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TO: 116th Southern Amateur Championship
FROM: Andy Priest/Adam Powell, Southern Golf Association
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TOPIC: Southern Amateur Championship Player Information

The Southern Golf Association looks forward to seeing you at the 116th playing of the Southern Amateur Championship at Sea Island Golf Club (Plantation Course) in St. Simons Island, GA from July 13-16, 2022. We are the fifth of seven events that comprise the Elite Amateur Golf Series this summer.

Please carefully review the following championship information. Remember that we are guests of the club, need to conduct ourselves in a proper manner, adhere to all host club policies and the SGA Code of Conduct. Also, make sure to be at your assigned tee ready to play at least five minutes before your starting time. Contact us at the SGA office (205-979-4653) or email: Andy Priest (andy@southerngolf.org) and Adam Powell (adam@southerngolf.org) if you have any questions. We hope you have a great championship!

Championship Website Portal: <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/8216238657598675462>

Championship History

This year marks the 116th playing of the Southern Amateur Championship and the second time that Sea Island Golf Club has hosted the Southern Amateur Championship. Maxwell Moldovan of Union Town, OH won the title in 2021 at Old Waverly Golf Club in West Point, MS with a score of 264 (-20).

The Championship was first played in 1902 at Nashville Golf & Country Club in Nashville, TN. A.F. Schwartz of New Orleans, LA defeated Percy Whitling 4 and 2 to win the inaugural event. The Championship was not played in 1918 due to World War I and 1942-1945 due to World War II. Format was changed from match play to stroke play in 1964. [Southern Amateur Past Champions](#)

Championship Registration

There will be a formal registration for all competitors in the Corn Barn on Tuesday, July 12 from 7:00am-3:00pm. The Corn Barn is located adjacent to the Plantation Course Hole #1. Please do not enter the front door of the building as this is the RSM Classic Tournament Office. Follow signs to access the back side door to the registration area that faces the Plantation Course's No. 1 fairway. Register to sign the host plaque, receive your player gift package, and have your photo taken for website and digital scoreboard. If you are not able to register on July 12th, please notify the SGA in advance so your spot is not given to an alternate.

Sea Island Golf Club (Plantation Course) Information

Director of Golf: Brannen Veal
PGA Head Golf Professional: Jon Olson
PGA Head Golf Professional: Johann Emanuel
Director of Agronomy: Dylan Stafford
Physical Address: 100 Retreat Ave., St. Simons Island, GA 31522
Club Website: <https://www.seaisland.com>
Golf Shop Phone: 912-638-5118
Golf Shop Hours: 6:30am-6:30pm
Practice Facility Hours: 6:30am-6:30pm
Food & Beverage Hours: 6:15am-9:00am (Breakfast); 11:00am-3:00pm (Lunch)
Championship Yardage: 7024 yards (Par 35-36—71)
Course Architect: Davis Love III (2019)
Course Turfgrass: Tees/Fairways (Paspalum); Putting Greens (Tif Eagle); Rough (Bermuda)

Hosted Player Breakfast and Lunch

The SGA will provide breakfast for players from 6:15am-9:00am (Wednesday thru Saturday) and lunch for players from 11:00am-3:00pm (Wednesday thru Saturday) in the Lodge Trophy Room. Hosted meals are for players only.

Caddies and Spectators Food and Beverage

Caddies and spectators may purchase food and beverage at any resort outlet including the Lodge Oak Room, Pool House, and Snack Bar near #9 green of Seaside Course.

Area Lodging and Airports

There are several hotels near Sea Island Golf Club. Below are the hotels in the area that are offering SGA discounted group rates.

- The Inn at Sea Island: 100 Salt Marsh Dr., St. Simons Island, GA 31522: 855-246-8166
- [Embassy Suites Brunswick](#): 500 Mall Blvd., Brunswick, GA 31525: 912-264-6100
- Holiday Inn Express & Suites Brunswick: 236 Gateway Center Blvd., Brunswick, GA 31525
- Holiday Inn Express St. Simons Island: 299 Main St., St. Simons Island, GA: 912-634-2175
- [Best Western Plus St. Simons](#): 301 Main St., St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Brunswick Golden Isles Airport (BQK), serviced by ASA/The Delta Connection: 20 minute drive to Sea Island Golf Club

Jacksonville International Airport (JAX): 1 Hour drive from Sea Island Golf Club

Savannah International Airport (SAV): 1 hour & 15 minutes from Sea Island Golf Club

*Please note that players are responsible for their own accommodations and transportation.

Sea Island Golf Club Policies

Cell Phone Policy: Cell phones may only be used on the golf course in case of an emergency, entering scores into live scoring, to call the golf shop in need of a ruling, view tournament leaderboard or as a distance measuring device. We ask that phones are set to silent while on club grounds. Silent communications (text, email) may be used inside buildings. Verbal communication (phone calls) should be conducted outside buildings.

Parking: This will be a very busy week at Sea Island Golf Club with the tournament and normal club activities. Parking will be available on-site at Sea Island Golf Club. However, we request for players, caddies and family members carpool as much as possible.

Dress Code: Appropriate golf attire must be worn. Slacks or Bermuda shorts. No cut-offs, no denim, no cargo pants, or cargo shorts. Men must wear shirts with collars and sleeves, always tucked in. Non-metal spikes only. Dress code applies to caddies and spectators. Please remove hats while inside the clubhouse.

Coolers: Personal coolers are not allowed. Bottled water will be available throughout the golf course.

Personal Items: Make sure not to leave any valuable personal items unattended such as jewelry, wallets, etc. even if they are tucked away inside your golf bag. It is best to leave your valuables locked in your automobile. Neither the SGA nor the host club will be held responsible for any lost or stolen personal items.

Accepted Forms of Payment: Club accepts credit card.

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

Practice facilities will open at 12:00pm on Monday, July 11 to championship participants.

Official practice round is on Tuesday, July 12. You will schedule a practice round tee time through an [online registration link](#) that opens on July 5 at 8:00am ET for registration. Practice round tee times will run from 7:30am-3:00pm. Please do not show up at the course and expect to be accommodated for a practice round. Players are limited to playing one ball except from the teeing ground. Players are welcome to use the practice range, short game area and putting green throughout the championship.

*Note that the putting green will close at 2:30pm and the practice range at 6:30pm daily for maintenance.

Course Set-Up/Yardage (*All yardage is subject to change based upon wind direction and weather conditions)

Sea Island Golf Club (Plantation) – SGA Tee Markers

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	Total
Yards	373	382	219	623	473	452	156	482	485	3645	327	216	409	437	550	365	165	350	560	3379	7024
Par	4	4	3	5	4	4	3	4	4	35	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	4	5	36	71

*Alternate tees: #4-575; #5- 446; #17- 296; Par 3s.

Starting Times

Starting times for July 13-14 will be available on Sunday, July 10th by 5:00pm. Check the SGA website at www.southerngolf.org and a link will be sent to each player via text message and email.

Championship Format

- The field will be cut to the low 66 players and ties after 36 holes.
- The lowest score for 72 holes will be the Champion.
- In the event of a tie for the Championship, a “sudden death” hole-by-hole play-off will be held immediately following play. The play-off holes and their order of play will be determined by the Committee.
- Initial groupings will be for the first two rounds; the field will be cut and re-grouped by score after the second round for the third round; field re-grouped by score for the fourth round.

Prizes

- A silver medal will be presented to the three lowest scores after 72 holes. Champion will have his name engraved on the *George W. Adair Trophy*, which is enshrined in Atlanta Athletic Club clubhouse, Johns Creek, Georgia.

Exemptions Earned

- Champion receives a five-year exemption into the Southern Amateur Championship (2023-2027).

Championship Schedule

Monday, July 11

7:30am-9:30am (#1 & #10 tees): On-Site Qualifier.

Practice Facilities open at 12:00pm to championship participants.

Tuesday, July 12

6:30am Practice Facilities open.

7:00am-3:00pm: Player Registration in Corn Barn.

7:30am-3:00pm: Practice rounds.

Wednesday, July 13	6:15am-9:00am: Hosted player breakfast – Trophy Room 6:30am Practice Facilities open. Round 1: Tee times begin at 7:30am & 12:30pm off #1 & #10 tees. 18 holes of Stroke Play. 11:00am- 3:00pm: Hosted player lunch – Trophy Room
Thursday, July 14	6:15am-9:00am: Hosted player breakfast – Trophy Room 6:30am Practice Facilities open. Round 2: Tee times begin at 7:30am & 12:30pm off #1 & #10 tees. 18 holes of Stroke Play. 11:00am- 3:00pm: Hosted player lunch – Trophy Room Field cut to low 66 scores and ties after 36 holes.
Friday, July 15	6:15am-9:00am: Hosted player breakfast – Trophy Room 6:30am Practice Facilities open. Round 3: Tee times begin at 7:30am & 12:30pm off #1 & #10 tees. 18 holes of Stroke Play. 11:00am- 3:00pm: Hosted player lunch – Trophy Room Field re-grouped according to score.
Saturday, July 16	6:15am-9:00am: Hosted player breakfast – Trophy Room 6:30am Practice Facilities open. Round 4: Tee times begin at 7:30am off #1 & #10 tees. 18 holes of Stroke Play. 11:00am-3:00pm: Hosted player lunch – Trophy Room Awards ceremony immediately following play.

Live Scoring

We will request or denote one player or caddie to enter the hole-by-hole scores for all 3 players in each group using the Golf Genius app to assist us with Live Scoring. Group's GGID will be available on each player's scorecard for that group. Please download the free Golf Genius app in advance of the championship.

Championship Policies

- Competitors and caddies must always walk during practice and championship rounds except when an authorized shuttle is provided.
- This is a soft-spike facility. The penalty for non-compliance is disqualification.

Range Fees; Push Carts

- Practice and championship round range fees are paid by the SGA.
- Personal push carts are permitted.

Caddies

- Caddies are permitted for practice and championship rounds. Caddies and players must always walk during the round except where authorized shuttles are provided. Club caddies are available at the Sea Island (\$120 + \$40 tip per day paid in the golf shop). To reserve a club caddie contact the Caddie Master at 912-291-2233.
- Caddies are required to wear an SGA issued caddie bib at the championship proper. Bibs will be available at the designated starting tee and must be returned to the SGA scoring area at the conclusion of each round.

Spectators and Cart Requests

- *Spectators:* SGA welcomes spectators at our championships. For your safety, we request that spectators always walk near the cart path. Spectator carts are generally not available except as provided in the *Disabled Golf Cart Policy*.
- *Disabled Golf Cart Policy:* In consistency with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), SGA will grant an individual with a bona fide disability a golf cart if the following conditions are met:
 1. Requesting individual completes and submits a [Disabled Golf Cart Request Form](#) by July 8.
 2. Host club has a golf cart available (limited number provided in order requests are received).
 3. Requesting individual pays host club the appropriate daily cart fee.
 4. Requesting individual presents to the SGA staff or SGA representative a handicap card issued by a government agency.

Pace of Play

The SGA wants all players to enjoy competing in our events. Pace of play may differ depending upon the venue, weather and course conditions. Every player is accountable for playing at an acceptable pace, therefore we need your help. Please observe the following guidelines to help ensure a pleasant tournament experience for all:

- Make sure to keep pace with the group in FRONT of you. The group behind should keep pace with your group and so forth.
- Go directly to your ball. If sharing a golf cart, drop-off the player farthest from the hole then proceed to the other ball.
- Be ready to play when it is your turn.
- Keep practice strokes and time taken to read putts to a minimum.
- Play a provisional ball if your original ball may be lost or out of bounds.
- Keep time taken at the snack bar or between nines to a minimum.

If everyone does their part, then 4½ hours should be the maximum time taken to play a round of golf at an SGA tournament. Your SGA issued score card will have the acceptable pace of play per hole printed on it.

Pace of Play Policy

A group that is out of position will be advised of the situation and the individuals may be timed.

- Any competitor who is discovered taking more than 40 seconds to play a stroke is subject to a warning for slow play and will be advised of the fact.
- The competitor will be notified that exceeding 40 seconds on one more occasion will result in a penalty of one stroke in stroke play or loss of hole in match play. A third violation will result in a two-stroke penalty in stroke play or loss of hole in match play, followed by disqualification for a fourth violation.
- A warning is any notice given to a competitor regarding pace of play.
- A competitor's time to play begins when the competitor has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his or her ball and when it is the competitor's turn to play and can do so without interference or distraction. Penalties are applied individually, but more than one competitor in a group may be penalized.
- In general, competitors in a group are subject to being timed at any time but specifically when the group is deemed to be out of position and over the allotted pace of play guidelines.

Note that a group that is out of position at any time may be asked to close the gap regardless of pace of play guidelines. A group is out of position if they are over their maximum acceptable pace of play and more than 15 minutes behind the group ahead of them. The first group off either side is out of position if they are over their maximum acceptable pace of play.

Withdrawals

Exempt Player Withdrawal: If an exempt player withdraws for any reason before **11:59pm CST on Monday, April 18**, entry fee will be refunded minus \$50.00 administrative fee. Withdrawals after close of registration, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **Friday, July 1, 2022**.

Successful Qualifier Withdrawal: If a successful qualifier withdraws for any reason after paying his remaining championship balance of \$175.00 and before **11:59pm CST on Sunday, July 10, 2022**, 50% of the remaining championship balance will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **Sunday, July 10, 2022**.

To withdraw from the event before the close of registration, follow these steps:

- 1) Navigate to the Championship Website Portal.
- 2) Sign into your SGA Tournament Registration Account.
- 3) Click "Edit Registration" from left side of page.
- 4) Choose "Cancel Registration" under dropdown menu on right side of page.

To withdraw from the event after the close of registration, complete the [Online Tournament Withdrawal Form](#).

*Note: SGA will process your withdrawal and applicable refund within 72 hours.

No Shows

Players that fail to notify the SGA of their withdrawal and "No Show" their starting time will not receive a refund for any reason. "No Show" players may be subject to suspension from future SGA events.

Tournament Delays and Updates

The SGA will text players with any tournament delays or schedule changes. Notices will also be posted our Twitter account. Follow @sgagolf.

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[Website and Standings](#)

Phone Numbers

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