



# 26th Annual Women's Eastern Senior Amateur Championship

October 22 - 24, 2018 – Arthur Hills Course at Palmetto Hall Plantation; Hilton Head South Carolina

## Handicap Index of 17.5 or less AT THE TIME OF ENTRY

Opened in 1991, this Arthur Hills course was instantly named a classic by Golf Digest Magazine, which rated it among America's Top 10 New Courses.

Heavily wooded with towering pines and moss-draped oaks, the lush fairways roll past crystalline lakes. Protected greens, edged with bunkers, provide golfers with challenges. The signature par-4 18th hole offers a daunting finish to a spectacular game and was recently named one of the top 18 holes in the Low Country by WTOC News.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS:

The Championship is open to:

Female amateur golfers who will have reached their fiftieth birthday by October 9, 2018, have a certified handicap index of 17.5 or less, and belong to a Women's Eastern Golf Association (WEGA) Member Club that has paid dues for 2018.

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 eighty (80) applicants. Entry must be completed in its entirety online or submitted via postal mail. Entries will be considered complete when all of the following have been received:

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

**Entry fee is \$255.00**

Entry fee includes:

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

You may

**PAY ON LINE**

at

**[www.womenseastern.org](http://www.womenseastern.org)**

Or mail a check to:

**Carol Haas**

**12 Rockford Mews Ct**

**Wilmington, DE 19806**

## **HANDICAP VERIFICATION:**

A current handicap card MUST accompany entry or an on-line handicap record may be sent to [WEGAREG@gmail.com](mailto:WEGAREG@gmail.com). Handicaps will be updated to the October 1<sup>st</sup> handicap revision.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

The \$35.00 non-refundable 2018 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](http://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](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> handicap index update. The new groove specification adopted for elite amateur competitions IS NOT IN EFFECT for this championship.

WEGA will crown a 2018 Senior Amateur Champion as well as a Super Senior Champion (age 65 or older as of October 9, 2018).

Players must choose to play from either the WEGA Championship Tees or the Legacy Tees when entering. The WEGA Championship tee yardage will be 5400 – 5500 yards and the WEGA Legacy tees will be 5000 - 5100 yards. Both the Senior Amateur Champion and the Super Senior Champion must play from the Championship Tees.

The **2018 Senior Amateur Champion** will be the player with the lowest **54-hole gross total** and may come from any flight playing from the WEGA Championship tees. The **2018 Super Senior Champion** may also come from any flight playing from the WEGA Championship tees. Players must indicate their eligibility for the super senior prize on their entry form.

Players playing from the WEGA Legacy tees will be placed in a separate flight or flights and will be eligible for prizes within that flight. 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](mailto:wegareg@gmail.com)).

## **REGISTRATION:**

Entries will open on August 1, 2018. Entries that meet the requirements will be accepted in the order that they are received. Players can expect to receive their acceptance by email within 7 days of

completing the entry process. Entry form, handicap information, and payment of entry fee must all be received before an acceptance will be sent. The field is limited to 80 players. If more than 80 entries are received, players will be placed on the waiting list in the order they are received. Entries will be accepted until Friday, October 5 at 5 PM. However, our host club requires a commitment on the number of players on Monday, October 1. Entries received after that date will be placed on the waiting list and can only be accepted if a cancellation occurs. Players are encouraged to enter before Friday, October 5 so that the committee and host club can appropriately plan for the championship. Any inquiries about the status of an entry should be directed to Carol Haas (302-981-5819 or [wegareg@gmail.com](mailto:wegareg@gmail.com)). The Committee has sole discretion in accepting or rejecting contestants, as well as assigning a position on the waiting list.

Contestants must register on **Sunday October 21 from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM** at Palmetto Hall Country Club 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 Sunday, October 21**. The cost for Sunday's practice round is \$45 (green fee, cart and range fee included) and is at the player's expense. **You may call the Pro Shop after October 8 for a starting time at 843-342-2582**. 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 **total refund less a \$10 Admin fee if you cancel by October 5**. **For cancellations made from October 6 through October 12, \$90 will be refunded**. **No refunds will be issued for cancellations after October 13**.

#### **CARTS:**

Carts are required and are included in the 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 Championship founder, Sheila Hopkins. Teams will be selected during the Monday evening buffet.

#### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

- **Sunday, October 21**  
**8:00AM – 1:30PM** Registration at Palmetto Hall Club House  
**6:00PM WEGA** will host a buffet at the Palmetto Club House  
Cash bar available. First round tee times will be distributed and Sheila Hopkins Cup teams announced.
- **Monday, October 22 starting times will begin at 8:30am**
- **Tuesday, October 23 starting times will begin at 8:30am**

- **Wednesday, October 24 will be an 8:45 AM shotgun start.**  
Immediately following play, WEGA will host an Awards Luncheon.

**Palmetto Hall Golf Plantation Golf Club, 108 Fort Howell Drive  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29926  
843-342-2582**

**Additional questions may be directed to [wega.info1906@gmail.com](mailto:wega.info1906@gmail.com) or call  
Cathy Reusche (703) 623 8838 or Jan Sutherland (434) 489 4497.**