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PUBLIC LINKS



13TH OREGON

# PUBLIC LINKS CHAMPIONSHIP

WILDHORSE RESORT  
Pendleton, Ore.  
June 5 - 6, 2010



### ELIGIBILITY

Entries are open to amateur golfers who, since January 1, 2010, have been bona fide public course players and have not held a membership at any course which does not extend playing privileges to the general public or membership with any private club maintaining its own course. Entries in the Men's Division are limited to golfers with USGA Handicap Indexes of 36.4 and less. Entries in the Women's division are limited to golfers who are female with USGA Handicap Indexes of 40.4 and less. All entrants must be members in good standing of a public OGA Member Club. All contestants must be at least 13 years of age as of June 5, 2010.

### EXCEPTIONS

A bona fide public course player may hold incidental privileges of a course not open to the public when such privileges are provided by:

- An educational institution at which he is a student; this includes members of a golf team when privileges are awarded at private facilities, the entire team on an equal basis, and are only available during the traditional school year/competitive golf season (including post season play which may include Conference, State and National Competitions.)
- A federal armed service of which he is a member or retired member; or
- An industry by which he is employed or from which he is retired.

The following eligibility questions serve as a guideline for players applying to enter the Oregon Public Links Championship. Please respond to all of the following as it relates to 2010.

- Yes  No Private Course Access – Outside of the above listed exceptions, have you held membership or privileges at a private course not open to the general public every day and you are not an employee or caddie of said course?
- Yes  No Private Course Access – Outside of the above listed exceptions, have you held membership or privileges at a private course which allows public play, but limits the number of times an individual can play each year and you are not an employee or caddie of said course?
- Yes  No Social Memberships – Have you held a social membership at a private course that allows you to play the course sometime during the year?
- Yes  No Dependents of Members – Has your spouse, parent or guardian held membership at a private course which grants playing privileges to family members?
- Yes  No Golf Course Employees & Caddies – Have you been an employee or caddie of a private course where you were permitted to play golf more than one day per week?
- Yes  No Resort Courses – Have you held membership or privileges at a resort that restricts which days resort guests can play?
- Yes  No Scholastic Golf Team Members – If you have been, or are currently a member of a scholastic golf team, were you allowed to play a private course not owned by the school at times other than the traditional golf season/school year including playoffs and championships? (i.e. the traditional out of school summer months)
- Yes  No USGA Handicap Index – Do you have a USGA Handicap Index from a private course/club in 2010?
- Yes  No University, Military or Corporate Membership – Have you held privileges more than one day per week at a Private University, military, or corporately owned course and you are not a respective student, military personnel or corporate employee?

If you answered "YES" to any of the previous, you are not eligible for this year's Oregon Public Links Championship: Please contact the OGA if you need further clarification.

### EXEMPTIONS

Defending Champions Chad Sawyer and Brie Stone are eligible for guaranteed entry into the Championship. Exempt players must meet eligibility requirements and must enter by the May 26, 2010 deadline.

### FIELD LIMIT

Field will be limited to the first 36 qualified women and the first 108 qualified men entrants. Entries will be accepted according to the lowest USGA Handicap Indexes as of the entry deadline.

### ENTRY DEADLINE

A mailed entry must reach the OGA office by 5pm on Wednesday, May 26, 2010. (Entries by telephone, FAX or email are not acceptable). Online entries are accepted until midnight at [www.oga.org](http://www.oga.org).

### ENTRY FEE

\$135.00 entry fee must accompany entry. Refunds are not available after the closing date of May 26, 2010, except for documented medical reasons. All refunds are subject to a \$20.00 administrative fee.

### FORMAT AND PRIZES

36-hole stroke play competition. Gross and net prizes will be awarded to top finishers in each division. A trophy will be awarded to the gross and net champions for both men and women. In the event of a tie for Men's or Women's gross champion, the winner will be decided immediately by a hole-by-hole playoff.

### RULES

USGA Rules of Golf will govern all play except for those conditions modified by Local Rules. Any necessary Local Rules will be published prior to the start of the Championship. All questions will be resolved by the OGA Tournament Committee, whose decisions shall be final.

### TIME OF STARTING

The optional condition for time of starting prescribed in Appendix I (Part C-2) of The Rules of Golf shall be in effect.

### GOLF EQUIPMENT

Golf clubs on the latest list of USGA Non-Conforming Driving Clubs will be prohibited from all OGA Championships. A copy of the USGA Non-Conforming Driving Clubs list will be available at the starter's table prior to each round. The penalty for carrying but not making a stroke with a non-conforming club in stroke play is two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty of four strokes. The penalty in match play, at the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of the match is adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction of two holes. The penalty for making a stroke with a non-conforming golf club is DISQUALIFICATION. The penalty for using a non-conforming tee or any other object to raise the ball off the ground is DISQUALIFICATION.

### GOLF BALLS

Only brands of golf balls on the most current USGA List of Conforming Golf Balls shall be used. The so-called "One-Ball Rule" shall NOT be in effect.

### SPIKELESS SHOES

It is a condition of this competition that contestants in the OGA Public Links Championship will not be permitted to wear metal spikes on their golf shoes during Championship play. Contestants may wear golf shoes with any of the alternative "spikeless" products, or any golf teaching shoes, tennis shoes, sneakers or any other hard or soft soled shoes that will not penetrate or damage a soft putting green.

### DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

As a condition of this competition, the use of electronic measuring devices will be allowed. Devices that measure anything other than distance are non-conforming. Any player that carries or uses a non-conforming device will be disqualified.

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Entry Fee: \$135.00

Deadline: May 26, 2010 Paper Entries - 5pm

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Complete Tournament information is available at [www.oga.org](http://www.oga.org).

I would also like my info via U.S. Mail

Contestant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_ GHIN# \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Player Division: Men's  Women's

PLEASE RESERVE ME A CART: Yes  No

for office use only

Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

I have noted the requirements for acceptance into this Championship. I am qualified by the rules of eligibility and agree to abide by the Championship regulations. I have noted the Dress Code and Code of Conduct and understand that entries are subject to approval or rejection at any time (including during the Championship) by the OGA, at its discretion, and by the Host Club. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct.

Signature of Entrant \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to make a tax-deductible

donation to  
**O R E G O N  
J U N I O R  
G O L F .**

Enclosed is my donation for the amount of:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_



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## MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "OGA" AND MAIL WITH ENTRY TO:

Oregon Golf Association - 2840 Hazelnut Drive - Woodburn, OR 97071

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### PROHIBITION OF OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

As a condition of this Championship, the use of cellular phones, noise making pagers, radios, walkmans, and any other similar electronic noise making devices will be prohibited during Championship play. Clarifications and special requests regarding this condition should be directed to the OGA Tournament Committee.

### UNOFFICIAL WITHDRAWAL

Entrants who unofficially withdraw without an acceptable reason and without notifying the OGA will not be granted entry into any future OGA events for a minimum of one year.

### CODE OF CONDUCT

Contestants are expected to (1) know and play by the Rules of Golf, (2) conduct themselves at all times in a sportsmanlike manner, (3) respect the golf course and the rights of other contestants, (4) fulfill their playing obligations and (5) know and abide by the OGA Pace of Play Policy. If the Committee considers that a player is guilty of a serious breach of etiquette, including but not limited to unsportsmanlike conduct (cheating, damaging the golf course, defacing club property, using loud obscene language, throwing clubs, etc.), it may impose a penalty of DISQUALIFICATION and possible suspension from future play in OGA Championships. Any disciplinary actions imposed on a contestant by the OGA may be formally communicated to a representative of the contestant's club and/or to any other allied golf association that the OGA deems appropriate.

### DRESS CODE

Suitable attire must be worn at all times. Suitable attire does not include spandex body wear, cutoffs, running shorts, running suits, short-shorts, tank tops, tee shirts, denim of any kind or color, or unkempt clothing of any kind. Neat and clean pants, skirts, slacks, cords, or appropriately hemmed, tailored shorts no more than 6-inches above the knee (men's shorts must have a minimum of three pockets) are acceptable as are sweaters, sweatshirts, and golf shirts (men's shirts must have collars), women's golf shirts and golf blouses. Shoes must be worn at all times. Contestants failing to meet the OGA Dress Code will not be permitted to play.

### AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION

The use of automotive transportation is permitted in OGA Public Links Championship play. Contestants wishing to reserve a cart must indicate so on the entry form. Cart reservations will be made on a first come, first served basis. Cart fees must be paid by the contestant to the club at the time of rental.

### OGA PERFORMANCE ADJUSTMENT

The OGA Tournament Committee has instituted a policy by which they reserve the right to adjust the Course Handicap of any competitor in future competitions. A reduction of a competitor's Course Handicap will be based on the following criteria: High finishes in the NET portion of all OGA and PPGA Championships during the past two years will be awarded points accordingly: 1st = 5 pts, 2nd = 4 pts, 3rd = 3 pts, 4th = 2 pts, and 5th = 1 pt. Any contestant who accumulates 7 points over the stated period may have their Course Handicap reduced by 2 strokes for use during the Championship. Any contestant who accumulates more than 7 points during the stated period will have their Course Handicap reduced an additional 1 stroke for each additional two points accumulated.

### CONDITIONS & SCHEDULES

The OGA assumes no liability for any conditions of the competition. Upon submitting this entry and subsequently playing in this competition, players agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the OGA and its respective affiliates directors, officers, employees, agents, and assigns from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities and losses, including, without limitation reasonable attorney's fees and costs and expenses of litigation, arising out of any negligent act or omission of the indemnifying party in connection with the conditions herein. The OGA Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions and schedules herein. The decision of the Committee in any matter shall be final.

### INCLEMENT WEATHER

The OGA will make every effort to complete the scheduled number of rounds of the tournament. As a general policy, in circumstances under which the final round is suspended due to inclement weather and it becomes impossible to complete the round on the same day: If all players in the field/flight/division have not completed at least 9 holes, the results of the Championship will be determined by reverting to the previous round's totals and the suspended round will be canceled. If all players have completed at least 9 holes of the final round, every effort will be made to finish the final round on the following day. All decisions to suspend or resume play will be at the discretion of the Committee. Any additional information regarding guidelines for suspensions and cancelations can be obtained by contacting the OGA.

### STARTING TIMES & PRACTICE ROUNDS

Starting times, pairings, and practice round information will be forwarded via email. Complete tournament information will be at [www.oga.org](http://www.oga.org). Unless you specify in your entry, tournament information will NOT be sent via U.S. Mail.

### LODGING

Refer to the OGA website at [www.oga.org](http://www.oga.org) for up-to-date hotel information.

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