

109th Western Amateur Championship

August 1 – 6, 2011 North Shore Country Club, Glenview, Illinois



Entries Close 5 p.m. (CDT) on Friday, June 24, 2011

ELIGIBILITY — This Championship is open to amateur golfers with an official and verified handicap index not exceeding **3.0**. In addition, WGA reserves the right to invite players of national and international reputation to participate. Such formal invitations are extended only in writing by WGA. **(Receiving this application does not in itself constitute an invitation.)** All entries are subject to approval or rejection by WGA at any time before or after the start of play.

FIELD — The field may be limited by WGA to a maximum of 156 contestants. WGA shall determine the players who are exempt in accordance with the exemption list printed on page 3. Players not exempt are advised to apply for a D-1 exemption.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

1. All entries must be submitted online at www.thewesternamateur.com. Late, incomplete, or inaccurate entry forms are not acceptable. There is a \$20 application fee for all applications.
2. All entries and application fees of \$20 must be submitted online prior to 5 p.m. (CDT) on Friday, June 24, 2011. Only one entry may be filed per player.
3. If an entrant who has paid the entire entry fee (\$230) withdraws before 5 p.m. (CDT) on June 24, the entry fee will automatically be refunded following the tournament. The \$20 application fee will be deducted from all refunds. If an entrant withdraws for any reason after 5 p.m. (CDT) on June 24, **no refunds** will be given. If you cannot compete and do not officially withdraw **prior** to the tournament, you will be treated as a “no-show” and will be subject to exclusion from future WGA sponsored events.
4. The application fee of \$20 (credit card payment submitted online) must accompany each entry.
5. Upon acceptance into the tournament field, the balance of the entry fee (\$205 - credit card payment submitted online) must be paid to confirm each applicant's acceptance into the event. Each applicant who is accepted into the field will receive instructions on how to pay the remaining balance of \$210.

WITHDRAWAL — If an entrant withdraws after 5 p.m. (CDT) on June 24, **no refunds** will be given.

SCHEDULE (Championship) — **North Shore Country Club** Tuesday & Wednesday August 2 & 3 — 36 holes of qualifying, 18 holes each day; the low 44 players and ties after 36 holes enter the final 36 holes of qualifying on Thursday; low 16 players after 72 holes enter match play. In event of a tie for the 16th position, a sudden-death playoff shall be held to determine the qualifiers. The playoff will begin as soon as the last player has completed 72 holes of qualifying and all scores are posted. All players in the playoff are required to be at the tee where the playoff is to commence.

Monday, August 1	Registration (7:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.) Practice Rounds First tee will close at 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, August 2	First Round Stroke Play Reception / Cookout
Wednesday, August 3	Second Round Stroke Play; low 44 plus ties enter final 36 holes of qualifying
Thursday, August 4	Final 36 holes of Qualifying; low 16 enter Match Play
Friday, August 5	First Round (Match Play) Quarterfinal Round (Match Play)
Saturday, August 6	Semifinal Round (Match Play) Final Round (Match Play)

2011 Host Venue - North Shore Country Club: Host of 1928 Western Open, 1933 U.S. Open, 1939 & 1983 U.S. Amateur

Future Sites:	2012	-	Exmoor Country Club, Highland Park, Illinois
	2013	-	Olympia Fields Country Club, Olympia Fields, Illinois
	2014	-	The Beverly Country Club, Chicago, Illinois
	2015	-	Rich Harvest Farms, Sugar Grove, Illinois

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TOURNAMENT ACCEPTANCE — Players qualifying for an exemption into the tournament in categories A, B and C will be notified of their acceptance into the tournament after receipt of the application and application fee, provided there are spaces available. All players applying for a D-1 Exemption will be emailed notification of their status on July 1, 2011.

REGISTRATION (Championship) — Exempt players must register by 5 p.m. on Monday, August 1, or state arrival time by phone. Registration is located in the North Shore Country Club Clubhouse and is open Monday, August 1, starting at 7 a.m. A player's place in the tournament may be forfeited if he fails to register.

AWARDS — The name of the champion will be engraved on the George R. Thorne trophy and the name of the medalist will be engraved on the Cameron Eddy trophy. The WGA will present Western Amateur trophies to the champion and medalist, with medals also being presented to all match play qualifiers.

PRACTICE (Championship) — North Shore Country Club will be available for practice on Monday, August 1; however, each player must register for the tournament prior to any practice. Practice rounds can be scheduled for August 1, by calling the North Shore Country Club Golf Shop - (847)724-9240 PLEASE NOTE: North Shore Country Club's golf course and practice facilities will be unavailable prior to Monday, August 1st.

STARTING TIMES (Championship) — Pairings and starting times for the first two rounds of qualifying will be posted outside the tournament office in the North Shore Country Club Clubhouse and Golf Shop by 12 noon on Monday, August 1.

ACCOMMODATIONS — Contestants are expected to make their own reservations for hotel accommodations. Upon receipt of entry, a list of available hotels will be mailed to players.

PRIVATE HOUSING — As in past years, a limited amount of private housing will be provided. This is done on a first-come, first-serve basis only. You must specify on the entry form if you will need housing. Players will be given private housing on a space available basis only.

HEADQUARTERS — All inquiries should be directed to the Vice President, Tournaments or Associate Tournament Director of the Western Golf Association, 1 Briar Road, Golf, IL 60029, telephone: (847) 724-4600. After 4:30 p.m. on Friday, July 29, the WGA Tournament Office will be located at North Shore CC, telephone TBD. (Phone number will be published in the Western Amateur Player Handbook).

CADDIE POLICY — North Shore Country Club caddies are available for the practice round and tournament play on a first-come, first-serve basis for a fee of \$60 per day. Pull carts are not permitted by any player's caddie during any stage of the Championship. Each caddie is required to carry a player's clubs during the round. A player is not required to employ a caddie for any stage of the Championship. Players that have been eliminated (missed the cut or lost a match) from the tournament are allowed to caddie for a player still in the field.

CONDUCT CODE — The following actions will be considered violations of the Conduct Code: any abusive language, club throwing, cheating, disrespect of volunteers or officials, abuse of the course, leaving the course during your competitive round without permission from a WGA official, any use of or association with drugs or alcohol, not adhering to the dress code during any portion of the tournament, any vandalism at a host hotel, and/or any other conduct not becoming of a Western Amateur contestant. The penalties for Conduct Code violations, based on the severity of misconduct, may be any or all of the following: a warning, disqualification of the player from the tournament, suspension of the player indefinitely from WGA Championships.

DRESS CODE — Golf slacks only. Shorts are not allowed during any portion of the Championship. Golf/Bermuda style shorts will be allowed during practice rounds only on Monday, August 1 (Caddies may wear golf/Bermuda style shorts during all rounds of the championship). Collared shirts must be worn during all phases of the tournament. Players in violation of the dress code will not be permitted to start the competition. A violation of the dress code by a player during the stipulated round must be rectified without undue delay or the player will not be allowed to continue play. Proper dress code is required at all times while at the host facility, including in the clubhouse and at all practice facilities before and after play.

FOOTWEAR — It is a condition of the competition at North Shore Country Club that shoes with metal or traditionally designed spikes are prohibited. Penalty for breach of this condition: **Disqualification**.

RULES OF PLAY — The USGA Rules of Golf, as modified by local rules established by the WGA, will be used. The WGA tournament committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions and schedules herein. Changes in tournament format caused by force majeure shall be at the sole discretion of WGA officials. The decision of the WGA tournament committee in any manner shall be final. **The one (1) ball rule will be in effect for tournament play. Distance Measuring Devices will not be allowed during competition.**

(Keep for future reference)