

# U.S. Senior Women's Amateur

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Scottsdale, Ariz., USA

Troon Country Club

Tara Joy-Connelly

## Quick Quotes



### **Q. What are your impressions of the course after the first round?**

TARA JOY-CONNELLY: Beautiful golf course. It's playing a little different today than in the practice rounds I'd say.

### **Q. How so?**

TARA JOY-CONNELLY: The greens are a little quicker and it's getting dry with the wind kicking up.

### **Q. Did the win affect you on the back nine? Because it started to kick up mid-morning.**

TARA JOY-CONNELLY: You on 14 we were up top of the hill and there was a wild gust out of nowhere. And then it laid down. But you knew it still had to be there. I don't know how it's going to play this afternoon but it's definitely not consistent. It's gusty.

### **Q. Does any experience playing at The Kittansett Golf Club (in her home state of Massachusetts where her husband is head pro) help you out there?**

TARA JOY-CONNELLY: A little bit. A little bit. A different wind here. But you know what's what.

### **Q. How is your rotator cuff? Are you fully recovered?**

TARA JOY-CONNELLY: Yeah, I think I'm pretty good. Just have to keep an eye on it. Try not to do anything crazy.

### **Q. What was your goal coming into this championship?**

TARA JOY-CONNELLY: You know, I felt like missing last year, my last true Mid-Am year, I put a lot of pressure on myself to start this year with the U.S. Senior Women's Open and the Mid-Am I have a friend (Chris Kepko) here this week who has caddie for me before and we've had some success, so I said look, we have to keep it fun because we've always been fun. So I'm like, don't let me put that kind of pressure on myself. We met at the 2011 Mid-Am in Bayville. He was my fifth caddie there. I went through a few. And he stuck, and we went to the semifinals. It was pretty fun.

### **Q. Is that working so far?**

TARA JOY-CONNELLY: So far, so good.

### **Q. You have an afternoon tee time tomorrow. It could be a different course again.**

TARA JOY-CONNELLY: Yeah. It was a little bit slightly different direction I think than we had in the two practice rounds. But you know, you just have to keep an eye on where you are. And

tomorrow is only supposed to be in the 80s.  
I'm going to cry when I go home because I will  
be lucky to see 65 again.

**Q. Feeling pretty confident then?**

TARA JOY CONNELLY: This is my first one. I'm  
just 50 in January. You know, you just have to  
play steady, make some putts.