## 40th U.S. SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP - FACT SHEET

June 27-30, 2019, Warren Golf Course at Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind.

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#### PAR AND YARDAGE

The Warren Golf Course at Notre Dame will be set up at 6,943 yards and will play to a par of 35-35—70. The yardage for each round of the championship will vary due to course setup and conditions.

## Warren Course at Notre Dame Hole By Hole

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	35
Yardage	341	561	450	492	239	439	428	201	413	3,564
Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	5	4	35
Yardage	404	436	182	368	460	405	143	514	467	3,379

## ARCHITECT

Designed by Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw, The Warren Golf Course at Notre Dame opened for play on May 1, 2000. The public course, located on the north edge of the Notre Dame campus, is nestled among 250 acres of woodlands and is a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary.

## **COURSE RATING**

Based on the course setup for the championship, the USGA Course Rating™ is 74.8 and the Slope Rating® is 140.

## **WHO CAN ENTER**

The championship is open to any professional or amateur golfer who is 50 years of age or older as of June 27, 2019. An amateur is eligible with a Handicap Index® not exceeding 3.4.

## **ENTRIES**

The USGA accepted 2,796 entries for the 2019 U.S. Senior Open. Entries were filed by golfers in 48 states and the District of Columbia, as well as 32 foreign countries. More than 2,700 entries have been filed in five of the last seven years. The record number of entries is 3,101 in 2002.

## **SECTIONAL QUALIFYING**

In 2019, sectional qualifying, played over 18 holes, was conducted at 34 sites around the country between May 13-June 11. Sectional qualifying sites were located in 26 states, including five in California, three in Florida and two in Georgia and Texas.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD**

The starting field of 156 golfers will be cut after 36 holes to the low 60 scorers and ties.

## **SCHEDULE OF PLAY**

Eighteen holes of stroke play are scheduled each day from Thursday, June 27, through Sunday, June 30. In the case of a tie after 72 holes, a two-hole aggregate playoff will commence immediately after the conclusion of the fourth round.

#### **2018 CHAMPION**

David Toms carded an even-par 70 to finish one stroke ahead of Miguel Angel Jimenez, Jerry Kelly and Tim Petrovic to win the 2018 U.S. Senior Open Championship, held at The Broadmoor's East Course, in Colorado Springs, Colo. After making a birdie on No. 16 to go ahead, Toms channeled some positive thoughts from his previous major championship victory, the 2001 PGA Championship, to make a critical up-and-down on the 71st hole.

Toms was paired with Kelly, the third-round leader, and held the lead by one stroke early on the incoming nine. But he bogeyed the par-4 13th hole from a bunker to fall into a five-way tie at 2 under par with Kelly, Petrovic, Paul Goydos and Brandt Jobe. Goydos knocked in a 31-foot birdie putt on the par-4 15th hole to briefly break the logjam and take the solo lead at 3 under. But he missed the 17th and 18th greens and failed to get up and down each time to slip to 1 under par, into a tie for fifth place.

Then it was Toms' turn to break the deadlock for good. He and Kelly both hit the green on the 162-yard, par-3 16th, and after Kelly missed his 21-foot birdie bid, Toms holed his 16-footer. When he knocked his drive on the difficult par-4 17th into a fairway bunker, leaving himself no chance to reach the green in two because the ball sat near the bunker's face, Toms recalled the up-and-down par he made on the 72nd hole to edge Phil Mickelson by one stroke at Atlanta Athletic Club in 2001.

Toms, who missed the cut in his previous U.S. Senior Open start, laid up his second shot to 93 yards from the green and then after an indifferent approach he sank a 19-footer from above the hole for par. Kelly, who held the solo lead the first three days and was seeking to become just the second wire-to-wire winner in championship history, made the turn in even-par 36 to retain his one-stroke advantage. But he stumbled with back-to-back bogeys on holes 11 and 12 as Toms took the lead for the first time. Toms finished with a 72-hole score of 3-under 277.

#### **PURSE**

The 2018 purse was \$4 million; the winner earned \$720,000.

#### **TELEVISION SCHEDULE**

The 2019 U.S. Senior Open will receive at least 20 hours of live network coverage. Rolex will be the exclusive presenting partner of coverage for seven USGA championships, including the U.S. Senior Open. Rolex's commitment will allow an uninterrupted broadcast of these championships, providing fans hours of continuous live action.

Date	Network	Program Time (Loc	Time (Local/EDT)	
June 26	FS1	Wednesday at the U.S. Senior Open	Noon-1 p.m.	
June 27	FS1	First Round	3-8 p.m.	
June 28	FS1	Second Round	3-8 p.m.	
June 29	FS1	Third Round	3-4 p.m.	
	FOX	Third Round	4-7:30 p.m.	
June 30	FOX	Fourth Round	2-7:30 p.m.	

#### LIVE STREAMING COVERAGE

The U.S. Senior Open will receive at least 24 hours of live streaming coverage on the usga.org channel.

Date	Channel	Program Time	Time (Local/EDT)		
June 27	usga.org	First Round, full coverage	11 a.m1 p.m.		
		First Round, featured group	3-8 p.m.		
June 28	usga.org	Second Round, full coverage	11 a.m1 p.m.		
		Second Round, featured group	3-8 p.m.		
June 29	usga.org	Third Round, featured group	3-7:30 p.m.		
June 30	usga.org	Fourth Round, featured group	2-7:30 p.m.		

#### **TICKETS**

Tickets for the 2019 U.S. Senior Open Championship are available for purchase at <u>ussenioropen.com</u>. Various packages are available. Championship round individual gallery tickets are \$50, while practice round tickets are \$25.

## **HISTORY**

This is the 40th U.S. Senior Open Championship. The first U.S. Senior Open, played in 1980, was conducted for golfers 55 and older. The next year, the USGA lowered the minimum age to 50.

Miller Barber captured the first of his three U.S. Senior Open titles in 1982 – he also won in 1984 and 1985. The U.S. Senior Open has five two-time winners: Gary Player (1987, 1988), Jack Nicklaus (1991, 1993), Hale Irwin (1998, 2000), Allen Doyle (2005, 2006) and Kenny Perry (2013, 2017). Doyle became the championship's oldest winner in 2006 at the age of 57 years, 11 months, 14 days.

The youngest champion is Dale Douglass, who won in 1986 at the age of 50 years, 3 months, 24 days.

#### **2019 U.S. SENIOR OPEN NOTES**

- ► The Warren Course is the first college-affiliated course to host the U.S. Senior Open Championship
- ► The 40th U.S. Senior Open is the 22nd USGA championship to be conducted in the state of Indiana
- ► The Warren Course is hosting its second USGA championship and first since 2010
- ► David Toms will attempt to become the fourth player to win consecutive U.S. Senior Opens
- ► Toms was the first player since Jeff Maggert (2015) to win the U.S. Senior Open in his second attempt
- ► Toms matched the fourth-best comeback by a winner, rallying from six strokes back over the final 36 holes

## **USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE WARREN COURSE**

This will be the first U.S. Senior Open and second USGA championship to be conducted at the Warren Course at Notre Dame.

In 2010, Emily Tubert, 18, of Burbank, Calif., defeated Lisa McCloskey, 18, of Houston, Texas, 3 and 2, to win the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links Championship.

In a remarkable stretch of seven holes in the morning 18, Tubert made five birdies and won the sixth through 12th holes, establishing an insurmountable 5-up lead over McCloskey. While it was Tubert's first victory in a national championship, it was also the first time she had advanced to match play.

McCloskey was 2 up when Tubert's great run started. It began when she chipped in for a birdie at the sixth. Tubert later rolled in a downhill 18-footer on the par-3 ninth to ignite a string of four consecutive birdies. She completed the stretch by hitting an 8-iron to within 5 feet on No. 12.

In the afternoon, McCloskey cut the deficit to three holes with a birdie at the 21st but Tubert answered by winning three straight holes with a pair of birdies and a par for a 6-up advantage. She eventually closed out the match on the 33rd hole with a 12-foot birdie putt.

#### **USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE WARREN COURSE**

2010 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links: Emily Tubert def. Lisa McCloskey, 3 and 2

## OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS AT THE WARREN COURSE

NCAA Division I Men's Regional Championship (2005, 2010)

NCAA Division I Women's Regional Championship (2011, 2015)

#### **USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN INDIANA**

This will be the 22nd USGA championship played in Indiana and the second U.S. Senior Open contested in the state. In 2009 at Crooked Stick in Carmel, Fred Funk set a 72-hole U.S. Senior Open record for most strokes under par at 20 under and tied the largest victory margin with his six-stroke victory over Joey Sindelar.

# **USGA/Indiana Championships** (champion in parenthesis)

- 1935 U.S. Amateur Public Links, Coffin Municipal G.C., Indianapolis (Frank Strafaci)
- 1955 U.S. Amateur Public Links, Coffin Municipal G.C., Indianapolis (Sam D. Kocsis)
- 1955 U.S. Junior Amateur, Purdue University G.C., West Lafayette (Billy J. Dunn)
- 1956 U.S. Women's Amateur, Meridian Hills G.C., Indianapolis (Marlene Stewart)
- 1972 U.S. Amateur Public Links, Coffin Municipal G.C., Indianapolis (Bob Allard)
- 1978 U.S. Women's Open, C.C. of Indianapolis, Indianapolis (Hollis Stacy)
- 1982 U.S. Junior Amateur, Crooked Stick G.C., Carmel (Rich Marik)
- 1982 U.S. Amateur Public Links, Eagle Creek G.C., Indianapolis (Billy Tuten)
- 1983 U.S. Senior Amateur, Crooked Stick G.C., Carmel (William Hyndman III)
- 1989 U.S. Mid-Amateur, Crooked Stick G.C., Carmel (James Taylor)
- 1991 U.S. Amateur Public Links, Otter Creek G.C., Columbus (David Berganio Jr.)
- 1992 U.S. Girls' Junior, Meridian Hills G.C., Indianapolis (Jamie Koizumi)
- 1993 U.S. Women's Open, Crooked Stick G.C., Carmel (Lauri Merten)
- 2006 U.S. Senior Amateur, Victoria National G.C., Newburgh (Mike Bell)
- 2007 U.S. Women's Amateur, Crooked Stick G.C., Carmel (Maria Jose Uribe)
- 2009 U.S. Senior Open, Crooked Stick G.C., Carmel (Fred Funk)
- 2009 USGA Women's State Team, Sycamore Hills G.C., Fort Wayne (Georgia)
- 2010 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links, The Warren G.C. at Notre Dame, South Bend (Emily Tubert)
- 2013 U.S. Girls' Junior, Sycamore Hills G.C., Fort Wayne (Gabriella Then)
- 2014 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur, Harbour Trees G.C., Noblesville (Margaret Shirley)
- 2014 USGA Men's State Team, French Lick Resort, French Lick (Texas)

## **USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS AT COLLEGE COURSES (19)**

- 1948 U.S. Junior Amateur: University of Michigan G.C., Ann Arbor, Mich.
- 1951 U.S. Junior Amateur: University of Illinois G.C., Champaign, Ill.
- 1952 U.S. Junior Amateur: Yale University G.C., New Haven, Conn.
- 1955 U.S. Junior Amateur: Purdue University G.C., West Lafayette, Ind.
- 1956 U.S. Junior Amateur: Taconic G.C., Williamstown, Mass.
- 1958 U.S. Junior Amateur: University of Minnesota G.C., St. Paul, Minn.
- 1959 U.S. Junior Amateur: Stanford University G.C., Stanford, Calif.
- 1961 U.S. Junior Amateur: Cornell University G.C., Ithaca, N.Y.
- 1963 U.S. Women's Amateur: Taconic G.C., Williamstown, Mass.
- 1977 U.S. Junior Amateur: Ohio State University G.C., Columbus, Ohio

- 1987 U.S. Girls' Junior: Orchards G.C., South Hadley, Mass.
- 1988 U.S. Junior Amateur: Yale University G.C., New Haven, Conn.
- 1991 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links: Birdwood G.C., Charlottesville, Va.
- 1996 U.S. Senior Amateur: Taconic G.C., Williamstown, Mass.
- 1997 U.S. Girls' Junior: Vanderbilt Legends Club, Franklin, Tenn.
- 2004 U.S. Women's Open: Orchards G.C., South Hadley, Mass.
- 2009 U.S. Amateur Public Links: Jimmie Austin OU G.C., Norman, Okla.
- 2010 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links: The Warren G.C. at Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind.
- 2013 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links: Jimmie Austin OU G.C., Norman, Okla.

#### **LONGEST U.S. SENIOR OPEN COURSES**

- 7,269 yards, Crooked Stick G.C., second round, Carmel, Ind., 2009
- 7,249 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), first round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018
- 7,248 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), fourth round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008
- 7,241 yards, Crooked Stick G.C., first round, Carmel, Ind., 2009
- 7,223 yards, Crooked Stick G.C., fourth round, Carmel, Ind., 2009
- 7,217 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), first round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008
- 7,208 yards, Crooked Stick G.C., third round, Carmel, Ind., 2009
- 7,192 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), third round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008
- 7,185 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), fourth round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018
- 7,164 yards, Inverness Club, fourth round, Toledo, Ohio, 2011
- 7,156 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), third round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018

## **LONGEST PAR 3s in U.S. SENIOR OPEN HISTORY**

- 244 yards, 12th, first round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008
- 239 yards, 12th, third round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008
- 238 yards, 12th, first round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018
- 237 yards, 14th, third round, Scioto C.C., Columbus, Ohio, 2016
- 235 yards, 15th, second round, Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio, 2011
- 234 yards, 17th, fourth round, Del Paso C.C., Sacramento, Calif., 2015
- 233 yards, 14th, second round, Scioto C.C, Columbus, Ohio, 2016
- 231 yards, 3rd, third round, Omaha (Neb.) C.C., 2013
- 231 yards, 16th, fourth round, at Omaha (Neb.) C.C., 2013

# LONGEST PAR 4s in U.S. SENIOR OPEN HISTORY

- 559 yards, 17th, first round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018
- 545 yards, 17th, second round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008
- 545 yards, 17th, third round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008
- 538 yards, 17th, second round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018
- 532 yards, 17th, fourth round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018
- 517 yards, 17th, third round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018
- 510 yards, 17th, first round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008
- 503 yards, 10th, first round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018
- 502 yards, 10th, fourth round, Omaha (Neb.) C.C., 2013
- 502 yards, 10th, second round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018

## LONGEST PAR 5s IN U.S. SENIOR OPEN HISTORY

- 627 yards, 15th, third round, Del Paso C.C., Sacramento, Calif., 2015
- 608 yards, 7th, Brooklawn Country Club, Fairfield, Conn., 1987
- 608 yards, 6th, Canterbury Golf Club, Beachwood, Ohio, 1996
- 608 yards, 3rd, first round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018
- 608 yards, 3rd, fourth round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018

604 yards, 15th, first round, Del Paso Country Club, Sacramento, Calif., 2015

601 yards, 3rd, first round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008

601 yards, 3rd, fourth round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008

600 yards, 5th, second round, Crooked Stick Golf Club, Carmel, Ind., 2009

600 yards, 5th, fourth round, Crooked Stick Golf Club, Carmel, Ind., 2009

600 yards, 14th, first round, Oak Tree National, Edmond, Okla., 2014

#### WINNERS OF U.S. OPEN AND U.S. SENIOR OPEN

Billy Casper (1959, 1966 U.S. Open; 1983 U.S. Senior Open)

Hale Irwin (1974, 1979, 1990 U.S. Open; 1998, 2000 U.S. Senior Open)

Orville Moody (1969 U.S. Open; 1989 U.S. Senior Open)

Jack Nicklaus (1962, 1967, 1972, 1980 U.S. Open; 1991, 1993 U.S. Senior Open)

Arnold Palmer (1960 U.S. Open; 1981 U.S. Senior Open)

Gary Player (1965 U.S. Open; 1987, 1988 U.S. Senior Open)

Lee Trevino (1968, 1971 U.S. Open: 1990 U.S. Senior Open)

## THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED AT THE SENIOR OPEN

Colin Montgomerie – the last international winner (2014)

Allen Doyle – the last to defend title successfully (2006)

Roger Chapman – the last to win on his first attempt (2012)

David Toms - the last to win on his second attempt (2018)

Olin Browne - the last start-to-finish winner with no ties (2011)

Hale Irwin - the last winner to birdie the 72nd hole to win by one stroke (1998)

Gary Player - the last winner without a round in the 60s (1988)

Kenny Perry – the last winner with all rounds in the 60s (2017)

Gene Sauers – the last defending champion to miss the cut (2017)

Don Pooley – the last winner to come through sectional qualifying (2002)

## **FUTURE SITES**

July 8-11, 2021: Omaha (Neb.) Country Club

June 23-26, 2022: Saucon Valley Country Club, Bethlehem, Pa.

TBD - 2023, 2024

(TBD dates) 2025: The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo.

### WHAT THE CHAMPION RECEIVES

Among the benefits bestowed upon the 2019 U.S. Senior Open champion are:

- ► A gold medal and custody of the Francis D. Ouimet Memorial Trophy for the ensuing year
- ► An exemption from sectional qualifying for the 2020 U.S. Open Championship
- ► An exemption from sectional qualifying for the next 10 U.S. Senior Open Championships

## **CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY**

The U.S. Senior Open, first contested in 1980, is a relatively new national championship when compared with others conducted by the USGA. Yet the U.S. Senior Open Trophy is actually the oldest among the USGA's championship trophies.

On Sept. 24, 1894, the Tuxedo Club of Tuxedo Park, N.Y., invited three other clubs to compete in the first American interclub tournament. Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, Saint Andrew's Golf Club and The Country Club agreed to the challenge. While there is still some dispute as to which team won, The Country Club team, consisting of H.C. Leeds, Laurence Curtis, Robert Bacon and W.B. Thomas, returned home with the trophy. The sterling silver, hourglass-shaped cup remained in the

club's possession until the mid-1950s, when it was given to the USGA for exhibition.

In June 1980, with the USGA preparing for the first U.S. Senior Open, The Country Club suggested that the trophy be used as the formal award for the championship. The cup was presented "by The Country Club and Golfers of Massachusetts," and formally dedicated as the Francis D. Ouimet Memorial Trophy. Roberto De Vicenzo received it at Winged Foot Golf Club as the inaugural champion. A replica of the trophy, complete with engraving of the 1894 Brookline team, was produced by the USGA in 1997 and awarded to Graham Marsh at Olympia Fields (III.) Country Club. The original was then given its second and final retirement.

The original U.S. Senior Open Trophy is on display at the USGA Museum in Far Hills, N.J.

**HONORARY CHAIRMEN** – Tim Brown and Jerome Bettis, two University of Notre Dame football greats who each went on to be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, are serving as honorary chairmen of the 40th U.S. Senior Open Championship.

Brown became the seventh Notre Dame player and the first wide receiver to receive the Heisman Trophy when he was recognized as college football's most outstanding player in 1987. Brown, who was enshrined into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2009, would later cap a 17-year National Football League career, primarily with the Oakland/Los Angeles Raiders, with induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2015.

Bettis, an All-America fullback for the Fighting Irish, played for 13 years in the NFL, including his final 10 seasons with Pittsburgh. He helped the Steelers win Super Bowl XL, a 21-10 victory over Seattle in 2006, advance to four AFC championship games, qualify for the AFC playoffs six times and capture five AFC Central crowns. Bettis, who was chosen to the franchise's all-time team as part of the 75th season celebration in 2007, was enshrined into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, along with Brown, in 2015.

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