

2017 WEGA Amateur Championship
June 6 - 8, 2017
Birdwood Golf Course at the Boar's Head
410 Golf Course Drive
Charlottesville, VA 22903

HOST SITE

The site for the 2017 WEGA Amateur Championship is the University of Virginia's Birdwood Golf Course located in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Set on 500 acres at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Birdwood is a golf course rich in history. Its verdant hills were part of a 1739 "upland wilderness" land patent, one of the earliest in the colony. The University of Virginia acquired the property in 1974, enlisting architect Lindsay Ervin in 1984 to transform Birdwood into the award-winning golf course it is today.

With an emphasis on environmental stewardship, Birdwood Golf Course is a certified member of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program, created and administered by Audubon International. Home to the University of Virginia's men's and women's golf teams, Birdwood reigns as one of the region's finest golf courses

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The Championship is open to female amateur golfers who satisfy two requirements: (1) the contestant must have a certified handicap index of 11.5 or less *and* (2) the contestant must be affiliated with a WEGA Member Club or School affiliation that has paid WEGA dues for 2017.

Clubs (public or private) and Schools in the following states are eligible to join the Women's Eastern Golf 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. WEGA's by-laws do not permit acceptance of entries from anyone who is not affiliated with a Club or School in one of these states.

The annual **nonrefundable** dues for each Member Club or School are \$35 and must be paid by the close of registration on June 5. A contestant may pay dues for her club if her club is not on the list of clubs/schools that have already paid dues. If you have any question about eligibility, call the entry chair, Carol Haas at 302-981-5819 to discuss your situation.

ENTRY DEADLINE AND SIZE OF FIELD

Entries will open on April 1, 2017. The official entry deadline is 5 PM Eastern Standard Time, Thursday, May 11, 2017. Entries may be submitted online or by postal mail. Mailed entries should be sent to Carol Haas (address shown below). Mailed entries must be received by the May 11th entry deadline. The field is limited to the 80 contestants with the lowest handicap indices at the time that entries close. If the field is not full as of May 11, additional entries will be accepted in the order received. If more than 80 entries are received, a waiting list will be maintained. Entries are considered complete when the entry form, entry fee, and handicap verification have all been received. Acceptances will be emailed on or before May 16. Any inquiries about the status of an entry should be directed to Carol Haas (302-981-5819 or wegareg@gmail.com). The Committee has sole discretion in accepting or rejecting contestants, as well in assigning a position on the waiting list for any entry. In determining entry into the field and/or position on the waiting list, the Committee will consider a player's past performance in previous WEGA Amateur Championships

HANDICAP VERIFICATION

A contestant must provide verification of her handicap before her entry can be considered complete. In accepting entries and determining placement on the waiting list, the Committee will consider such factors as the completeness and currency of the handicap record as well as performance in other tournaments. A copy of an online handicap record may be sent to wegareg@gmail.com or a PGA/LPGA professional or golf coach may send an email or written verification to:

Carol Haas
12 Rockford Mews Ct.
Wilmington, DE 19806
wegareg@gmail.com

WEGA MEMBERSHIP

Only clubs or schools are members of WEGA; there are no individual memberships. Contestants should look at the list of member clubs on the website. If dues have not been paid, the contestant may pay dues for her club or school by using the PayPal button on the membership page or by mailing a \$35 check made payable to WEGA to:

Carole Rich
119 Summer Winds Circle
Aiken, SC 29803

FORMAT AND OTHER CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

The Championship will be 54 holes of stroke play. There is no cut and there are no flights.

Caddies are not permitted. Players may ride in golf carts, use a pull cart, or carry their own bags.

In 2014, WEGA adopted the Local Rule on groove specifications recommended for elite amateur competitions. Players with questions about this Rule or its application to their golf clubs should consult the USGA website. WEGA **will** permit the use of distance measuring devices during the Amateur Championship.

Players and spectators are expected to abide by the dress code of the host club. Please do not wear tank tops, tee shirts or denim on golf course property. Men are required to wear collared shirts. Spectators will not be allowed to use golf carts for viewing play. The use of personal scooter carts for those with disabilities is permitted.

CHAMPIONSHIP FEES

Entry fee is \$225 You may pay online via PayPal or send a check made payable to WEGA to:

Carol Haas
12 Rockford Mews Ct.
Wilmington, DE 19806

This \$225 fee includes cart fees and range balls for three days, and applies even if a contestant chooses to utilize a pull cart or carry her own bag. Some Pull Carts are available for rent at \$8.00 per round. Practice round fee for Sunday, June 4 (after 1:00) and Monday, June 5 is \$40 and includes cart and range balls.

Please note that the WEGA membership dues for eligible Clubs and Schools is different from and not included in the entry fee. Please see the section above entitled WEGA MEMBERSHIP for more information on the membership fee.

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

Up until May 21, the total ENTRY fee less a \$25 processing fee will be refunded. After May 21 and before June 2, \$90 will be refunded. Cancellations after June 7 will not receive a refund. Those on the waiting list who do not gain entry into the tournament will receive a full refund.

REGISTRATION / LATE ARRIVAL

Contestants MUST register on Monday, June 5th from 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at Bird Wood Golf Club or notify the Committee of late arrival. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of place with no refund.

Notification of late arrival must be done by phone only. Please call Carol Haas 302-981-5818 or Jan Sutherland 434-489-4497. Emails or phone calls to the Club are not acceptable.

MANDATORY RULES MEETING, LONG DRIVE CONTEST AND BARBEQUE

This rules meeting is mandatory and will be held on Monday, June 5th at 5:30 p.m. This will be followed by a long drive contest and a cook-out. The cost of the cook-out is included in the registration fee for contestants. The guest fee for the cook-out must be paid at registration.

PRACTICE ROUNDS

Practice Rounds may be booked after your entry has been accepted. Call Birdwood Golf Club at 434-293-4653 to schedule. The cost for Practice Rounds on Sunday (after 1:00) and Monday, June 4 is \$40 (includes green fees, cart and range balls) and is not included in the entry fee. Practice rounds on other dates may be scheduled through the pro shop and are subject to regular rates. The contestant will be responsible for paying for each practice round upon checking in for her round.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (weather permitting)

Monday:

5:30 PM	Rules Meeting
6:00 PM	Long Drive Contest
6:45 PM	Cook-Out

Tuesday: 1st Round Starting Times beginning at 7:30 AM from the 1st tee

Wednesday: 2nd Round Starting Times beginning at 7:30 AM from the 1st tee

Thursday: 3rd Round Starting Times beginning at 8:30 AM from the 1st and 10th tees
Prize presentation immediately following completion of play

PRIZES

Prizes are awarded based on 54 hole total gross score. The Champion's name will be engraved on the permanent trophy and the Champion will receive a commemorative medal. Other prizes will be gift cards.

The Osgood Shield award is given for team stroke play and is competed for concurrently with the Championship. Teams will be selected at the BBQ. Teams will post 5 gross scores daily; the team having the lowest first 2 day aggregate score wins the Shield. Prizes will be awarded to the winning team and their names will be engraved on the Shield.

ACCOMMODATIONS

A very limited number of private housing requests may be accommodated. These will be honored on a first come, first served basis. Private housing can accommodate players only (no families) and does not include meals or transportation to/from the course or airport, Susan, please provide language here

LOCAL HOTELS

Information on local hotels providing a preferred rate for this championship will be available at later date.