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TO: 115th 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 115th playing of the Southern Amateur Championship at Old Waverly Golf Club in West Point, MS from July 14-17, 2021. 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: <https://www.southerngolf.org/southern-amateur>

Championship History

This year marks the 115th playing of the Southern Amateur Championship and the second time that Old Waverly Golf Club has hosted the Southern Amateur Championship. McClure Meissner of San Antonio, TX won the title in 2020 at Maridoe Golf Club in Carrollton, TX with a score of 281 (-7).

The Championship was first played in 1902 at Nashville Golf & Country Club in Nashville, TN. A.F. Schwartz of New Orleans, LA defeated Percy Whiting 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 clubhouse Garden Room on Tuesday, July 13 from 7:00am-3:00pm. Please register to sign the host plaque, receive your player gift, and have your photo taken for digital scoring.

Old Waverly Golf Club Information

PGA Head Golf Professional: Greg Flannagan

Course Superintendent: Brad Suggs

Physical Address: One Magnolia Drive, West Point, MS 39773

Club Website: <https://www.oldwaverly.com/>

Golf Shop Phone: 662-494-8780

Golf Shop Hours: 6:30am-6:30pm

Practice Facility Hours: 6:30am-6:00pm (Range and Short Game); 6:30am-2:30pm (Upper Putting Green)

Food & Beverage Hours: 6:30am-10:00am (Breakfast); 10:30am-3:00pm (Lunch); 10:30am-6:00pm (Downstairs Snack Bar); 6:00pm-9:00pm (Dinner)

Championship Yardage: 7088 yards (Par 35-36—71)

Course Architect: Jerry Pate & Bob Cupp

Course Turfgrass: Tees/Fairways (Bermuda); Putting Greens (Bermuda)

Directions: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/OldWaverlyGolfClub>

Hosted Player Breakfast and Lunch

The SGA will provide breakfast for players from 6:30am-10:00am (Wednesday thru Saturday) and lunch from 10:30am-3:00pm (Tuesday thru Saturday) in the clubhouse Magnolia Room. Hosted meals are for players only.

Caddies and Spectators Food and Beverage

Caddies and spectators may purchase the breakfast and lunch buffets in the Magnolia Room. Additionally, the downstairs grill will be open from 10:30am-6:00pm.

Area Lodging and GTR Airport

There are several hotels near Old Waverly Golf Club. Below are the hotels in the area that have SGA group rates created.

- Hampton Inn & Suites: 5821 Hwy 45 Alt South, West Point, MS 39773: Phone: 662-494-7802
- [Courtyard by Marriott Columbus](#): 1995 6th Street N., Columbus, MS 39701: Phone: 662-245-1540
- Hampton Inn & Suites Columbus: 1915 6th Street N., Columbus, MS 39701: Phone: 662-245-1085
- [Holiday Inn Columbus North](#): 2000 6th Street North, Columbus, MS 39701: Phone: 662-245-6133
- Old Waverly Golf Club Cottages/Villas/Condos: Phone: 662-495-5485

Closest airport is Golden Triangle Regional Airport in Columbus, MS (GTR). GTR Airport is 24 minutes from Old Waverly Golf Club. All airline carriers have daily flights to GTR.

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

Old Waverly Golf Club Policies

Cell Phone Policy: Cell phones may only be used on the golf course in case of an emergency, 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) must be outside buildings.

Parking: This will be a very busy week at Old Waverly Golf Club with the tournament and normal club activities. Parking will be available on-site at Old Waverly 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 cash and credit card. MasterCard, Visa, and Discover may be used.

Practice Rounds and Practice Facility

Official practice round is on Tuesday, July 13. Facilities are closed to championship participants prior to July 13. You will schedule practice rounds through an online registration link sent in advance of the championship under a separate communication. 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 6:00pm daily for maintenance.

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

Old Waverly Golf Club – 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	389	513	170	426	408	355	205	454	582	3502	543	444	173	455	388	526	422	190	445	3586	7088
Par	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	4	5	35	5	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	4	36	71

*Alternate tees: TBD

Starting Times

Starting times for July 14-15 will be available on Sunday, July 11th 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

- Awards 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 the Bob Jones Room of the Atlanta Athletic Club, Atlanta, Georgia.

Exemptions Earned

- Champion receives a five-year exemption into the Southern Amateur Championship (2022-2026).
- Players finishing in the top 10 (and ties) receive an exemption into the 2022 Southern Amateur Championship.

Championship Schedule

Monday, July 12 7:30am-9:30am (#1 & #10 tees): On-Site Qualifier.
Practice Facilities closed to championship participants.

Tuesday, July 13 6:30am Practice Facilities open.
7:00am-3:00pm: Player Registration in Garden Room.
7:30am-3:00pm: Practice rounds.
3:00pm Upper Putting Green Closes
6:00pm Practice Range and short-game area closes.

Wednesday, July 14 6:30am Practice Facilities open.
6:30am-10:00am: Hosted player breakfast – Magnolia Room
Round 1: Tee times begin at 7:30am & 12:30pm off #1 & #10 tees. 18 holes of Stroke Play.
10:30am- 3:00pm: Hosted player lunch – Magnolia Room
2:30pm Upper Putting Green Closes

6:00pm Practice Range closes.

Thursday, July 15

6:30am Practice Facilities open.

6:30am-10:00am: Hosted player breakfast – Magnolia Room

Round 1: Tee times begin at 7:30am & 12:30pm off #1 & #10 tees. 18 holes of Stroke Play.

10:30am- 3:00pm: Hosted player lunch – Magnolia Room

2:30pm Upper Putting Green Closes

6:00pm Practice Range closes.

Friday, July 16

6:30am Practice Facilities open.

6:30am-10:00am: Hosted player breakfast – Magnolia Room

Round 1: Tee times begin at 7:30am & 12:30pm off #1 & #10 tees. 18 holes of Stroke Play.

10:30am- 3:00pm: Hosted player lunch – Magnolia Room

2:30pm Upper Putting Green Closes

6:00pm Practice Range closes.

Field re-grouped according to score.

Saturday, July 17

6:30am Practice Facilities open.

6:30am-10:00am: Hosted player breakfast – Magnolia Room

Round 4: Tee times begin at 7:30am off #1 & #10 tees. 18 holes of Stroke Play.

10:30am-3:00pm: Hosted player lunch – Magnolia Room

Awards ceremony immediately following play in courtyard.

Championship Policies

- Competitors and caddies must always walk during practice and championship rounds.
- 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. Caddies are not available at the Host Club.
- 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 9.
 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 (\$25.00).
 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 Tuesday, May 25**, entry fee will be refunded minus \$50.00 administrative fee. Withdrawals between **Wednesday, May 26 and Sunday, July 11, 2021**, 50% of the entry fee will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **Sunday, July 11, 2021**.

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 11, 2021**, 50% of the remaining championship balance will be refunded. No refunds will be made for withdrawals after **Sunday, July 11, 2021**.

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.

Phone Numbers

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