**31st U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur Championship – Storylines**

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**FIELD NOTES** – Among the 132 golfers in the 2017 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur field, there are:

**Oldest Competitors:** Patty Moore (67, born 4-26-50), Annette Gaiotti (64, born 4-10-53), Patricia Cornett (63, born 4-10-54), Carol Davies (63, born 9-29-54)

**Youngest Competitors:** Carlia Canto (25, born 6-26-92), Daniela Okino (25, born 5-31-92), Courtney Shelton (25, born 3-1-92), Marissa Mar (25, born 1-23-92)

**Average Age of Field:** 41.91

**U.S. States Represented** – There are 34 states and the District of Columbia represented in the 2017 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur: California (15), Florida (13), Colorado (6), North Carolina (6), Texas (6), Georgia (5), Pennsylvania (5), Illinois (4), Massachusetts (4), New York (4), Alabama (3), Kentucky (3), Maryland (3), Michigan (3), Missouri (3), Virginia (3), Wisconsin (3), Louisiana (2), Minnesota (2), New Jersey (2), Oregon (2), South Carolina (2), Tennessee (2), Utah (2), Washington (2), Arkansas (1), Delaware (1), Hawaii (1), Idaho (1), Indiana (1), Kansas (1), Maine (1), Nevada (1), Ohio (1), and District of Columbia (1).

**International** – There are nine countries represented in the 2017 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur: United States (116), Mexico (5), Canada (4), Thailand (2), Colombia (1), Republic of Ireland (1), Singapore (1), Sri Lanka (1) and Vietnam (1).

**USGA Champions** (7): Lauren Greenlief (2015 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur), Mina Hardin (2010 U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur), Judith Kyrinis (2017 U.S. Women’s Senior Amateur), Martha Leach (2009 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur), Julia Potter (2013, 2016 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur), Meghan Stasi (2006, 2007, 2010, 2012 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur), Corey Weworski (2004 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur)

**USGA Runners-Up** (12): Laura Coble (2009 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur), Patricia Cornett (1987 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur), Jane Fitzgerald (2012 U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur), Mina Hardin (2001 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur, 2011 U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur), Shannon Johnson (2016 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur), Ina Kim (2000 U.S. Girls’ Junior Amateur), Pamela Kuong (2015 U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur), Judith Kyrinis (2014 U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur), Martha Leach (2011 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur), Julia Potter (2014 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur), Terrill Samuel (2017 U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur), Thuhashini Selvaratnam (2006 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur)

**Players in Field with Most U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur Appearances** (2017 included) – Martha Leach (29), Patricia Cornett (26), Mina Hardin (23), Corey Weworski (22), Mary Jane Hiestand (20), Linda Pearson (19), Patty Moore (18), Dawn Woodard (16), Laura Coble (15), Leigh Klasse (15), Lisa Schlesinger (15).

**Players Who Played in 1998 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur at Champions Golf Club (6)** – Players in this year’s field who competed in the 1998 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur at Champions Golf Club, and their finish: Patricia Cornett (Rd. of 64), Mina Hardin (Rd. of 32), Mary Jane Hiestand (Rd. of 64), Kathy Kurata (Rd. of 64), Martha Leach (semifinalist) and Linda Pearson (FQ).

**Played in 2016 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur** (55)**:** Kim Benedict, Jillian Braverman, Whitney Britton, Jirapon Carlson, Elizabeth Corcoran, Staci Creech, Lin Culver, Kay Daniel, Danielle Davis, Kayla Eckelkamp, Jane Fitzgerald, Annette Gaiotti, Lauren Greenlief, Mina Hardin, Olivia Herrick, Jamie Hoffmann, Patti Hogeboom, Connie Isler, Deb Jackson, Amanda Jacobs, Gretchen Johnson, Shannon Johnson, Tara Joy-Connelly, Kim Keyer-Scott, Kathy Kurata, Judith Kyrinis, Martha Leach, Maggie Leef, Amy Loughney, Kareen Markle, Sarah Mathews, Sarah Matin, Tiffany Maurycy, Paige McCullough, Courtney McKim, Katie Miller, Janet Moore, Deborah Munoz, Becky Neal, Elizabeth Payne, Linda Pearson, Julia Potter, Susan Roh, Patricia Schremmer, Lacy Shelton, Karen Siegel, Meghan Stasi, Julie Streng, Donna Tepper, Lea Venable, Corey Weworski, Caryn Wilson, Katrin Wolfe, Dawn Woodard, Sherry Wright

**Played in 2015 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur** (45)**:** Whitney Britton, Marie Burns, Jirapon Carlson, Patricia Cornett, Kathy Crumley, Lin Culver, Kay Daniel, Danielle Davis, Stacy Dennis, Lauren Greenlief, Mina Hardin, Olivia Herrick, Connie Isler, Deb Jackson, Amanda Jacobs, Tara Joy-Connelly, Leigh Klasse, Martha Leach, Maggie Leef, Amy Loughney, Kareen Markle, Sarah Matin, Courtney McKim, Katie Miller, Janet Moore, Patty Moore, Anna Morales, Becky Neal, Linda Pearson, Julia Potter, Alyssa Roland, Lisa Schlesinger, Thuhashini Selvaratnam, Lacy Shelton, Rachel Smith, Megan Stasi, Mary Kay Thanos-Zordani, Shirley Vaughn, Tracy Welch, Susan West, Corey Weworski, Kelly Wilson, Katrin Wolfe, Dawn Woodard, Sherry Wright

**Played in 2014 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur** (42)**:** Laura Carson, Meg Cavanaugh, Laura Coble, Patricia Cornett, Kathy Crumley, Kay Daniel, Danielle Davis, Stacy Dennis, Mina Hardin, Olivia Herrick, Mallory Hetzel, Jamie Hoffmann, Connie Isler, Amanda Jacobs, Shannon Johnson, Tary Joy-Connelly, Leigh Klasse, Pamela Kuong, Kathy Kurata, Martha Leach, Amy Loughney, Kareen Markle, Sarah Matin, Katie Miller, Janet Moore, Patty Moore, Anna Morales, Linda Pearson, Julia Potter, Alyssa Roland, Lisa Schlesinger, Rachel Smith, Meghan Stasi, Julie Streng, Donna Tepper, Mary Kay Thanos-Zordani, Lea Venable, Anita Venner, Susan West, Corey Weworski, Kelly Wilson, Dawn Woodard

**Played in 2013 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur** (38)**:** Marie Burns, Laura Coble, Patricia Cornett, Staci Creech, Kathy Crumley, Kay Daniel, Danielle Davis, Stacy Dennis, Annette Gaiotti, Mina Hardin, Olivia Herrick, Mary Jane Hiestand, Connie Isler, Tara Joy-Connelly, Pamela Kuong, Kathy Kurata, Judith Kyrinis, Martha Leach, Maggie Leef, Amy Loughney, Kareen Markle, Krissy Martin, Patty Moore, Anna Morales, Julia Potter, Lisa Schlesinger, Lacy Shelton, Karen Siegel, Rachel Smith, Meghan Stasi, Julie Streng, Shirley Vaughn, Anita Venner, Tracy Welch, Susan West, Corey Weworski, Caryn Wilson, Dawn Woodward

**Played in 2012 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur** (26): Laura Coble, Kay Daniel, Danielle Davis, Stacy Dennis, Annette Gaiotti, Mina Hardin, Mary Jane Hiestand, Patti Hogeboom, Connie Isler, Tara Joy-Connelly, Leigh Klasse, Pamela Kuong, Kathy Kurata, Martha Leach, Kareen Markle, Tiffany Maurycy, Janet Moore, Anna Morales, Lisa Schlesinger, Thuhashini Selvaratnam, Meghan Stasi, Mary Kay Thanos-Zordani, Shirley Vaughn, Lea Venable, Corey Weworski, Dawn Woodard

**Played in 2017 U.S. Women’s Open:** None

**Played in 2017 U.S. Women’s Amateur** (4)**:** Lauren Greenlief, Shannon Johnson, Ina Kim, Meghan Stasi

**Played in 2017 U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur** (22)**:** Laura Carson, Laura Coble, Patricia Cornett, Lin Culver, Carol Davies, Jane Fitzgerald, Mina Hardin, Julie Harrison, Mary Jane Hiestand, Leigh Klasse, Pamela Kuong, Kathy Kurata, Judith Kyrinis, Martha Leach, Kareen Markle, Janet Moore, Terrill Samuel, Lisa Schlesinger, Patricia Schremmer, Mary Kay Thanos-Zordani, Corey Weworski, Caryn Wilson

**Played in 2017 U.S. Women’s Amateur Four-Ball** (11)**:** Whitney Britton, Kay Daniel, Lauren Greenlief, Olivia Herrick, Tara Joy-Connelly, Pamela Kuong, Courtney McKim, Katie Miller, Thuhashini Selvaratnam, Meghan Stasi, Dawn Woodard

**Played in 2017 USGA Women’s State Team** (32)**:** Kelsey Chugg, Laura Coble, Kay Daniel, Kayla Eckelkamp, Kathy Glennon, Lauren Greenlief, Olivia Herrick, Connie Isler, Amanda Jacobs, Gretchen Johnson, Tara Joy-Connelly, Ina Kim, Pamela Kuong, Martha Leach, Kareen Markle, Krissy Martin, Paige McCullough, Courtney McKim, Katie Miller, Janet Moore, Julia Potter, Patricia Schremmer, Allison Schultz, Thuhashini Selvaratnam, Lacy Shelton, Rachel Smith, Meghan Stasi, Shirley Vaughn, Lea Venable, Susan West, Katrin Wolfe, Dawn Woodard

**Played in Curtis Cup Match** (2)**:** Patricia Cornett (1978, 1988), Megan Stasi (2008)

**PLAYER NOTES:**

**Kim Benedict**, 36, of Bonita Springs, Fla., is the head boys’ golf coach at Gulf Coast High School. She was chosen *Naples Daily News* Coach of the Year in 2015-16 when she guided the program to conference and regional titles and a sixth-place showing in the Class 3A state championship. Benedict, who was an All-Big Ten Conference selection at the University of Michigan, has won three state amateur crowns. She advanced to the Round of 32 in her first U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur last year.

**Jillian Braverman**, 28, of Newport Beach, Calif., is the owner of an online one-stop shopping site for local business-to-business services. She comes from a tennis family in which her sister Brandis played professionally and sister Natalie played as a collegian. Jillian earned All-West Coast Conference honors in singles and doubles at Pepperdine University. Braverman, who began playing golf at age 20, has also worked as a fitness model for advertising campaigns. She is competing in her second consecutive U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur.

**Marie Burns**, 32, of Dallas, Texas, is the director of experience planning for a commerce marketing firm and serves as a volunteer for The First Tee of Dallas. She played college golf at Georgetown and one of her Hoya teammates, Katie Dwyer, is also in this field. Burns has played in four USGA championships, including the inaugural U.S. Women’s Amateur Four-Ball in 2015 at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, where she recorded a hole-in-one on the 10th hole of the Pacific Dunes course in the first round of stroke play.

**Laura Coble**, 53, of Augusta, Ga., is competing in her 30th USGA championship and was the runner-up to Martha Leach in the 2009 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur. She also helped Georgia win three USGA Women’s State Team Championships in 2005, 2009 and 2011. Coble, who works for a promotional product supplier, also played in the 2001 U.S. Women’s Open. In 2017, she was inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame.

**Patricia Cornett**, 63, of Mill Valley, Calif., is a retired physician with the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center who has done clinical work with non-malignant hemotology. She has competed in 64 USGA championships, including 26 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateurs. Cornett was the Women’s Mid-Amateur runner-up in 1987 and advanced to the semifinals in 1992 and 1999. Cornett, who played in nine U.S. Women’s Opens, served as the 2012 USA Curtis Cup captain and was a member of two USA Curtis Cup Teams (1978, 1988).

**Elizabeth Corcoran**, 40, of Boston, Mass., is a legislative aide in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. Her father and grandfather, Kenneth F. Corcoran Jr. and Kenneth F. Corcoran Sr., both competed in the U.S. Amateur. Corcoran was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at age 9, and enjoys running to help manage her health. She has run the Boston, Dublin and New York marathons, and has competed in support of the Barton Center, a summer camp for children dealing with the disease.

**Staci Creech**, 44, of Bangor, Maine, is playing her fifth U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur and has advanced to match play in three of her four previous appearances. Her husband, Karlton, has served as director of athletics at the University of Maine since 2014. Her brother, John A. Aber, is the head golf professional at Allegheny Country Club in Sewickley, Pa., the host site of the 1990 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur. Her late father, John M. Aber, was a longtime USGA Rules official and committee member.

**Stacy Dennis**, 44, of Addison, Texas, is the managing director of membership/foundation for the Texas Golf Association. She is playing in her seventh U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur and was a semifinalist in 2012. Dennis, who won the Women’s Texas Golf Association State Amateur in 2004 and 2009, won three varsity letters as a member of the Texas A&M University team in the mid-1990s.

**Molly Dorans**, 27, of Firestone, Colo., is a member of a golf family and played at Montana State University. Her sisters were also college golfers, Taylor at Wyoming and Danielle at Nebraska at Kearney. Molly is a mechanical engineer for a plastics products company and works with medical devices, a career choice that was motivated by a sister having Type 1 diabetes. Molly, who played in the 2011 U.S. Women’s Amateur Public Links, also owns a business that sells fine art and photography.

**Victoria Fallgren**, 26, of Spokane, Wash., is in her fifth year as the assistant women’s golf coach at Gonzaga University, her alma mater. Fallgren, a three-time All-West Coast Conference selection, helped the Bulldogs make their first NCAA appearance in 2012. Fallgren, who won this year’s Washington Women’s Mid-Amateur by nine strokes, has competed in six USGA championships.

**Jane Fitzgerald**, 55, of Kensington, Md., is a buyer and operations manager at Chevy Chase Club, where her husband, Jim, is the head golf professional. She also owns her own company, selling items featuring golf illustrations and working with the Trawick Foundation, which serves nonprofit organizations. Her sister, Liza Abood, is a teaching professional at Olney (Md.) Golf Park. Fitzgerald has played in 17 USGA championships and was the runner-up to Ellen Port in the 2012 U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur.

**Ashley Freeman**, 30, of Houston, Texas, is a tax manager in a wealth company’s personal finance division. She was an honorable mention All-American and All-Big 12 Conference selection at Texas A&M University, where she earned a degree in accounting. She then attended Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management. Freeman advanced to match play in three consecutive U.S. Girls’ Juniors (2003-05) and recorded a hole-in-one during the first round of match play in 2004.

**Whitney Frykman**, 31, of Seattle, Wash., works in finance for an electronic commerce and cloud computing company. Frykman, who is also a certified yoga instructor, is returning to competitive golf after eight years. She was encouraged after playing with her father, Dennis, at Chambers Bay, the site of the 2015 U.S. Open, last June. Frykman, who is competing in her fourth USGA championship but first since 2006, earned All-Big Ten Conference honors at Purdue University. She made the field as a sectional alternate after fully exempt player Margaret Starosto, the 2014 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur champion, withdrew.

**Lauren Greenlief**, 27, of Ashburn, Va., became the youngest winner (25 years, 25 days) of the U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur when she defeated Margaret (Shirley) Starosto, 2 and 1, in 2015. Greenlief, a management consultant, also reached the semifinals of the 2016 U.S. Women’s Amateur Four-Ball with partner Alexandra Austin. Greenlief was a walk-on at the University of Virginia and earned three varsity letters from 2010-12.

**Hayley Hammond**, 26, of Mooresville, N.C., earned her doctorate in physical therapy this year and specializes in orthopedic and sports-related injuries. Hammond, who was a member of the Radford University team from 2012-14, is competing in her first U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur. She once was invited to play golf with NBA owner and five-time league MVP Michael Jordan while operating a beverage cart at a Charlotte-based golf course.

**Mina Hardin**, 57, of Mexico, was the first Mexican woman to play on the LPGA Tour (1983-89) and the first Mexican-born USGA champion when she won the 2010 U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur. A reinstated amateur since 1991, she has competed in 22 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateurs and reached the quarterfinals six times. Hardin has played in 54 USGA championships, including six U.S. Women’s Opens. In 2012, she was inducted into the Texas Golf Hall of Fame.

**Julie Harrison**, 57, of Baton Rouge, La., is a retired teacher who once taught at Episcopal High School, in Bellaire, Texas, and served as the Briar Club’s swimming coach. Harrison, who started playing golf at age 28, has competed in 17 USGA championships, including six U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateurs. Her husband, Britt, was an All-American at Oklahoma State University and was head coach at Louisiana State University (LSU) from 1988-98.

**Olivia Herrick**, 28, of Roseville, Minn., operates her own graphic design studio and coaches a high school golf team. She is playing in her 16th USGA championship and advanced to the semifinals of last year’s U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur. Herrick, who serves on the board of directors of the Minnesota Golf Association, won two Missouri Valley Conference titles (2008, 2010) while playing at Drake University.

**Mallory Hetzel**, 30, of Virginia Beach, Va., is in her second year as head women’s golf coach at Old Dominion University. Hetzel was chosen Conference USA Coach of the Year in her first season after guiding the Monarchs to their first-ever conference title and an NCAA regional appearance. Hetzel, who previously spent six years as the head coach at Western Carolina, earned All-America honors at Georgia. She is playing in her eighth USGA championship and second U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur.

**Connie Isler**, 33, of Las Vegas, Nev., is an IBM software client leader for the department of energy. Her father, Rod, is a retired U.S. Army major general. Isler played at Georgetown University where she shared 2005 Big East Conference medalist honors. She became the youngest Division I head coach in the nation (age 21) when she served on an interim basis at her alma mater the following year. Isler, who competed on the LPGA Futures Tour for one year, is playing in her seventh U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur.

**Mary Jane Hiestand**, 58, of Naples, Fla., has competed in 40 USGA championships, including 19 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateurs. She is one of six players in this year’s field who competed in the 1998 Women’s Mid-Amateur, held at Champions Golf Club. Hiestand, who was inducted into the Michigan Golf Hall of Fame in 2004, struck the first tee shot in the inaugural U.S. Women’s Amateur Four-Ball, held at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort in 2015.

**Amanda Jacobs**, 29, of Portland, Ore., is a contractor for a family-owned heating and cooling company. She also spent two years in Japan teaching English in an exchange program. Jacobs, who earned All-Western Athletic Conference honors at the University of Idaho, advanced to the quarterfinals of last year’s U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur. She has competed in six USGA championships.

**Gretchen Johnson**, 31, of Portland, Ore., has run in 10 marathons, including four Boston Marathons. She combines running and golf by competing in the Speedgolf World Championship. Johnson won the 2014 and 2015 events, shooting a 12-over 84 in just over 55 minutes at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort (Bandon Dunes course) in 2014 and a 14-over 86 in 52 minutes at The Glen Club in Illinois in 2015. Johnson, who is playing in her third USGA championship, has worked for Nike in retail, marketing and product management for 12 years.

**Shannon Johnson**, 34, of Norton, Mass., was the runner-up to Julia Potter in last year’s U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur Championship, losing 2 and 1 in the final at The Kahkwa Club, in Erie, Pa. Johnson, who works in sales for Ping Golf, has competed in 11 USGA championships. Born in Sioux Falls, S.D., she became the first female in South Dakota Golf Association history to win the state Women’s Amateur, Girls’ Junior, Two-Woman and Women’s Match Play titles during a career.

**Tara Joy-Connelly**, 44, of North Palm Beach, Fla., has competed in 28 USGA championships, including 14 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateurs. She advanced to the Women’s Mid-Amateur semifinals in 2011 and 2014. Joy-Connelly, who is an independent sales representative, was chosen the Women’s Golf Association of Massachusetts Player of the Decade (2000-09).

**Kim Keyer-Scott**, 50, of Bonita Springs, Fla., started played college golf at age 34 as a member of the Northern Kentucky University team. She was NCAA Division II Freshman of the Year in 2002 and was a four-time All-American. Keyer-Scott, who once worked as a juvenile probation officer, posted the highest finish by an NKU golfer with a fifth-place showing at NCAAs in 2003. She was inducted into the school’s athletic hall of fame in 2013. She is competing in her fifth U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur.

**Hana Kim**, 35, of Los Angeles, Calif., is the older sister of Ina Kim, who was the runner-up in the 2000 U.S. Girls’ Junior and is also in this field. The two sisters are competing in the same USGA championship for the first time since the 2002 U.S. Women’s Amateur Public Links. Hana, who earned All-Pac-12 Conference honors at UCLA, played on the LPGA Tour from 2005-08 and regained her amateur status in 2014. She has played in nine USGA championships, including two U.S. Women’s Opens.

**Ina Kim**, 34, of New York, N.Y., is the younger sister of Hana Kim, who played on the LPGA Tour from 2005-08 and is also in this field. The two sisters are competing in the same USGA championship for the first time since the 2002 U.S. Women’s Amateur Public Links. Ina, who has played in eight USGA championships, was the runner-up in the 2000 U.S. Girls’ Junior. She earned All-Big Ten Conference honors at Northwestern University but did not play competitive golf for nearly 11 years while living in London and Hong Kong. In 2016, she won the Women’s Met Amateur.

**Judith Kyrinis**, 53, of Canada, won the 2017 U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur Championship by defeating Terrill Samuel, 4 and 3, in the final at Waverley Country Club, in Portland, Ore. Kyrinis is a registered nurse at Toronto General Hospital and primarily preps cancer patients for surgery. She has competed in 12 USGA championships, including six U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateurs. Her brother, Dan Allan, qualified for the 2016 U.S. Senior Amateur Championship.

**Martha Leach**, 55, of Hebron, Ky., won the 2009 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur and owns records for most times in the championship (28) and most times advanced to match play (27). Leach, who is the sister of six-time USGA champion Hollis Stacy, is also fourth in most Women’s Mid-Amateur match-play victories with a 41-26 career record. Leach, who works as a realtor, introduced her sister at her 2012 World Golf Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Leach was inducted into the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame in 2015 and is scheduled to enter the Georgia Golf Hall of Fame in 2018.

**Sarah Matin**, 35, of Winter Garden, Fla., is a civil engineer for a concrete pipe and materials manufacturer. She represented the American Society of Engineers in a CNBC television interview on Sept. 11, 2017, concerning the state of Florida’s infrastructure following Hurricane Irma, a storm that caused this year’s U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur to relocate to Champions Golf Club. Matin, who was an All-Atlantic Sun Conference selection at the University of Central Florida, is competing in her fourth consecutive Women’s Mid-Amateur.

**Katie Miller**, 32, of Jeannette, Pa., has worked in various industries, including sports television reporting on the professional and college levels, the family-owned Dairy Queen franchises, as a model for an athletic apparel brand, and in sales for a mobile solutions company. Miller, who was an All-Atlantic Coast Conference player at the University of North Carolina, competed on the LPGA Futures Tour before regaining her amateur status in 2013. She has played in three U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateurs and advanced to the quarterfinals last year.

**Janet Moore**, 53, of Centennial, Colo., and her husband, Kent, met on a driving range 28 years ago and would later serve as the women’s and men’s golf coaches, respectively, at Wheaton (Ill.) College from 2011-15. She was enshrined in the Colorado Golf Hall of Fame in 2001 and he was inducted in 2004. Janet serves as a case-appointed special advocate and works with neglected/abused children who are going through the court system. She has competed in 22 USGA championships, including 13 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateurs.

**Erin Packer**, 39, of Peachtree City, Ga., is the daughter of Allen Doyle, the 2005 and 2006 U.S. Senior Open champion and a member of two winning USA Walker Cup Teams (1991, 1993). She caddied for her father on PGA Tour Champions from 2000-03. Packer has played in eight USGA championships, including the 2006 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur. Her husband, Brandt, is a producer for Golf Channel/NBC and her father-in-law, Billy, was a longtime college basketball announcer for both NBC and CBS.

**Julia Potter**, 30, of Indianapolis, Ind., is one of five players to have won multiple U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur championships (2013, 2016). Last year, she defeated Shannon Johnson, 2 and 1, in the final. She is the director of member services for the Indiana Golf Office and was a 2008 P.J. Boatwright Intern for the Missouri Golf Association. Potter, who was an All-Big 12 Conference selection at the University of Missouri, was diagnosed with scoliosis as a teenager and underwent the same back surgery as LPGA star and 2014 U.S. Women’s Open runner-up Stacy Lewis.

**Alison Reifers Cress**, 62, of Jupiter, Fla., is the mother of PGA Tour player Kyle Reifers, who was a member of the victorious 2005 USA Walker Cup Team. Alison started playing golf at age 8 and her mother took up the game at the same time. She is competing in her first U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur since 1999 and has advanced to match play in all five U.S. Senior Women’s Amateurs played.

**Alyssa Roland**, 28, of New York, N.Y., is a manager for an investment firm. She earned her undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from Yale University and wrote her senior thesis on ground reaction forces in the golf swing. She earned All-Ivy League honors at Yale and led the Bulldogs to a league title and an NCAA regional appearance. She is competing in her third U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur.

**Terrill Samuel**, 56, of Canada, was the runner-up to Judith Kyrinis in the 2017 U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur Championship, the first all-Canadian final in USGA history. Samuel, who is a teacher for the Toronto District School Board and also coaches high school volleyball, was born in England but moved to Canada at a young age. She has played in 13 USGA championships but this will be her first time competing in the U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur since 1991.

**Sue Sardi**, 61, of Skillman, N.J., owned a fashion design business in New York City. Her career was jump-started when Oscar de la Renta introduced her to the president of Saks and she started selling couture evening wear around the world. Sardi, who retired after 14 years to raise a family, began playing golf on a public driving range at age 35. She is also a volunteer for a nonprofit group that houses homeless families. Sardi is competing in her third USGA championship.

**Lisa Schlesinger**, 59, of Gaithersburg, Md., has played in 27 USGA championships, including 14 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateurs. She was the stroke-play medalist and reached the semifinals of both the 2011 and 2012 U.S. Senior Women’s Amateurs. Schlesinger, who played basketball at the University of Maryland and with two teams in the Women’s Basketball League (WBL), is a member of the Greater Washington, D.C., Fastpitch Softball Hall of Fame.

**Patricia Schremmer**, 52, of Honolulu, Hawaii, advanced to the semifinals of both the 2016 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur and last month’s U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur. She qualified for the LPGA Tour in 1997 and competed on the Futures Tour (now Symetra Tour). Schremmer, who was reinstated as an amateur three years ago, has played in six USGA championships. Her daughters (Mason, Lola and Scarlett) are competitive surfers on the state and national levels and are members of the Margaritaville Surf Team, which is sponsored by musician Jimmy Buffett.

**Allison Schultz**, 26, of Madison, Wis., competed as a member of the McGing Irish Dancers for 12 years on the regional, national and world levels. The group won first place for choreography in the All-Ireland Irish Dance and Midwest Oireachtas championships. Schultz, who is playing in her first U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur, was a member of the University of Toledo golf team and now works as an account manager for an insurance company.

**Thuhashini Selvaratnam**, 41, of Sri Lanka, was the runner-up to Meghan Stasi in the 2006 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur, held at Old Waverly Golf Club, in West Point, Miss. At age 12, she won the Sri Lanka Amateur, earning an entry in the Guinness Book of World Records as the youngest to claim a national championship. Selvaratnam, who is the co-head girls’ golf coach at Xavier College Prep in Phoenix, Ariz., has competed in 32 USGA championships, including 12 Women’s Mid-Amateurs.

**Rachel Smith**, 29, of Mansfield, Texas, is a web content editor for TopGolf. In 2013, she was a USGA P.J. Boatwright Intern for the Women’s Texas Golf Association. Smith is competing in her fifth consecutive U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur and has advanced to match play in each of her previous four appearances. She earned All-Big South Conference honors at Winthrop University.

**Meghan Stasi**, 39, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., has won four U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur championships (2006, 2007, 2010, 2012) and is tied with Ellen Port for most titles. She also ranks third in Women’s Mid-Amateur match-play victories with a 43-7 record. Stasi and her husband, Danny, own a seafood restaurant in Fort Lauderdale. They became engaged on the Swilcan Bridge at St. Andrews after she played on the winning 2008 USA Curtis Cup Team. She has competed in 33 USGA championships, including 11 Women’s Mid-Amateurs and two U.S. Women’s Opens.

**Donna Tepper**, 46, of Grosse Pointe Park, Mich., is a plastic and reconstructive surgeon with the Henry Ford Health Center. She graduated from the Tulane University Medical School and did her plastic surgery fellowship at the University of Oklahoma. Tepper, who is competing in her second U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur, played high school golf in Idaho and at Mount Holyoke College, in South Hadley, Mass.

**Meghan Trainor**, 33, of Charlotte, N.C., is a former certified group fitness instructor and golf trainer who currently works for a coffee retailer company. She began her fitness journey at age 3 when she studied ballet, pointe, tap and jazz and became a trained dancer. She took up golf at age 14 and went on to play at Elon University. Trainor, who later was the first female professional at Quail Hollow Club, competed on the LPGA Symetra and Suncoast Series professional tours before regaining her amateur status in 2013. She is playing in her first USGA championship.

**Jennifer Udd**, 31, of Naples, Fla., was scheduled to play her first USGA championship in her home area until Hurricane Irma forced a relocation to Houston. She serves as the membership and marketing director for Royal Palm Country Club and is a residential and commercial realtor. Her husband, Daniel, is a southwest Florida sales representative for Ping Golf. Her mother, Becky, competed in the 2015 U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur. Udd was a member of the Santa Clara University team from 2004-08.

**Susan West**, 53, of Tuscaloosa, Ala., is a retired president of the Tuscaloosa Tourism and Sports Commission. West was previously assistant dean and director of the MBA program at the University of Alabama. She was a member of the Crimson Tide’s tennis program as an undergraduate. A nationally-ranked tennis player, West won the 1993 USTA National Clay Court Doubles Championship. She has played in 12 USGA championships and seven U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateurs.

**Corey Weworski**, 55, of Carlsbad, Calif., won the 2004 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateur Championship, posting a 5-and-3 victory over Virginia Grimes in the final at Holston Hills Country Club, in Knoxville, Tenn. She has played in 37 USGA championships and 21 Women’s Mid-Amateurs. Her son, Tyler, has competed on the Web.com Tour, PGA Tour Canada and PGA Tour Latinoamerica.

**Caryn Wilson**,56, of Rancho Mirage, Calif., is one of two women to compete in a U.S. Open championship in both golf and tennis, joining the legendary Althea Gibson. Wilson, who played in the 1999 and 2009 U.S. Women’s Opens, has competed in 18 USGA championships. She regained her amateur status in 2013. Wilson also competed at Wimbledon and in the Australian Open in the mid-1980s, and was a three-time All-America tennis player at Stanford University.

**Kelly Wilson**, 44, of El Dorado Hills, Calif., played professional tennis for four years and qualified for the 1996 U.S. Open in doubles. In 2013, she was inducted into the University of Texas Hall of Honor and is the winningest player in school history with 152 career singles victories. She helped the Longhorns win a pair of NCAA championships in 1993 and 1995 and was the ’95 NCAA national senior player of the year. Wilson, who works as a realtor, has played in five U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateurs, advancing to match play four times.

**Dawn Woodard**, 43, of Greenville, S.C., is a consultant who assists individual golfers and teams with enhancing performance. Woodard, who has won five South Carolina state amateur titles, has competed in 27 USGA championships. She has played in 15 U.S. Women’s Mid-Amateurs and is a three-time medalist (2006, 2007, 2012). Woodard reached the quarterfinals in 2007 and 2009. She earned all-region and all-conference recognition at Furman University and helped the Paladins advance to four NCAA tournaments (1993-96).

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