and 2016). Her husband, Britt, is a former University of Louisiana men’s head golf coach.

Toyoko Hawkins, 60, of Anchorage, Alaska, is a Japanese citizen who has lived in Alaska for nearly 25 years. She is a former flight attendant for Japan Airlines, and has been able to play courses around the world during her work travels.

Mary Ann Hayward, 56, of Canada, is the manager of sports performance for the Golf Association of Ontario. The four-time Canadian Women’s Amateur champion has been inducted into the Canada, Ontario and Quebec golf halls of fame. In 2004, she won the U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur under her maiden name, Lapointe.

Sherry Herman, 58, of Middletown, N.J., is a five-time New Jersey State Women’s Amateur champion (1995-98, 2009), and the 2009 U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur champion.

Mary Jane Hiestand, 57, of Naples, Fla., is the assistant men's golf coach at Florida Gulf Coast University. The five-time Florida Women's Golf Association Senior Player of the Year and Michigan Golf Hall of Fame member has competed in 34 USGA championships since 1995. She met her husband, Jeff, who doubles as her caddie, at a USGA qualifier in 1997. Hiestand had the honor of hitting the first ball in competition at the inaugural U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship in 2015 at Bandon Dunes.

Jen Holland, 53, of Branford, Conn., teaches elementary physical education and health, and serves as a referee for collegiate field hockey and lacrosse. She won the 2008 Connecticut State Amateur.

Louella Kanew, 54, of Chicago, Ill., is a breast cancer survivor. The native of South Africa reached the Round of 16 in the 2014 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur after having undergone a double mastectomy just eight months prior.

Akemi Nakata Khaiat, 53, Los Angeles, Calif., has played in more USGA championships than any other Japanese-born woman, making her 19th appearance. She speaks English, French and Japanese.

Andrea Kraus, 55, of Baltimore, Md., played on the Yale University men's golf team until a women's program started her junior year. She later earned a law degree from Columbia University. Kraus has volunteered at a domestic violence legal clinic, and currently volunteers for an organization that provides free loans to people in need. She won the Maryland Senior Women's Amateur Championship in 2011 and 2012.

Brenda Corrie Kuehn, 51, of Asheville, N.C., played in the 2001 U.S. Women's Open eight months pregnant with her second daughter, Rachel. She gave birth one week after the conclusion of the championship. Earlier this year, [Rachel joined her mother as a USGA competitor when she played in the 2016 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship](#).

Pamela Kuong, 55, of Wellesley Hills, Mass., is the 2015 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur runner-up who won the 2008 and 2010 Massachusetts Women's Amateur championships. She is also the 2011 New England Women's Amateur champion, and works as [a senior vice president of commercial lending](#).

Judith Kyrinis, 52, of Canada, won the 2015 Senior Women's North & South Championship. She recorded a hole-in-one while 8½ months pregnant with her oldest child, and is currently a registered nurse at Toronto General Hospital. She finished runner-up in the 2014 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur.

Diane Lang, 61, of Weston, Fla., grew up in Jamaica before moving to Florida for college. She qualified for the LPGA Tour in 1983, competing for two years before losing her card and having her amateur status reinstated in 1989. Lang is a three-time USGA champion, winning the U.S. Senior Women's Amateur in 2005, 2006 and 2008. She won in 2008 by the largest margin of victory in championship history, 6 and 5. Her father, Eddie Aris, was a Jamaican tennis champion and Davis Cup participant.

Martha Leach, 54, of Hebron, Ky., is the sister of six-time USGA champion Hollis Stacy and the 2009 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur champion. Leach introduced her sister at her 2012 World Golf Hall of Fame induction ceremony, and Leach was inducted into the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame in 2015. She competed with her daughter, Madison Gerstle, in the inaugural U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship in 2015 at Bandon Dunes.

Kathy Malpass, 60, of Evergreen, Colo., is a member of the USGA's Women's Mid-Amateur Committee.

Maria Marino, 56, of Venezuela, was the Venezuelan national champion for five consecutive years from 1977-1981. Currently residing in Parkland, Fla., she also represented Venezuela in the Women's World Amateur Team Championship in 1984 and 1986 in Hong Kong and Venezuela, respectively. She is playing in her first USGA individual championship.

Kareen Markle, 54, of Meridian, Idaho, is a three-time Pacific Northwest Golf Association Women's Mid-Amateur champion and three-time Idaho Senior Women's Amateur champion. She is a registered nurse and also serves as a volunteer golf coach at Mountain View High School.

Noreen Mohler, 62, of Bethlehem, Pa., was a member of the USA Curtis Cup Team in 1978 and was the captain in 2010. Mohler reached the semifinals of the 1975 U.S. Women's Amateur and the 2008 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur. She was also a quarterfinalist in the U.S. Senior Women's Amateur in 2007 and 2009.

Janet Moore, 52, of Centennial, Colo., and her husband, Kent, served as the women's and men's (respectively) golf coaches at Wheaton (Ill.) College from 2011-15. She has won five Colorado Women's Stroke-Play Championships and was inducted into the Colorado Golf Hall of Fame in 2001; Kent was inducted in 2004.

Heidy Munn, 58, of San Diego, Calif., left her native Germany at age 26 with two suitcases and just a pocket of money to travel the world and find a home. After two years, she settled in Hawaii, making a living by waitressing, teaching tennis and playing professional beach volleyball. She also performed CPR on a priest that collapsed in front of her, saving his life. In 2013, she became the first woman elected to the Board at Torrey Pines Men's Club and got married on the first tee of the South Course at Torrey Pines.

Courtney Myhrum, 54, of Pittsburgh, Pa., is a member of the USGA Women's Committee and serves as chairman of the Girls' Junior Committee.

Evelyn Orley, 50, of Cardiff, Calif., won the 1983 British Girls' Championship, the 1990 Swiss Open, and the 1990 Singapore Open. Her father and grandfather were both Olympians in fencing and shooting, respectively, for her native Switzerland. Orley was an All-American at Duke University in 1986 and 1988.

Ellen Port, 54, of St. Louis, Mo., is one of the most decorated U.S. amateur golfers. 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. 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.

Alison Reifers, 61, of Jupiter, Fla., is playing in her 10th USGA championship. Her son Kyle is a professional golfer on the PGA Tour and qualified for this year's FedEx Cup Playoffs. Kyle was an All-American at Wake Forest and played in the 2005 Walker Cup Match.

Tanna Richard, 59, of Fort Smith, Ark., 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 Championship at Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, Okla. She played for the University of Missouri golf team under her maiden name, Lee.

Terrill Samuel, 55, of Canada, won the 2012 and 2015 Royale Cup Canadian Women's Senior Championships.

Susan Sardi, 60, of Skillman, N.J., was a fashion designer in New York City. As a senior at Parsons School of Design, she was introduced to the president of Saks 5th Ave. and Bergdorf Goodman by infamous designer Oscar de la Renta. Upon graduating, she sold clothes in major U.S. retail stores and some in Europe and Hong Kong. She has been featured in *People* magazine and the front page of the business section of [The New York Times](#), among other fashion publications. After 14 years, she retired to raise her two sons and take up golf. She now volunteers at HomeFront, a nonprofit that houses homeless families in and around her community.

Lisa Schlesinger, 58, of Laytonsville, Md., won the 2008 and 2009 Maryland Women's Mid-Amateur championships. She was the stroke-play medalist in the 2011 and 2012 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur. Schlesinger, who played basketball at the University of Maryland and in the Women's Basketball League (WBL) with two teams, is a member of the Greater Washington D.C. Fastpitch Softball Hall of Fame.

Barbara Schmid, 62, of Grand Rapids, Mich., has won several Michigan Women's Golf Association Championships, including the Women's Amateur (2007), Women's Senior Amateur Stroke Play (2005, 2009), Women's Senior Amateur Match Play (2009) and the Women's Super-Senior (2014). In 2007, she completed a personal goal of riding her bicycle from San Diego, Calif., to St. Augustine, Fla.

Anna Schultz, 61, of Rockwall, Texas, won the 2013 Texas Women's Open Senior Championship, as well as numerous other state events. She was one of eight people inducted into the Texas Golf Hall of Fame in 2013, including 1981 U.S. Open champion David Graham and CBS golf and NFL television producer Lance Barrow.

Nancy Smith, 69, of Venice, Fla., played the role of Cherry's mother in "Seal Team Six: The Raid on Osama Bin Laden."

Ivy Steinberg, 60, of Canada, won the 2008 and 2009 Ontario Women's Senior Amateur Provincial Championships. The recreational ice hockey player also won gold and bronze medals in golf in the 1985 and 1993 Maccabiah Games, respectively.

Beth Thompson, 70, of Clyde, N.C., is a lung cancer survivor who uses oxygen when she plays because she only has one lung. She also plays with vision in one eye and suffers from neuropathy in both legs. This is her first USGA championship.

Marie Torti, 53, of Canada, is the 2005 Quebec Women's Amateur champion and was a member of the Quebec Provincial Team for 12 consecutive years (1995-2006). A breast cancer survivor and member of Golf Canada's board of governors from 2006-12, she also won the 2010 Golf Canada Women's Mid-Amateur and the 2013 Quebec Senior Women's Amateur.

Marianne Towersey, 65, of Pebble Beach, Calif., is the 2006 California Women's Amateur champion and a seven-time California Women's Senior Amateur champion (2002, 2004-09). Her first USGA championship was the 1967 U.S. Girls' Junior.

Sydney Wells, 54, of Menominee, Mich., is a four-time Wisconsin Women's State Golf Association Mid-Amateur champion and a three-time Senior Amateur champion. She has been named the Wisconsin State Golf Association (WSGA) Player of the Year four times, and was inducted into the WSGA Hall of Fame in 2012.

Susan West, 52, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., is a retired president of the Tuscaloosa Tourism and Sports Commission. West was previously assistant dean and director of the MBA program at the University at Alabama. She was a member of the Crimson Tide's tennis program as an undergraduate. A nationally ranked tennis player, West won the 1993 USTA National Clay Court Doubles Championship, as well as the 2015 Alabama Senior Women's Amateur Championship.

Corey Weworski, 54, of Carlsbad, Calif., is the 2004 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur champion. She also won the 2016 California Senior Women's Amateur Championship and the 1998 California Women's Amateur. Her son, Tyler, plays on the Web.com Tour.

Caryn Wilson, 55, of Rancho Mirage, Calif., [is one of two women to compete in a U.S. Open championship in both golf and tennis, joining only Althea Gibson](#). Wilson, a reinstated amateur, was a three-time All-America selection in tennis at Stanford University, leading her team to a national title in 1982.

Lindsay Wortham, 65, of Richmond, Va., won the 2010 United States Tennis Association Mother-Daughter and Senior Mother-Daughter national grass court championships with her daughter, Ginny.

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