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# CHAMPIONSHIP TIMES

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

The 2018 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship is less than 5 months away, and preparations for the event are in full swing. This is an exciting opportunity to showcase The Golf Club of Tennessee on a very

prestigious national stage. The U.S. Women's Amateur has been played annually since 1895, and it is an honor for The Golf Club to host such an

incredible event. It is our goal to make this the best U.S. Women's Amateur Championship yet and to set the standard for future Championships.

Hosting this event is a large commitment, and it is not possible without a great deal of hard work. Numerous committees have been formed to concentrate on specific areas to ensure that everything is executed to the highest level. Various Golf Club members and staff, along with many other

individuals, have been focusing their efforts on Fundraising, Volunteer Services, Transportation, Player Services, Hospitality, Player Housing, and more. There will be many ways to become involved, and we



Sophia Schubert, 2017 Champion from Oak Ridge, Tennessee

highly encourage you to do so. To those of you who have already committed to help, thank you.

The USGA will be returning to The Golf Club later this month, with their focus set exclusively on this Championship. With a full agenda spread over multiple days, we are optimistic that we are right on schedule to host this event. The next 5 months will go quickly with preparations, and we will keep you updated with periodic emails and newsletters.

If you have any questions about this event, or how you can become involved, please don't hesitate to reach out.

- Sarah Ingram, Julie Frist, & Lucianne Wilt, Co-Chairs

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. How are we paying for this?

Through generous member donors, corporate sponsors, and our Twenty18 Club supporters. We also have several in-kind donations from several local organizations.

### 2. What are we spending money on?

As part of staging the Championship, The Golf Club has the responsibility for transportation, conditioning the course, security, scoring, signage, tents, printed materials, food and beverage for volunteers, as well as two major dinner events, plus so much more.

### 3. What kind of corporate support opportunities are available? Who should I talk to about getting my organization involved?

There are several ways for you and/or your business to support this event. To request information regarding corporate sponsorship opportunities, please contact Grace Awh at [graceawh@gmail.com](mailto:graceawh@gmail.com).

### 4. Is it too late to support through the Twenty18 Club?

No! To join the Twenty18 Club, or to learn more about the benefits, please contact Stephanie Brown at 615-224-6726.

For more information, visit our website:

[www.2018womensamateur.com](http://www.2018womensamateur.com)

## VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Registration for the 2018 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship will be opening soon. The Golf Club of Tennessee would be unable to host this event without the help of dedicated volunteers. Volunteers must work a minimum of 3 shifts throughout the week.

Upon registering for volunteer positions, you will be asked to purchase the volunteer package at a cost of \$50. The volunteer package includes two shirts, a hat, and breakfast and lunch. Transportation to and from the golf course will be provided by

continuously running shuttles from the volunteer parking lot, which is located at Royal Range. To be one of the first to know when registration goes live, please contact Rachel Schuchert at 615-743-3121 or via email at [rschuchert@nashvillesports.com](mailto:rschuchert@nashvillesports.com).

## BECOME A HOST FAMILY

Host families are needed to house players during the 2018 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship in August. Please consider being a part of this historic event by welcoming a player into your home. We will need to house around 40 players, and in some cases a guest. The majority of players have their own transportation, but if they don't, you would need to provide them rides to and from the golf course. If you are interested, or need more information, please contact co-chairs Pam Morris, Ken Savage, or Sarah Ingram at [housing@2018womensamateur.com](mailto:housing@2018womensamateur.com).

## TIMELINE OF EVENTS

**Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Registration

**Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>**

Registration & Practice Round

**Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**

Official Practice Round

**Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup>**

First Round of Stroke Play

**Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

Second Round of Stroke Play

**Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

First Round of Match Play (64 players)

**Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**

Second & Third Rounds of Match Play

**Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**

Quarterfinal Round of Match Play

**Saturday, August 11<sup>th</sup>**

Semifinal Round of Match Play

**Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

Final Round of Match Play &  
Award Ceremony

## KEY FACTS & HISTORY

- Tournament/Board Chairs: Sarah Ingram, Julie Frist, Lucianne Wilt
- 156 top amateurs from around the world
- Fox Sports will broadcast the event
- Former host sites: San Diego C.C. (2017), Rolling Green, Sleepy Hollow, Pinehurst, Prairie Dunes, The Country Club, The Homestead, Brae Burn C.C.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> oldest USGA Championship (over half a century older than the U.S. Women's Open, which was started in 1946)
- Players must have an index of 5.4 or less
- No age restrictions: A 14 year old won the tournament in 2006. In 2001, Morgan Pressel qualified as a 13 year old, and she won in 2007 at age 17. Lucy Li set the record as the youngest competitor at 10 years, 10 months, and 4 days old in 2013. Lucy is expected to play again in 2018.

## JOIN THE TWENTY18 CLUB

Thanks to the support of our generous partners and Golf Club of Tennessee members, we have accomplished nearly 90% of our fundraising goal. Please consider a tax-deductible donation of \$2,018 to join the Twenty18 Club. Your generous donation will help ensure that The Golf Club of Tennessee is viewed as a premier championship course and the 2018 Championship will be the standard to which all future championships are held. To join the Twenty18 Club, please contact [StephanieBrown@TheGolfClubofTN.com](mailto:StephanieBrown@TheGolfClubofTN.com) or call 615-224-6726.

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