



## Pre-Tournament News Release

RE: 2015 Memorial Amateur Championship  
May 23, 24, & 25, 2015  
Ancil Hoffman Golf Course  
Carmichael, California

Please join us in welcoming the 112 contestants to this year's Memorial Amateur Championship. The "Memorial Amateur," a world ranked designated amateur golf tournament by the Royal and Ancient Golf Association, AmatuerGolf.com, and Northern California Golf Association ("NCGA") Points Event is in its eighteenth year. Ancil Hoffman Golf Course is proud to once again host this 54-hole stroke play event, and we hope you will join in the excitement. The success of this amateur championship can be directly attributed to a combination of quality of the field, excellent golf course preparation and the support of our golf community.

Each contestant must have a United States Golf Association (USGA) handicap Index of 1.7 or equivalent. This year we have players traveling from Florida, Texas, Nevada, North Dakota, and Michigan as well as contestants with citizenship in Finland, England, Taiwan and Indonesia to compete. Over the years, the event has attracted seasoned amateurs as well as aspiring young players who use events like this one as a stepping stone to playing professional golf. Notable contestants from the past who are presently playing the PGA Tour or have played on the Tour and professional affiliated tours are *John Catlin*, *Spencer Levin*, *Matt Bettencourt*, *Derek Ernst*, *Cameron Tringale*, and *Sebastian Vazquez*. *Sebastian Vazquez*, a two time Mexican Amateur champion, competed in the 2012 event and tied for 5<sup>th</sup> place. He went on to later win the 2012 Eisenhower Trophy before turning professional. Last year the 3<sup>rd</sup> place finisher, *Gunn Yang*, went on to win the United States Amateur Championship hosted by the USGA. Several 2015 U.S. Open local qualifiers are scheduled to compete in this year's event.

This year's event is scheduled to have several notable amateurs in the field.

Cameron Champ	-	2014 Memorial Amateur Champion
Nick Moore	-	Current NCGA Points Leader
Tanner Hughes	-	1 <sup>st</sup> 2015 AmateurGolf.com Tour Championship
Noah Norton	-	2013 NCGA Chico City Amateur Champion
Jeremy Gomberg	-	SCJAC 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team All American
Thomas Strandemo	-	2014 USGA Publinks Qualifier, 2010 Minnesota State Junior champion
Quinn Carlsen	-	2014 1 <sup>st</sup> Team FCWT All-American
David Baskins	-	2013 State Fair Senior Champion, 2011 USGA Senior Open
Sean Yu	-	2013 USGA Amateur Round of 64 Match Play
Redmond Lyons	-	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Schriener Spring Shootout
Otto Black	-	9 <sup>th</sup> Place 2015 MAC Championship
Ben Corfee	-	2014 All Big West 2 <sup>nd</sup> Team
Zachary Solomon	-	2014 Sacramento County Champion
Jake Goodman	-	Texas A&M Newcomer of the Year
Carter Pool	-	2014 Qualified for USGA Publinks and 1 <sup>st</sup> Stage Q School
Mateusz Kucz	-	2013 SICC Stroke Play Champion
Otto Vanhatalo	-	2013 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Finnish International Under-18 Tournament
Matthew Seramin	-	2014 NCGA Match Play Champion
Michael Grenz	-	2011 NCGA State Junior Champion
Richard Donegan	-	2011 Florida HS State Champion, 2013 Rice Intercollegiate Champion
Hale Furey	-	2012 Southern California Junior PGA Champion
Jordan Wright	-	2011 Nevada State Champion
Cole Nygren	-	2015 Nipomo Men's Amateur Champion

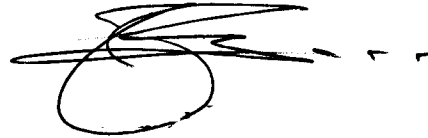
<i>Raj Chekuri</i>	-	<i>2014 1<sup>st</sup> Place AJGA Diablo Preseason</i>
<i>Steven Chung</i>	-	<i>2008, 2009 NCGA Valley Amateur Champion</i>
<i>Mike Moreland</i>	-	<i>2013 NCGA Match Play E-Club Champion</i>
<i>Lee Gearhart</i>	-	<i>2014, 2015 CCAA Player of the Year</i>
<i>Nicholas Woo</i>	-	<i>2013 San Francisco and Marin County Junior Champion</i>
<i>Grady Meyer</i>	-	<i>2015 U.S. Open Local Qualifier Edina, Minnesota</i>
<i>Austin Roberts</i>	-	<i>2014 NCGA Public Links Champion</i>

The tournament is held Saturday and Sunday for qualifying to make the cut. The final round is played Monday, "Memorial Day" when the field is cut to the low 37 and ties. Tee times for groups starting on both nines of the golf course over the weekend begin at 7:30 am with the last time at 9:40 am. On Monday, the play begins at 7:30 with the remaining field playing threesomes. Spectators are encouraged to come out and enjoy world class golf in a most beautiful setting. Admission to the tournament grounds is free.

No less significant, the Memorial Amateur seeks to honor Memorial Day and its cherished place as a national holiday. The sacrifices made by the men and women of our armed forces and by those in public service should never be understated or forgotten. To those that have paid the ultimate price in defense of this great nation, we honor and cherish their memories.

For information regarding media coverage for this event please contact me via telephone call or email. Thank you for your attention to this sports event.

Sincerely yours,



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