







118TH UNITED STATES OPEN GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Local Qualifying

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 – Troy Burne Golf Club, Hudson, WI Wednesday, May 16, 2018 – The Wilds Golf Club, Prior Lake, MN

QUALIFYING MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

HOST CLUB INFORMATION

Troy Burne Golf Club 295 Lindsay Road Hudson, WI 54016 Golf Shop: 877/888-8633 Website: www.troyburne.com The Wilds Golf Club 3151 Wilds Ridge Prior Lake, MN 55372 Golf Shop: 952/445-3500 Website: www.golfthewilds.com

FORMAT/QUALIFYING PLACES: Format is **18-holes, stroke play.** Each field of contestants will compete for qualifying places and two alternate positions in the Sectional Qualifying for the 118th United States Open Golf Championship to be played June 14-17 at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, Southampton, NY. The number of qualifying spots are as follows:

Troy Burne GC: <u>5</u> The Wilds GC: <u>5</u>

STARTING TIMES: The Official Starting Times will be posted on the Qualifying webpage once complete.

PLAYOFF: In the event of a tie for the last qualifying places, there will be a hole-by-hole playoff to determine the final qualifiers and the 1st and 2nd alternate if necessary. All announcements regarding the play-off, including the holes to be used, will be made at the public scoreboard upon completion of the qualifying round.

FOOTWEAR: Shoes with traditionally-designed spikes (regardless of composition, i.e., ceramic, plastic, etc.) or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal (if such metal may come in contact with the course) are prohibited during the stipulated round. Penalty for breach of this condition: DISQUALIFICATION.

GROOVES: The players' clubs <u>must conform</u> to the grooves and punch mark specifications in The Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010 (see Decision 4-1/1). Please refer to the Qualifying webpage for more detailed information.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: Per Rule 14-3, Distance Measuring Devices <u>are not permitted in any USGA</u> <u>Open qualifying or championship event.</u> Penalty for breach – First Offense: **TWO STROKES**; Second Offense: **DISQUALIFICATION.**

EVACUATION PLAN: In the event of a discontinuance of play during the qualifier, players must return to the Clubhouse for further instructions and updates.

PACE OF PLAY: The Pace of Play policy for the Qualifying is posted on the Qualifying webpage.

PRACTICE ROUND AVAILABILITY: Practice rounds are available at both sites but will vary by day(s). To schedule a practice round, please contact the Golf Shop of your qualifying site and identify yourself as a U.S. Open Qualifying contestant. Practice rounds will be on a space-available basis. The fee for a practice round at Troy Burne is **\$49+tax** (including cart) while the fee at The Wilds will be the lower of **\$60+tax** or their **Pay the Temperature** rate. The use of a golf cart during the practice round is optional and extra.

QUALIFYING ROUND FEES: There is no additional fee associated with the qualifying.

CADDIES: Sites <u>*will not*</u> have caddies available. You must bring your own caddie if you wish to use one, or you may carry your own bag or use a non-motorized walking cart.

CARTS: Players and caddies must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorized by the Committee.

SPECTATOR CARTS: Spectator carts will be permitted during the Qualifying in very limited cases. All requests must go through the Official in Charge. The regular cart fee will be charged for any approved spectator carts.

COURSE SETUP: Please refer to the "View Course Setup" button on the respective Qualifying webpage.

GOLF SHOP/LOCKER ROOM/PRACTICE AREAS: These areas will be open for player's use during the qualifying. Practice areas will open at least 60 minutes prior to the first starting time.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE: Contestants and caddies must be neat in appearance. Bermuda length shorts may be worn. Denim and blue jeans, short shorts, tee shirts, and tank tops are prohibited. Shirts must have collars. The Committee will decide whether this requirement has been met. The dress code applies to the caddies as well as the players. A player will be held responsible for the appearance of his caddie.

CELL PHONE POLICY: The use of telecommunications devices is not permitted on the course during the qualifying.

FOOD SERVICE:

Troy Burne GC: Food and beverage service <u>*will*</u> be available (snacks and beverages) from the Clubhouse during the qualifying.

The Wilds GC: Food and beverage service <u>will</u> be available from the clubhouse.

OFFICIAL IN CHARGE:

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