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INAUGURAL UNITED STATES WOMEN'S SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Sectional Qualifying

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 – Bent Creek Golf Club, Eden Prairie, MN

QUALIFYING MEMORANDUM TO PLAYERS

HOST CLUB INFORMATION

Bent Creek Golf Club

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Eden Prairie, MN 55344
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General Manager: Michele Russell
PGA Professional: John Klooz
GCSAA Superintendent: Tom G Notch

FORMAT/QUALIFYING PLACES: Format is **18-holes, stroke play**. Each field of contestants will compete for qualifying places and two alternate positions in the Inaugural United States Senior Women's Open Golf Championship to be played July 12-15, at the Chicago Golf Club, Wheaton, Illinois. The number of qualifying spots are as follows:

Spots: 2 **Alternate:** 3

STARTING TIMES: The Official Starting Times are posted on the Qualifying webpage.

PLAYOFF: In the event of a tie for the last qualifying places, there will be a hole-by-hole playoff to determine the final qualifiers and the 1st and 2nd alternate if necessary. All announcements regarding the play-off, including the holes to be used, will be made at the public scoreboard upon completion of the qualifying round.

FOOTWEAR: Shoes with traditionally-designed spikes (regardless of composition, i.e., ceramic, plastic, etc.) or spikes, regardless of design, comprised either entirely or partially of metal (if such metal may come in contact with the course) are prohibited during the stipulated round. Penalty for breach of this condition: **DISQUALIFICATION**.

GROOVES: The players' clubs **must conform** to the grooves and punch mark specifications in The Rules of Golf that are effective from January 1, 2010 (see Decision 4-1/1). Please refer to the Qualifying webpage for more detailed information.

PING EYE 2 CLUBS: Ping EYE 2 irons manufactured prior to March 31, 1990, **may not** be used at any stage of Qualifying or at the Championship proper unless they have been tested and found to conform with the current groove specifications.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: Per Rule 14-3, the use of these devices **IS PROHIBITED** at all phases of the Championship. **PENALTY FOR BREACH OF THIS CONDITION:** First Offense – **Two strokes**, Second Offense – **Disqualification**.

ACCIDENTAL MOVEMENT OF BALL ON PUTTING GREEN: This Local Rule is in effect for the Qualifying

EVACUATION PLAN: In the event of a discontinuance of play during the qualifier, players must return to the Clubhouse for further instructions and updates.

PACE OF PLAY: The Pace of Play policy for the Qualifying is posted on the Qualifying webpage. In addition, the pace will be printed on each *Official Scorecard*.

PRACTICE ROUND AVAILABILITY: Practice rounds are available at both sites but will vary by day(s). To schedule a practice round, please contact the Golf Shop identify yourself as a U.S. Senior Women's Open Qualifying contestant. Practice rounds will be on a space-available basis. The fee for a practice round is **\$65 on weekends** and **\$50 on weekdays**. The use of a golf cart during the practice round is optional.

QUALIFYING ROUND FEES: There is no additional fee associated with the qualifying.

CADDIES: Sites *will not* have caddies available. You must bring your own caddie if you wish to use one, or you may carry your own bag or use a non-motorized walking cart.

CARTS: Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorized by the Committee.

SPECTATOR CARTS: Spectator carts may be permitted during the Qualifying in very limited cases.

COURSE SETUP: Please refer to the "View Course Setup" button on the respective Qualifying webpage.

GOLF SHOP/LOCKER ROOM/PRACTICE AREAS: These areas will be open for player's use during the qualifying. Practice areas will open at least 60 minutes prior to the first starting time.

PERSONAL APPEARANCE: Contestants and caddies must be neat in appearance. Bermuda length shorts may be worn. Denim and blue jeans, short shorts, tee shirts, and tank tops are prohibited. Shirts must have collars. The Committee will decide whether this requirement has been met. The dress code applies to the caddies as well as the players. A player will be held responsible for the appearance of his caddie.

FOOD SERVICE: Limited food and beverage service *will* be available from the clubhouse.

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