MORE THAN 2,400 ENTRIES ACCEPTED FOR 2015 U.S. SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

11 Past Champions Scheduled to Compete at Del Paso Country Club

FAR HILLS, N.J. (May 7, 2015) – The United States Golf Association today announced that it has accepted 2,445 entries for the 2015 U.S. Senior Open Championship, scheduled for June 25-28 at Del Paso Country Club, in Sacramento, Calif. Eleven past champions are among the 79 players who are currently fully exempt into the championship.

“The U.S. Senior Open is senior golf's most coveted championship and the number of entries is evidence of the interest,” said Diana Murphy, USGA vice president and Championship Committee chairman. “We are excited to bring the U.S. Senior Open to Northern California and Del Paso Country Club for the first time and look forward to awarding the Francis D. Ouimet Memorial Trophy to the champion in June.”

The U.S. Senior Open is open to professional golfers and amateurs with a Handicap Index® not exceeding 3.4 who are 50 years of age at the start of championship play.

Sectional qualifying will be played over 18 holes at 34 sites across the United States between May 11 and June 4. There are qualifying sites in 26 states, including five in California and three in Florida. In addition, places in the 156-player field are reserved for eligible winners of official PGA Tour and Champions Tour events in the weeks remaining before the 2015 U.S. Senior Open.

The USGA accepted entries for the 36th U.S. Senior Open from golfers in 49 states and the District of Columbia, as well as 25 foreign countries. The record for entries was established in 2002, when 3,101 golfers applied to play.


For the fifth consecutive year, only online entries were accepted, beginning on March 4. John Heaton, a 51-year-old professional from Carlsbad, N.M., submitted his entry 1 minute, 48 seconds before the deadline of 5 p.m. EDT on May 6. John Abendroth, a 62-year-old professional from Burlingame, Calif., was the first entrant.

More information about the U.S. Senior Open before, during and after the 2015 championship at Del Paso Country Club can be found at www.usga.org.

The 79 golfers who are fully exempt into the 2015 U.S. Senior Open (as of May 6):
Michael Allen  
Stephen Ames  
Billy Andrade  
Woody Austin  
Mark Brooks  
**Olin Browne**  
Bart Bryant  
**Brad Bryant**  
Tom Byrum  
Mark Calcavecchia  
**Roger Chapman**  
Russ Cochran  
John Cook  
Fred Couples  
Marco Dawson  
Scott Dunlap  
Joe Durant  
**Dave Eichelberger**  
David Frost  
**Fred Funk**  
Rick Gibson  
Bob Gilder  
Philip Golding  
Paul Goydos  
Jay Haas  
Scott Hoch  
John Huston  
Kohki Idoki  
**Hale Irwin**  
**Peter Jacobsen**  
Lee Janzen  
Miguel Angel Jimenez  
Steve Jones  
Tom Kite  
Masahiro Kuramoto  
Barry Lane  
**Bernhard Langer**  
Tom Lehman  
Steve Lowery  
Jeff Maggert  
Paul Mayo  
a-Michael McCoy  
Rocco Mediate  
Eric Meeks  
Larry Mize  
Cesar Monasterio  
**Colin Montgomerie**  
Kiyoshi Murota  
a-Bryan Norton  
Mark O'Meara  
Jesper Parnevik  
Jerry Pate  
Corey Pavin  
Tom Pernice Jr.  
Kenny Perry  
John Riegger  
Loren Roberts  
**Eduardo Romero**  
Gene Sauers  
Peter Senior  
Wes Short Jr.  
Scott Simpson  
Joey Sindelar  
Vijay Singh  
Jeff Sluman  
Craig Stadler  
Kevin Sutherland  
Hal Sutton  
a-Patrick Tallent  
Lance Ten Broeck  
Esteban Toledo  
Kirk Triplett  
Bob Tway  
Scott Verplank  
Duffy Waldorf  
Tom Watson  
Paul Wesselingh  
Mark Wiebe  
Ian Woosnam

**Bold** - U.S. Senior Open champion  
a - amateur