26th U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship

Par: 35-36-71
Yardage: 6,189
Entries: 702

Sunday, June 27
Annie Thurman
def.
Hwahee Lee
6 and 5
June 18-23, 2002, Sunriver (Ore.) Resort (Meadows Course)

1st Round
Thursday, June 20
H. Kim, Los Angeles, Calif. (72-72)
J. Cho, Paoli, France (81-79)
Jeanne Cho, Hilowai, Hawaii (77-78)
Heidi Chuas, Manila Philippines (72-76)
Allison Johnson, Amarillo, Texas (79-70)
Alessia Wooster, Winnetka, Ill. (79-75)
Terra Postinger, Anbilla, N.D. (71-75)
Esther Lee, Seoul, Korea (79-77)
Kelly Schauf, Greeley, Colo. (77-74)
Jessica Poole, West Palm Beach, Fla. (79-74)
Mayumi Motowama, Tokyo, Japan (75-72)
Angelina Won, Suo, Korea (85-71)
Michelle Wie, Honolulu, Hawaii (79-71)
Jaenill Howland, Beaumont, Texas (80-74)
Edna Blestberg, Corona, Calif. (72-73)
Carli Gregorin, Waukegan, Ill. (81-76)
Wanapat Sotaniwongse, Bangkok, Thailand (76-75)
Jana Cannon, Mississippie, Miss. (79-73)
Hwanhee Lee, Long Beach, Calif. (75-73)
Margaret Glicky, Scottsdale, Ariz. (78-77)
Violeta Roemore, Aguascalientess, Mexico (74-75)
Elena Korkakawa, Redondo Beach, Calif. (80-74)
Lindsey Wright, Springdale Heights, Australia (69-77)
Jennifer Tammiehill, Oklahoma City, Okla. (81-75)
Aimee Cho, Ulaanbaatar, Korea (75-76)
Cynthia Bowser, St. Clairsville, Pa. (78-75)
Thuwathini Salvaneranri, Colombo, Sri Lanka (78-88)
def Nicole Descom, Kootonella, Idaho (79-77)
Angie Yoong, San Diego, Calif. (77-73)
Nicole Wagner, Paradise Valley, Ariz. (79-78)
Complete Stroke Play Results

142 Jessica Reesa, Santa Rose, Calif., 76-66
144 Hana Kim, Los Angeles, Calif., 72-72
145 Erica Blaeberry, Coronado, Calif., 72-73; Kimberly Farrow, San Antonio, Texas, 72-73
146 Yvonne Petitjean, Avila, N.D., 71-75; Emily Milberger, Oakland, Calif., 74-72; Laura Cross, Midlothian, Texas, 74-72; Lindsey Wright, Natchitoches, La., 69-77
154 Mayumi Motogawa, Littleton, Colo., 75-72; Thais Fordin, Soledad, Calif., 75-73; Kristi Olsen, El Dorado Hills, Calif., 76-71
148 Kayn Shadani, Prior Lake, Minn., 75-73; Lorraine Badarino, Myrtle Beach, S.C., 75-73; Heidi Choi, Philippines, 72-76; Elizabeth Allen, Solana Beach, Calif., 75-73; Hwahee Lee, Long Beach, Calif., 76-73
149 Annie Thornton, Highland, Utah, 77-72; Violeta Zemana, Mexico, 74-75; Milton Johnson, Amarillo, Texas, 79-70
150 Michelle Wei, Honolulu, Hawaii, 79-71; Angie Yoon, San Diego, Calif., 77-73; Meghan Ingalls, Fullerton, Calif., 75-79; Becky Lucko, Poway, Calif., 75-75; Yvonne Choe, Temple City, Calif., 77-73
151 Aimee Cho, Orlando, Fla., 75-76; Kathy Schaub, Creekley, Colo., 74-77; Jeanne Cho, France, 81-76; Inn Kim, Los Angeles, Calif., 79-72; Watariki Satake, Thailand, 77-76; Nina Hargis, Monterey, Calif., 75-76; Laura Crawford, Lancaster, S.C., 78-73

Failed to Qualify

157 *Leslie Hartley, El Paso, Texas, 80-77 (DNS); *Shannon Johnson, Sioux Falls, S.D., 82-75 (6); *Janilene Howe, Sisseton, Utah, 84-73 (8); *Andrea Brundage, Elk Lake, Mich., 80-77 (5); *Lisa Kilgore, Makawao, Hawaii, 82-75 (4, 8)
158 Meinya Io, Alex, Hawaii, 84-74; Kimberly Walsh, Sacramento, Calif., 83-75; Christina Hentzen, Las Vegas, Nev., 82-76; Kira Ann Murakigawa, Hilo, Hawaii, 84-74; Crystal Eilers, Chatham, Ill., 80-78; Olaf Maria Jonradseth, Hafnarfjordur, Iceland, 81-77
159 Noelle Hamilton, Missoula, Idaho, 83-75; Anny Dickson, Parma, Mass., 81-78; Barbara Liley, West Palm Beach, Fla., 81-72; Patti Ansell, Haymarket, Va., 80-73; Michelle Stafeks, Spokane, Wash., 80-79
160 Lisa Moshka, Bloomington Prairie, Minn., 80-80; Jamie Michaud, Chandler, Ariz., 81-79; Stefania Coleman, University Place, Wash., 81-79
161 Kirsten Davis, Eastham, Mass., 83-76; Emily Hendrich, Peabull, Wisc., 82-79; Leigh Klauss, St. Anthony, Minn., 85-73; Dana Jo, Orlando, Fla., 80-81; Erika Bemier, Scarsville, Mich., 83-88; Yoyol Shimizu, Takasaki, Japan, 81-89; Janeen Murphy, The Woodlands, Texas, 80-81
162 Anna Uremarso, Mesa, Wash., 82-80; Anne Scottsasser, Las Vegas, Nev., 85-67; Jennifer Ackerson, Allen, Texas, 86-76; Elizabeth Smith, Essex, Janesville, Wis., 82-80; Luanita Al-Suri, Shinganaka, Sumon, 80-82
152 James Cameron, Monticello, Minn., 79-73; Tai Kim, Medina, Ohio, 77-75; Erin Laplante, Elk Grove, Calif., 79-73; Candy Herrera, Apple Valley, Calif., 80-72
153 Leslie Greene, The Woodlands, Texas, 77-76; Rachael Bittor Kelley, Pomell, Tex., 77-76; Jessica Polas, West Palm Beach, Fla., 79-74; Stephanie Ruff, Edmond, Okla., 81-72; Cynthia Brown, St. Charles, Ill., 78-75
154 Felicia Johnson, Tuscaloosa, Ala., 75-78; Rebecca Ranaldson, Bele, Idaho, 79-75; Ema Kurokawa, Redondo Beach, Calif., 80-74; James Howard, Beaumont, Texas, 80-74; Alex Watanabe, Wammas, 79-75; Elynn Leonard, Zoniana, Ind., 77-77; Nicole Wagner, Penrose, Arizona, 79-75
155 Margaret Gibby, Scottsdale, Ariz., 78-77; Capny Gray, Portland, Ore., 78-77; Amanda Wilson, Hilo, Hawaii, 77-78; Debbie Dehme, Escalon, Calif., 80-75; Heather Knaus, Lexington, Ky., 79-76
156 Marcela Gonzalez, Met, Fla., 80-70; Jennifer Tenz, Okla., 81-76; Angela Won, Irvine, Calif., 85-73; Allyson Harlow, Grass Valley, Calif., 83-73; Nicole Deacon, Pocatello, Idaho, 79-77; Esther Lee, Korea, 79-77; Maylie Taniumphang, Kyushu, 83-73; Korie Schulte, Elk River, Minn., 80-76
157 *Christina Steffen, Amelia Island, Fla., 77-80, (4, 4); *Cafi Gregory, Warren, Ill., 81-76, (4, 4); *Jennifer Johnson, Okemos, Mich., 79-78, (4, 5); *Sunny Oh, Torrance, Calif., 78-79, (4, 5)

163 Karen Markle, Boise, Idaho, 84-79; Sarah New, Acworth, Ga., 79-84; Kristen Campos, Mesa, Ariz., 87-76; Glenny Batley, Ficenet, Wash., 85-76; Casey Gee, Sacramento, Calif., 81-82
164 Cateo Cho, Santa Clarita, Calif., 82-82; Ann Marie Costello, San Diego, Calif., 91-73; Courtney Bardick, Indian Rocks Beach, Fla., 84-80; Jane Shimizaka, Tokyo, Japan, 84-84; Jacqueline Ey, Round Rock, Texas, 75-86
165 Amber Jean Kurt, Kootz Lake, Ind., 85-80; Luckrell Poffenberger, Salt Lake City, Utah, 88-77; Carl Mortaz, Akron, Ohio, 87-75; Jamie Gold, Alegergudo, N.M., 84-81
166 Sarah Tiller, Nampa, Idaho, 86-50; Mikkol Kover, Orange City, Iowa, 85-91
167 Karen Quintanilla, Monrovia, Calif., 88-79; Alli Hensenden, Monetta, Ga., 85-8; Patricia Harris, Cumming, Ga., 85-82; Smiley Wossen, Mt. Morris, Ill., 85-83; Aubrey Medley, Columbus, S.C., 85-83
168 Koya Togoyashima, Osaka, Japan, 86-54; Anka Venner, Monaco, Monaca, 85-84; Kristen Kennedy, Silver City, N.M., 87-82
170 Allison Long, Coon Valley, Ill., 86-81
171 Rachel Thomas, Lincoln, Nebr., 86-85; Dea Dunway, Phoenix, Ariz., 80-83; Lynne Rognan, Newark, Del., 86-85
172 Marcha Lutz, Walnut Creek, Calif., 88-84; Whitney Van, Hilo, Hawaii, 91-81
In April 1977, when entries for the first U.S. Women’s Amateur Public Links Championship began to trickle in, there was concern.

Would this, the first national championship ever staged for women who play the country’s public courses, attract enough players to fill the field? Did it justify the effort to set up 27 qualifying sites around the country?

By May, the trickle of entries had become a steady stream. When the June deadline for entries arrived and the results were tallied, the astonishing reality was that this championship had attracted a field of 686 players — more than the combined fields of the 1977 Women’s Amateur, Women’s Open, Senior Women’s Amateur, and Girls’ Junior.

The entry figure was amazing for several reasons. First, this was a new championship that would need time to build interest. Secondly, some states didn’t even have organizations to assist women public course players, conduct sectional qualifying, or raise funds, and the 686 entries were drawn from only 24 states.

The 1977 Championship was played at Yahara Hills Golf Course (East Course) in Madison, Wis. Kelly Fuiks, 19, of Phoenix, Ariz., was the first champion. In fact, for the first four years, the championship was the personal property of two outstanding players. Fuiks won again in 1978 before turning professional. Lori Castillo won in 1979 and 1980, and at one time held or shared every individual record in the championship. Miss Castillo won 11 consecutive matches before losing in the second round in 1981.

The championship received a boost when Castillo was selected as a member of the 1980 United States Curtis Cup team. By that year, the Women’s Amateur Public Links was regarded as a highly competitive arena for some of the best amateurs in the country. Since then, Heather Parr, Danielle Ammaccapane, Cindy Schreyer, Tracy Kerdyk, Pearl Sinn, Tracy Hanson, Amy Fruhwirth, Jill McGill, and Jo Jo Robertson, all WAPL champions, also have been named to Curtis Cup teams.

Pearl Sinn accomplished a unique double in 1988 when she won the Women’s Amateur as well as the Women’s Amateur Public Links. When she repeated as WAPL Champion in 1989, she and Curtis Strange, who won the U.S. Open, were the only two to repeat as USGA champions that year.