



August 24 to 30, 2009

2009 U.S. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP FACT SHEET
Southern Hills Country Club and Cedar Ridge Country Club
Tulsa, Oklahoma

THE U.S. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP – The leading annual golf tournament in the United States for amateur golfers, the U.S. Amateur Championship is organized by the United States Golf Association. The first U. S. Amateur Championship was played at Newport Country Club in 1895, one day prior to the first U.S. Open Championship, making the U.S. Amateur the oldest golf championship in the country. Many of the leading figures in the history of golf have been U.S. Amateur Champion, including Bobby Jones (5 times), Jack Nicklaus (twice), Tiger Woods (3 times, all consecutive and the only player to win three in a row) and Phil Mickelson, to name a few. Mr. Woods' first win, as an 18 and a half-year-old in 1994, made him the youngest winner of the event, breaking the previous record of Nathaniel Crosby (son of Bing). That record was broken again in 2008 when Danny Lee of New Zealand was crowned U.S. Amateur Champion at the age of 18 years and one month. Previous U.S. Amateur Champions from Oklahoma include Scott Verplank (1984), Bob Dickson (1967), Labron Harris, Jr. (1962) and Charles Coe (1958 and 1949; also, runner-up to Jack Nicklaus in 1959). Mr. Dickson also won the British Amateur Championship in 1967. Mr. Harris is the son of Labron Harris Sr. who founded and was the long time coach for the golf program at Oklahoma State University. Mr. Coe, who never turned professional, made 19 Masters appearances and was an honorary member of Southern Hills Country Club for several years. The Charlie Coe Golf Center at the University of Oklahoma is named in his honor.

SOUTHERN HILLS COUNTRY CLUB – This par 70 championship golf course was established in 1936 on land donated by oilman Waite Phillips. Perry Maxwell, who designed the Colonial and Prairie Dunes golf courses, was the course designer. This will be the second U.S. Amateur Championship hosted by Southern Hills Country Club and its ninth USGA event. The last U.S. Amateur Championship at the club was in 1965 when Bob Murphy defeated Oklahoma's Bob Dickson by one stroke (Mr. Dickson discovered an extra club in his bag after playing only two holes – a wedge belonging to another player – and incurred a 4-stroke penalty). Southern Hills has hosted 14 major championships, including 3 U.S. Open Championships (1958, 1977 and 2001), an unprecedented 4 PGA Championships (1970, 1982, 1994 and 2007), a USGA Women's Amateur Championship (1946), a USGA Junior Amateur Championship (1953), a USGA Senior Amateur Championship (1961), a USGA Amateur Championship (1965), a USGA Women's Mid-Amateur Championship (1987) and 2 Tour Championships (1994 and 1995).

CEDAR RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB - In 1967, a group of Tulsa businessmen commissioned legendary golf course designer Joe Finger to design a new golf course that would be regarded as one of the finest in the nation. Under Finger's direction, a dairy farm in south Tulsa was transformed into Cedar Ridge Country Club, a par 71 course that has ranked among *Golf Digest's* top 100. This beautiful course in the heart of Oklahoma's Green Country has hosted many outstanding national and regional tournaments, including the Trans-Miss Championship (1974), the Roy Clark Celebrity Golf Classic (1975-1983), the Nancy Lopez Invitational College Tournament (1976-1982), the Women's U.S. Open Championship (1983), the Trans-Miss 4-Ball Championship (1997) and various USGA Qualifier Events. Cedar Ridge also hosted a major LPGA event each year from 2004 to 2008, and is known as a "tough but fair" course that ranks as a top-3 favorite among LPGA professionals.

TICKETS AVAILABLE – Tickets can be purchased online at www.2009USAmateur.com or by calling the 2009 U.S. Amateur office at (918) 292-8726. Daily grounds tickets are \$15 or \$50 for a weekly

pass; Clubhouse tickets are \$120 for a weekly pass. VIP Hospitality ticket options are also available. Children 17 and under are admitted free if accompanied by a paying adult.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION - We are looking for over 600 community volunteers to help us execute this exciting and historic event. General volunteers will be assigned to their committee of preference in the order received, as long as positions remain available. Please visit our website at www.2009USAmateur.com to fill out the official Volunteer Registration Form online or to download the form and mail it to the address provided.

WWW.USGA.ORG/CHAMPIONSHIPS – Log on to the USGA Internet site at www.usga.org for the latest and most complete U.S. Amateur Championship information.

WHO CAN ENTER – There are no age or gender restrictions on entry. The U.S. Amateur Championship is open to amateur golfers who have USGA Handicap Indexes of 2.4 or less.

SECTIONAL QUALIFYING – Sectional qualifying, consisting of a 36-hole stroke play event, will be conducted between July 25 and August 11, 2009, at a number of sites.

FORMAT – Following two days of stroke play (August 24 and 25), the field of 312 golfers will be reduced to the lowest 64 scorers, who will advance to match play. All matches are 18 holes except the final match. The 36-hole championship final match is scheduled for Sunday, August 30.

SCHEDULE OF PLAY – The first and second rounds of stroke play are set for Monday and Tuesday (August 24 and 25) at Southern Hills and Cedar Ridge. All match play rounds will be played at Southern Hills. A single round of match play is scheduled on Wednesday (August 26), followed by the second and third rounds on Thursday (August 27), and single rounds again from Friday through Sunday (August 28, 29 and 30). See the complete Schedule of Play below.

Practice Rounds:

Saturday, August 22, 2009	7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Practice Rounds (312 players)	
Southern Hills and Cedar Ridge	
Sunday, August 23, 2009	7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Practice Rounds (312 players)	
Southern Hills and Cedar Ridge	

Stroke Play Rounds:

Monday, August 24, 2009	.
Stroke Play Round #1 (312 players)	7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Southern Hills and Cedar Ridge	12:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Tuesday, August 25, 2009	
Stroke Play Round #2 (312 players)	7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Southern Hills and Cedar Ridge	12:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

(Playoff, if necessary, will be played at Southern Hills.)

Match Play Rounds (All Match Play Rounds will be at Southern Hills):

Wednesday, August 26, 2009	
Match Play Round #1 (64 players - 32 Matches)	8:00 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.
Thursday, August 27, 2009	
Match Play Round #2 (32 players - 16 Matches)	7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Match Play Round #3 (16 players - 8 Matches)	1:15 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.
Friday, August 28, 2009	
Match Play, Quarterfinals (8 players - 4 Matches)	10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Saturday, August 29, 2009	
Match Play Semifinals (4 players - 2 Matches)	9:00 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.
Sunday, August 30, 2009	
Match Play Final (2 players - 36 Holes)	8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Morning Round: 8:00 a.m. start	
Afternoon Round: 1:00 p.m. start	

NOTE: Start times may change due to weather conditions or television coverage. Championship Schedule update information will be available on the Internet at www.usamateur.org

TELEVISION COVERAGE – The U.S. Amateur will have 10 hours of live national coverage on The Golf Channel and NBC over the last five days of the Championship, as follows:

<u>Day/Date (EST)</u>	<u>Network</u>	<u>Program</u>
Wednesday, August 26 4:00-6:00 PM	The Golf Channel	First Round
Thursday, August 27 1:00-3:00 PM	The Golf Channel	Third Round
Friday, August 28 1:00-3:00 PM	The Golf Channel	Quarterfinals
Saturday, August 29 4:00-6:00 PM	NBC	Semifinals
Sunday, August 30 4:00-6:00 PM	NBC	Final

FUTURE U.S. AMATEUR SITES – In 2010, the U.S. Amateur will be played at Chambers Bay Golf Course in Washington, August 23 to 29, and in 2011, at Erin Hills Golf Course in Wisconsin, August 22 to 28.

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