

MGA WOMEN'S MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP BENT CREEK GOLF CLUB



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MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19-21, 2017

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT: Players in the Open Division must play an 18-hole qualifying round the morning of Monday, June 19, to establish the Championship Flight and all other flight brackets. The top fifteen (15) players from the qualifying round will join the Defending Champion (who will be seeded #1 if entered) to complete the Championship Flight. Any tie for the 15th and final spot will be played off on the course on a hole-by-hole basis. If the Defending Champion is not entered, the top 16 players will advance to the Championship Flight.

All other players will be assigned to a flight (of 8) based on qualifying score. Ties for the final spot in a flight and/or seeding positions will be broken by using a score card playoff following the USGA recommended procedure

There will be consolation flights for each flight. Thus, each player will play at least two matches.

Schedule of the event:

Monday, June 19

AM: Stroke play qualifying

PM: 1st Round Matches (all flights)

Tuesday, June 20

AM: 2nd Round Matches (all flights)
PM: Semifinal Matches (Championship)

Wednesday, June 21

AM: Championship Matches (all flights)

RULES OF PLAY: The USGA Rules of Golf, MGA Conditions of Competition, this Notice to Competitors, as well as any Local Rules established specifically for the Championship will govern play. Players will receive a Local Rules sheet daily at their starting hole. Players wanting a copy of the MGA Rules Card may find it on the MGA web site – www.mngolf.org – under the Tournament & Rules section.

<u>PACE OF PLAY:</u> The MGA Pace of Play Policy will be in effect and strictly enforced. The Pace of Play for the Championship can be found at the Championship home page on the MGA web site – <u>www.mngolf.org</u>. Players should make the effort to read the policy prior to the beginning of the Championship.

<u>CHAMPIONSHIP PRACTICE ROUNDS:</u> Championship practice rounds are available on a space-available basis. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday are available before 12pm for \$50 walking or \$70 with cart. Sunday after 3pm \$65 walking or \$85 with cart. Call the Golf Shop to schedule a practice round.

STARTING TIMES: There will be no change in starting times other than by decision of the committee due to weather conditions. Starting times for Rounds 1 & 2 will be posted on the MGA website (www.mngolf.org) approximately five (5) days prior to the Championship.

LODGING: Lodging arrangements have NOT been made at area hotels. However, there are hotels within a reasonable distance of Bent Creek Golf Club.

<u>DIRECTIONS TO BENT CREEK GOLF CLUB:</u> Click <u>here</u> for a link.

DRESS CODE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP: For all MGA competitions, players and caddies must be neat in appearance with respect to personal grooming and clothing. All entrants are required to wear appropriate golf attire as defined by the host club and/or the MGA. Short shorts, athletic shorts, tennis shorts, denim, tank tops, T-shirts and sweats are not acceptable. The committee will decide whether this requirement has been met and will withdraw the entry of any player not complying.

- **<u>FOOTWEAR POLICY:</u>** As stated in the official entry form, it is a condition of the competition that shoes with metal or traditionally designed spikes are prohibited. Penalty for breach of this condition: **Disqualification.**
- **<u>CELL PHONE POLICY:</u>** The MGA prohibits the use of cell phones and other similar devices during play.
- **PRACTICE RANGE:** The practice range will be open daily during the Championship. Range balls are complimentary.
- **FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE:** There will be a player banquet after play on Monday. Food and beverage service will be available on a cash and charge basis all days of the Championship. All food and beverages, except for that found at the 1st and 10th tees and at the player banquet, are at the player's expense.
- <u>CADDIES AND CARTS</u>: Carrying your bag, the use of a pull cart (including motorized) and motorized riding carts are permitted. All players may use a motorized riding cart during the qualifying round, however, motorized riding carts are prohibited in the **Championship Matches**. Only motorized carts provided by the host facility may be used. Contestants are responsible for paying the appropriate fee for the use of such carts prior to play each day. Bent Creek GC will not have caddies available. You are encouraged to bring your own caddie, if desired.
- **PRIZES:** Trophies will be awarded to the Champion and first place finishers in each flight for their permanent possession. Merchandise prizes will be awarded as determined by the Tournament Committee.
- **POSTING SCORES:** All scores from the competition will be entered in GHIN and identified as tournament ("T") scores by the MGA. Do **not** enter these scores yourself.

MGA PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINTS:

Winner:	150	Qualifiers: 5
Runner-up:	100	
Semi:	50	
Quarter:	25	
16:	10	

COURSE SET-UP: TBD

CHAMPIONSHIP WEB SITES:

MGA Women's Senior Amateur Match Play Championship:

https://www.mngolf.org/Tournament/74th_MGA_Womens_Amateur_Match_Play_Championship Benk Creek Golf Club: <u>WWW.BENTCREEKGOLFCLUB.COM</u>

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