



25th Annual Women's Eastern Senior Amateur Championship

October 10 - 12, 2017 - Country Club of Whispering Pines (Pines Course), Whispering Pines, NC

Entry Deadline September 25, 2017, 5:00PM EDT

Handicap Index of 17.5 or less AT THE TIME OF ENTRY

The Pines course (formerly the East) and its length, combined with the subtle terrain changes, is a true "inland links" course. The generous fairways, large Newly Renovated *Champion Bermuda Greens* (2016) and varied teeing areas give golfers of all skill levels fair challenges throughout the course. The Country Club of Whispering Pines theme of The Pines course involves using the open, hardpan rough, sparsely covered with the native pine straw and "love grass", to create the elements that appealed to the late, great Donald Ross

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS:

The Championship is open to:

Female amateur golfers who will have reached their fiftieth birthday by October 10, 2017, have a certified handicap index of 17.5 or less, and who belong to a Women's Eastern Golf Association (WEGA) Member Club that has paid dues for 2017.

Clubs in the following states are eligible to join the Association: Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

SIZE OF FIELD AND ENTRY FEE

The field is limited to the eighty (80) applicants with the lowest handicap index. Entry must be completed in its entirety online or submitted via postal mail. Entries will be considered complete when:

1) Contestant's current handicap card 2) Entry form, and 3) Entry fee has been received.

Championship entry fee is \$225.00

Entry fee includes:

Opening Buffet, Awards Luncheon, Prizes, Cart fees for 3 days, Range Balls.

You may

PAY ON LINE

At

www.womenseastern.org

Or mail a check to:

**Carol Haas
12 Rockford Mews Ct
Wilmington, DE 19806**

ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION

Notification of acceptance will be **emailed** by October 1, 2017. If more than 80 entries have been received, entry will be based on handicap index. A waiting list will be maintained based on handicap index. Applications received after September 25 will be accepted into the tournament or placed on the waiting list in order of entry completion (entry form, handicap card and entry fee received). **Entries will remain open until the field is full.**

If you do not have access to the internet please call Carol Haas at 302-981-5819.

HANDICAP VERIFICATION:

A current handicap card **MUST** accompany entry or an on-line handicap record may be sent to WEGAREG@gmail.com. The handicaps will be updated to the October 1st handicap revision.

MEMBERSHIP:

The \$35.00 Non-refundable 2017 club dues must be paid by the end of registration.
To verify that your club is a Member, visit the WEGA website at www.womenseastern.org.

**A contestant may remit dues for her club.
Send \$35 dues check payable to WEGA to:**

**Carole Rich
119 Summer Winds Circle
Aiken, SC 29803**

**OR PAY ON LINE
at
www.womenseastern.org**

FORMAT:

This is a 54 hole stroke play event with no cut. Pairings will be determined based on previous day(s) score for rounds 2 and 3. The Championship will be played in accordance with **THE RULES OF GOLF**. In this competition, the Women's Eastern Golf Association has adopted the local rule **allowing the use of distance measuring devices**. The Championship will be pre-flighted using the October 1st handicap index update. The new groove specification adopted for elite amateur competitions IS NOT IN EFFECT for this championship.

The **2017 Senior Amateur Champion** will be the player with the lowest **54-hole gross total** and may come from any flight. A Super Senior Champion (age 65 or older) will also be crowned. Players must indicate their eligibility for the super senior prize on their entry form. All play is from the WEGA tees. A Practice Round scorecard will be included with the packet received at registration. Those playing an earlier practice round may contact the registration chair for a practice scorecard (wegareg@gmail.com).

REGISTRATION:

Contestants must register on **Monday, October 9 from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM** at the Country Club of Whispering Pines or notify either Cathy Reusche at 703-623-8838 or Jan Sutherland at 434-489-4497 of late arrival. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of place. Please do not use any other phone numbers or email to notify the committee of late arrival.

PRACTICE ROUND:

The course will be open to contestants beginning at **9:00 AM on Monday, October 10.** Monday's practice round is at the player's expense. **You may call the Pro Shop after October 1 for a starting time at 910-949-3000.** Additional practice rounds or practice rounds on other dates are at the discretion of the club.

CANCELLATIONS:

If you must cancel please do so promptly. You will receive by check a **total refund less \$10 Admin fee if cancelled by September 25. No refunds will be issued for cancellations after October 2.**

CARTS:

Carts are required and included in entry fee for the 3 day tournament, caddies are not permitted.

PRIZES:

**Championship – Winner and Runner- Up
54-Hole Flight Prizes
Super Senior – Winner and Runner-Up
Sheila M. Hopkins Cup – Members of winning Team***

*Concurrent with the championship, a two day team competition is held and played in honor of the tournament founder, Sheila Hopkins. Teams will be selected during the Monday evening buffet.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- **Monday, October 9**
8:00AM – 1:30PM -Registration at Whispering Pines Club House
6:30PM - **WEGA** will host a buffet at the Whispering Pines Club House
Cash bar available. First round tee times will be distributed and Sheila Hopkins Cup teams selected.
- **Tuesday, October 11 starting times will begin at 8:30am**
- **Wednesday, October 12 starting times will begin at 8:30am**
- **Thursday, October 13 will be an 8:45 AM shotgun start.**
Immediately following play, **WEGA** will host an **Awards Luncheon.**

DIRECTIONS TO COUNTRY CLUB OF WHISPERING PINES:

Address: 2 Clubhouse Blvd., Whispering Pines, NC 28327

**Additional questions may be directed to wegareg@gmail.com,
Carol Haas (302) 981 5819 or Jan Sutherland (434) 489 4497.**