



TO: Pacific Coast Amateur Championship Contestants
FROM: Troy Andrew, PCGA Executive Director
RE: Contestant Confirmation

We are looking forward to having you compete in the 51st Pacific Coast Amateur Championship at Chambers Bay in University Place, Washington July 18-21, 2017. The following information is important as it pertains to your participation in the Championship. Please review this information thoroughly as it will greatly assist you in preparing to compete in the Championship.

TRANSPORTATION

The PCGA will provide basic, complimentary player shuttle transportation to and from the SeaTac International Airport. It is 45 minutes to 1 hour depending on traffic to Chambers Bay. Complimentary player shuttle transportation will also be available to and from the hotels in DuPont, Washington that are listed under HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS. Player shuttle transportation will be available beginning on Sunday morning, July 16 through Friday afternoon, July 21. A shuttle schedule will be distributed at Registration.

Players needing assistance with transportation to and from the SeaTac International Airport must contact PCGA Staff, Erika Morris at the PCGA office in Federal Way, Washington by Friday, July 10 at 1-800-643-6410 or erika.morris@thepnga.org and provide their flight itinerary.

The PCGA will meet players outside baggage claim at the SeaTac International Airport. The PCGA will be using several vehicles for shuttling. Each van or automobile will have "PCGA Shuttle" signs displayed. Due to the number of requests for assistance with transportation, some players may have to wait at the airport for a short amount of time until a shuttle becomes available. Listed below are telephone numbers to call in the event connections are missed or a player cannot identify the PCGA shuttle persons at the airport or in case of an emergency.

In addition, the PCGA will operate shuttle service each day of the Championship between the hotels in DuPont, Washington (listed under HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS) and Chambers Bay. A schedule of times the shuttles will depart from and return to the hotel each morning and afternoon will be provided at Registration.

Beginning Saturday evening, July 15, the following PCGA staff may be reached by cell phone while on-site at Seattle Golf Club:

Torrin Westwood – 360-301-9038

John Saegner – 206-399-8391

Chris McGrath – 905-242-3376

Troy Andrew – 206-399-8452

REGISTRATION

Registration for Players, Executive Directors, Trustees, and staff will be available as follows:

Sunday, July 16th – 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Monday, July 17th – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

DRESS CODE

The PCGA dress code applies to contestants, caddies, and gallery, as well as Executive Directors, Trustees, staff, and their guests, and will be strictly enforced during the Championship week. Suitable attire must be worn at all times. Suitable attire **DOES NOT** include jeans or denim of any kind or color, running suits, **CARGO PANTS OR SHORTS (Pockets on sides)**, tank tops, t-shirts or unkempt clothing of any kind. Shorts are permitted but must be worn at mid-thigh length or longer. All shirts must have collars and must be worn tucked in. All caps must be worn with the bill forward. Caps may not be worn in the clubhouse. Sandal type golf shoes are not permitted. Failure to adhere to the dress code may result in disqualification and removal from club property.

NOTE: Cargo pants or shorts are defined as having side pockets on the side of the leg. Because of the differing nature of cargo pants and shorts, the PCGA does not permit any type regardless of their quality or material in an effort to maintain our attire standard which assists us to attain the very best golf clubs as host sites. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Attire for the **Players' Welcome Barbecue** Monday evening, July 17th is "country club casual" (i.e., button down shirt, sweater or the like) with golf attire appropriate. Please adhere to the Championship dress code. **Guest Speaker – Spider Miller, U.S. Walker Cup Captain**

PRACTICE RANGE

The practice facility at Chambers Bay will be available to contestants on Sunday (**after 12:00 p.m.**) and Monday (beginning at 6:30 a.m.). The practice range will open at 6:30 a.m. each day of the Championship.

AUTOMOTIVE CARTS

The use of automotive carts of any kind are not permitted.

CADDIES

Since Chambers Bay is a walking only golf course, they have a strong caddie program. All reservations are to be made as soon as possible. All caddie payments are to be paid directly to the caddie. Chambers Bay caddies average \$80-\$100+ per bag, per round. We encourage you to pay the base payment on the service provided and ultimately, the amount of any gratuity is determined at the sole discretion of the player. The average caddie payment should be for a job well done. Requests for caddies can be made by emailing the Caddie Department at chambersbaycaddymaster@kempersports.com or by calling (253) 552-4869. You can also go to the following link on the Chambers Bay web site, scroll down to "Caddie Services" and fill out the online form. The link is - <http://www.chambersbaygolf.com/rates/>

SPECTATOR CARTS AND GALLERY

In order to avoid player distractions and Rules incidents, spectator carts of any kind during the Championship will NOT be permitted. Additionally, Chambers Bay is a walking only golf course and do not have carts. Spectators who wish to gallery players may walk the course, but are asked to please be cognizant of creating any sort of distraction, noise, or unduly delaying play. The PCGA Dress Code (Please see DRESS CODE) applies to any gallery. Gallery cooperation is greatly appreciated by the PCGA and contestants!

LIVE SCORING

The PCGA will conduct Live Scoring during the Championship. During each round, PCGA Trustees will be stationed at key locations on the golf course (front nine, end of nine holes, and back nine) and will request scorecards after the completion of a hole in order to record updated scores. Scores will be quickly recorded and the scorecards will be returned to the players on the next tee. These scores will then be posted throughout the day on the PCGA web site at www.pacificcoastamateur.com. Contestant cooperation in submitting updated scorecards to PCGA Trustees during each round is appreciated.

METHODS OF PAYMENT

Cash and all major credit cards are accepted at the Chambers Bay facility

PLAYERS' HOSTED WELCOME BARBECUE (Cost for Players Included in Entry Fee)

The Players' Welcome Barbecue will be held at Chambers Bay on Monday evening, July 17th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. The PCGA hosts this dinner for all players (included in the entry fee). Guests are also welcome to attend, but tickets must be purchased at registration for \$40 per person (U.S. funds), which includes all taxes and gratuities. The attire is "country club casual" (i.e., button down shirt, sweater, or the like) with golf clothes appropriate. The PCGA dress code applies to all players and guests.

PCGA HOSTED LUNCH EACH DAY OF CHAMPIONSHIP (Cost for Players Included in Entry Fee)

To further assist in deferring player expenses, the PCGA will host (included in the entry fee) each day for players (Tuesday-Friday).

OTHER FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE

The Chambers Bay Grill will be open each day beginning at 6:30 a.m.

MORSE CUP TEAM PHOTOS (Applies Only to PCGA Member Associations)

The traditional Morse Cup team photos will be taken Wednesday morning, July 19, prior to play. The location and a specific schedule of photo times for each association will be distributed to those on a Morse Cup team at registration.

FORMAT

Individual - The Individual Championship shall be conducted over 72 holes. There is no cut. In the event of a tie, the individual champion will be determined by a hole-by-hole playoff immediately after the conclusion of play.

Morse Cup Team – The team Championship, consisting of PCGA member association teams only, will be conducted over the first 36 holes. The two low scores of three each day will be totaled to determine the winning association team of the Morse Cup competition and Trophy. In the event of a tie, co-champions will be declared.

AWARDS

Individual – The low individual scorer will receive a PCGA Gold Championship Medal and a Crystal Trophy and his name will be engraved on the Edgar Updegraff Pacific Coast Amateur Championship Perpetual Trophy. Individuals finishing second will receive a PCGA Silver Championship Medal. Individuals finishing third will receive a PCGA Bronze Championship Medal.

Morse Cup Team - The winning association holds the Morse Cup Perpetual Trophy for one year. Each team member receives a Gold Championship Medal. Each member of the team(s) finishing in second place will receive a Silver Championship Medal. Each member of the team(s) finishing in third place will receive a Bronze Championship Medal.

PACE OF PLAY

At Registration, players will receive a copy of the 2017 PCGA Pace of Play policy. **Please review it thoroughly as all players will be expected to familiarize themselves with it prior to the Championship.** A very similar policy has been adopted in recent years by many amateur golf associations in the West, as well as by the USGA for use in its amateur stroke play competitions. It relies less on officials timing individuals who are out of position, but rather places the emphasis on an entire group and making sure they are keeping up with the prescribed pace-of-play time established by the Committee. Automatic penalties, with an appeal process, are the result for each player in a group exceeding the prescribed pace of play at each check point.

CONDUCT CODE

Unacceptable conduct or behavior during the Championship will not be tolerated and may be grounds for immediate disqualification, at any time, from the Pacific Coast Amateur. The PCGA Management Committee shall be the sole judge in determining unbecoming conduct or behavior and any appropriate penalty or sanction.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

In the Pacific Coast Amateur Championship, a player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.

DIRECTIONS TO CHAMBERS BAY

We encourage all players to use Google maps or something similar to find directions from the specific location you are coming from. Since it will be different for many different players, we think it's best to use that technology. The address is 6320 Grandview Drive West University Place, Washington 98467

PACIFIC COAST AMATEUR WEB SITE - www.pacificcoastamateur.com

Players are encouraged to visit the Championship web site at www.pacificcoastamateur.com, which includes a list of players in the field and other pertinent information. Live Scoring updates throughout the Championship will also be featured on the web site July 18 through the final round on July 21.

SOCIAL MEDIA

If you have questions about media or social media, contact pcgamedia@gmail.com

We welcome you to join our conversation on;

Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram - #PACCoast, #ChambersBay, & @pacificcoastam

Facebook - www.facebook.com/PacificCoastAmateur

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/PacificCoastAm>

PCGA CONTACT INFORMATION

If you need to contact the PCGA staff prior to the Championship, you may do so as follows:

Prior to Friday, July 14

PCGA office – Federal Way, WA

1-800-643-6410 (office)

troy.andrew@thepnga.org

pcgamedia@gmail.com

john.saegner@thepnga.org

torrin.westwood@thepnga.org

Erika.morris@thepnga.org

Beginning Saturday Afternoon, July 15

PCGA Executive Director, Troy Andrew - (206) 399-8452 - troy.andrew@thepnga.org

PCGA Staff/Media Director, Chris McGrath – (905) 242-3376 - pcgamedia@gmail.com

PCGA Staff, John Saegner - (206) 399-8391 - john.saegner@thepnga.org

PCGA Staff, Torrin Westwood – (360) 301-9038 – torrin.westwood@thepnga.org



2017 SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Sunday, July 16th

Arrivals and Registration at Chambers Bay – 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Monday, July 17th

Registration – 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Practice Range opens at 6:30 a.m.

Practice rounds for players starting at 7:30 a.m.

Players' Welcome Barbecue at 6:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker – Spider Miller, U.S. Walker Cup Captain

Tuesday, July 18th

Practice Range opens at 6:30 a.m.

Round 1 – Beginning at 7:30 a.m. off the #1 tee

Complimentary Players lunch available at Chambers Bay - 12:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 19th

Practice Range opens at 6:30 a.m.

Round 2 – Beginning at 7:30 a.m. off the #1 tee

Complimentary Players lunch available at Chambers Bay - 12:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 20th

Practice Range opens at 6:30 a.m.

Round 3 – Beginning at 7:30 a.m. off the #1 tee

Complimentary Players lunch available at Chambers Bay - 12:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Friday, July 21st

Practice Range opens at 6:30 a.m.

Final Round (**two tee start**) - Beginning at 7:30 a.m. off the #1 and #10 tees

Complimentary Players lunch available at Chambers Bay - 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Awards Presentation Ceremony at Chambers Bay immediately upon completion of play (about 3pm).