

17th CoBank Colorado Senior Open

June 1 - 3, 2016

Green Valley Ranch Golf Club, Denver, CO



COBANK

COLORADO OPEN

\$50,000 Championship Purse

ELIGIBILITY

This event is open to professionals and amateurs with active USGA Handicap Indexes not exceeding 5.4 at the time of entry. Entries are subject to rejection at any time (including during the Championship) by the Colorado Open Golf Foundation. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct.

Age: To be eligible, all participants must be 50 years of age or older by Wednesday, June 1, 2016. Players are required to list their age and date of birth on all Colorado Senior Open entry forms. All participants (professional and amateur) over the age of 60 by the first day of the Championship are eligible to compete for the additional Super Senior Prize Purse.

Amateur Status: All amateurs must conform to the USGA Rules of Amateur Status as specified in the USGA Rules of Golf.

ENTRIES: FORM & FIELD COMPOSITION

The entry forms provided by the Colorado Open Golf Foundation (COGF) (including online forms) or photocopies of these entry forms must be used for entry by all players. Forms may be obtained from the COGF office or website (www.ColoradoOpen.com). Only one entry may be filed per player. The COGF reserves the right to disqualify anyone who submits more than one entry. Entries received after the deadline are not acceptable and will be automatically rejected. Entries should be submitted early to allow ample time for delay or error in transmission. The risk of delay or error in transmission lies solely with the entrant. The COGF shall have no liability with respect to any such delay or error and the consequences therefrom, including rejection of the entry. Confirmation of entry will be mailed or emailed after the entry deadline.

Field Limit: The starting field shall be limited to **156 competitors**. The following entry priority shall take effect:

1. All exempt players, provided that the entry is received prior to the stated entry deadline, and he is otherwise eligible;
2. All otherwise eligible players whose entries are received prior to the stated entry deadline will be admitted on a first come first served basis up until a field size of 144 is reached;
3. Entry applications received beyond a field size of 144 field size shall be placed on a wait list and the remaining spots to fill the maximum field will be filled after the deadline.

New Participants: All new players are **REQUIRED** to complete the playing history form on the back side of the entry. Only information listed on this form will be reviewed to determine playing strength. All amateur applicants must undergo verification of Handicap Index before final acceptance.

SCHEDULE & PRIZE PAYOUT

Championship: 54 holes of individual stroke play; June 1-3, 2016 at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club in Denver, Colorado. 156 players eligible. The starting field will be cut to the low 55 scores and ties following the play of 36 holes, based on a full field. Should the starting field be less than 156 competitors, the Committee reserves the right to reduce the cut number to the low 35% and ties of the starting field following the play of 36 holes. The Committee shall post and announce the determined cut number prior to the start of the second round.

Championship Purse: The championship purse is \$50,000 (which includes the Super Senior purse as well as a maximum of \$5,000 in amateur merchandise prizes). Prize money will only be paid to those players that make the 36 hole cut and complete the final round of play. Amateurs will receive their payment in the form of merchandise gift certificates redeemable at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club.

Super Senior Purse: All participants (professional and amateur) over the age of 60 by the first day of the championship are eligible for the additional Super Senior prize purse. The purse is a maximum of \$2500 and is awarded to the top 25% of the eligible participants. Prize money will only be paid to those that make the cut and complete the final round (NOTE: amateur prizes dependent upon USGA maximum allowance per event). All unused Super Senior prize money will be added back to the Championship Purse.

ENTRY FEE & DEADLINE

The Colorado Open Golf Foundation office must receive all entry applications with full payment no later than the deadline.

Entry Deadline: 5:00 P.M. MDT on Wednesday, May 4, 2016

Confirmation of entry will be mailed or emailed within 48 hours of the deadline. Tee times for the first two rounds will be posted by Wednesday, May 25, 2016 on www.ColoradoOpen.com.

Entry Fee: \$300. All players must pay the full Championship fee at time of entry. Fee includes a daily cart fee for the player and his caddie each day of the Championship.

REFUNDS & WITHDRAWALS

Refunds: A full refund of the entry fee will be issued to all entrants not admitted into an event. There is a \$45.00 service charge for ALL withdrawals prior to the entry deadline. Players who contact the Colorado Open Golf Foundation office to withdraw after the deadline date, but at least by 5:00 P.M. MDT one week prior to the first day of the event, will receive a 50% refund of their entry fee. Unless deemed appropriate by the Committee, players are not eligible for refunds after this cutoff. No refunds will be issued for any reason after the start of the tournament. All refunds are issued via check to the person listed on the entry form. Please allow up to two weeks for processing refund checks.

Withdrawals: If a player must withdraw from the Championship once it has begun, he must notify the Colorado Open Golf Foundation office or tournament site as soon as possible with the reason for the withdrawal. "No-Carding," "No-Showing," and withdrawing from an event without a valid excuse is NOT acceptable. All players needing to withdraw from an event must notify a member of the Committee in person and return his scorecard to an official prior to leaving the tournament site. Failure to do so will result in a one-year suspension and loss of any future exemptions from any Colorado Open Golf Foundation event.

PRACTICE ROUNDS

Championship Practice Round: Each championship participant will receive one complimentary practice round at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club. Vouchers will be issued to all confirmed players with their player packet.

CADDIES & CARTS

Caddies: Caddies are allowed; however, the Colorado Open Golf Foundation is NOT responsible for furnishing caddies and recommends that players bring their own. Players are NOT required to employ a caddie for the Championship.

Carts: Players may ride during the Championship—the daily cart fee for the player AND his caddie is included in the entry fee. Players may walk and carry (or push/pull) their own clubs; however, partial refunds are not awarded to players electing to walk. Caddies ONLY may ride with players—spectators are NOT permitted to ride with players and/or caddies.

Push/Pull Carts: Players are permitted to use push or pull carts. A limited number are available for rent on a first come first served basis from Green Valley Ranch Golf Club.

Disabled Spectators: Spectators are asked to walk; however, the Committee reserves the right to waive the no-cart rule for anyone with a disability as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). All such requests and required supporting information must be submitted in writing with the entry application by the deadline. Requests due to temporary injuries or impairments that do not qualify as a "disability" under the ADA will not be granted. Cart availability for spectators is NOT guaranteed and riders must provide their handicap parking permit or like written verification of their disability to be eligible to rent a cart. A per rider fee is due to Green Valley Ranch Golf Club.

EXEMPTIONS

Exemption Eligibility

Players in the following categories shall be exempt into the Championship provided that a completed entry, with full payment, is received prior to the stated deadline, and he is otherwise eligible. A complete list of exempt players may be viewed on-line from the 2016 CoBank Colorado Senior Open Championship Information page on www.ColoradoOpen.com.

Exemptions reserved for amateurs will be granted only to players who remain amateurs through the duration of the Championship. An amateur who accepts an exemption becomes ineligible to compete in the Championship if he becomes a professional before or during the play of the Championship.

Exemption Categories

1. All former Colorado Senior Open Champions
2. All age-eligible former Colorado Open Champions
3. Top 30 plus ties (amateur and professional) from the 2015 Colorado Senior Open Championship
4. The Colorado Section of the PGA has 15 exemptions to use at their discretion
5. The Colorado Golf Association has 12 exemptions to be issued at their discretion to the top Colorado amateurs and in accordance with the amateur eligibility requirements listed above
6. Sponsor Selection—up to 5 exemptions will be granted upon the decision of the Colorado Open Golf Foundation Executive Committee
7. Any player that has made the Colorado Senior Open Championship cut at least four out of the past twelve years (2004 - 2015).

PAST CHAMPIONS

Year	First	Last	Hometown	Championship Site
1999	(a) John	Olive	Phoenix, AZ	Plum Creek GC
2000	Dick	McClellan	La Quinta, CA	Heritage at Westmoor
2001	Greg	Harmon	Mesa, AZ	Heritage at Westmoor
2002	No Tournament Held			
2003	Roy	Christensen	Spanish Fork, UT	Heritage at Westmoor
2004	Jeff	Thomsen	Boise, ID	Green Valley Ranch GC
2005	Mike	Zaremba	Pueblo West, CO	Green Valley Ranch GC
2006	Bob	Ralston	Little Rock AK	Green Valley Ranch GC
2007	Dave	Arbuckle	Colorado Springs, CO	Green Valley Ranch GC
2008	Joe	Stansberry	Minneapolis, MN	Green Valley Ranch GC
2009	Bill	Loeffler	Castle Rock, CO	Green Valley Ranch GC
2010	Perry	Arthur	Plano, TX	Green Valley Ranch GC
2011	R.W.	Eaks	Scottsdale, AZ	Green Valley Ranch GC
2012	Greg	Bruckner	Phoenix, AZ	Green Valley Ranch GC
2013	Doug	Rohrbaugh	Carbondale, CO	Green Valley Ranch GC
2014	Ron	Schroeder	Montgomery, TX	Green Valley Ranch GC
2015	Greg	Bruckner	Phoenix, AZ	Green Valley Ranch GC

2015 RESULTS--Top 30

				(a) Denotes Amateur	
	Name	Hometown	Score		Finish
1	Greg Bruckner	Phoenix, AZ	69-64-70	203 -13	\$8,500.00
2	John Ross	Raleigh, NC	68-71-69	208 -8	\$5,000.00
T3	Mike Northern	Colorado Springs, CO	76-66-68	210 -6	\$2,700.00
T3	Chris Starkjohann	Oceanside, CA	70-69-71	210 -6	\$2,700.00
5	Gerry Norquist	Anthem, AZ	71-71-71	213 -3	\$1,900.00
T6	Steve Stull	Richland, WA	73-75-66	214 -2	\$1,610.00
T6	Ken Krieger	Cheyenne, WY	72-68-74	214 -2	\$1,610.00
8	Stu Nelson	Herriman, UT	72-73-70	215 -1	\$1,440.00
T9	Bob Niger	El Dorado Hills, CA	76-70-70	216 E	\$1,290.00
T9	John Robinson	Orlando, FL	70-71-75	216 E	\$1,290.00
T11	Barry Conser	Scottsdale, AZ	73-74-70	217 +1	\$1,053.33
T11	Bill Loeffler	Castle Rock, CO	71-71-75	217 +1	\$1,053.33
T11	Dale Smigelsky	Fort Collins, CO	69-71-77	217 +1	\$1,053.33
T14	Ralph West	Surprise, AZ	76-73-69	218 +2	\$828.33
T14	Jim Kane	Edmond, OK	75-71-72	218 +2	\$828.33
T14	Cameron Bass	Corpus Christi, TX	77-67-74	218 +6	\$828.33
T17	Mark Knecht	Paducah, KY	78-73-68	219 +3	\$675.00
T17	Don Graham	Fountain Hills, AZ	76-70-73	219 +3	\$675.00
T17	Steve Schneider	Sandy, UT	71-74-74	219 +3	\$675.00
T20	Michael Mercier (a)	Jupiter, FL	71-76-73	220 +4	
T20	Bill Harvey	Hampton Bays, NY	77-70-73	220 +4	\$575.00
T20	Scott Sommers	Longmont, CO	76-76-68	220 +4	\$575.00
23	Robin Bradbury (a)	Superior, CO	73-75-73	221 +5	
T24	Ron Schroeder	Montgomery, TX	77-72-73	222 +6	\$495.00
T24	Perry Billaud	Lake Havasu City, AZ	70-73-79	222 +6	\$495.00
T26	Gregg Jones	Colorado Springs, CO	78-72-73	223 +7	\$403.33
T26	Marshall Gavre	Fairfield, IA	73-75-75	223 +7	\$403.33
T26	Jeff Hanson	Edwards, CO	71-75-77	223 +7	\$403.33
T29	Greg Kopf	Topeka, KS	72-77-75	224 +8	\$346.67
T29	Paul Lobato	Denver, CO	73-77-74	224 +8	\$346.67
T29	Shawn Wilcox	Denver, CO	77-76-71	224 +8	\$346.67

RULES AND PROCEDURES

Play will be governed by the 2016 Rules of Golf as approved by the USGA. Local rules and conditions of competition will be included in each player's registration packet. The Colorado Open Rules Committee is comprised of staff and volunteer Rules Officials from the Colorado Golf Association, Colorado Women's Golf Association, Colorado Section PGA, and the Colorado Open Golf Foundation. This Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions and schedules herein and shall settle all questions and disputes related to the Championship—their decision is final.

Ninety (90) Rule

Any player posting a score of 90 or higher in the first round of competition will automatically be withdrawn from the event without refund. The tournament committee, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to waive the ninety (90) rule under extenuating circumstances (i.e. weather).

Player Registration

All participants must register in person at the Player Registration area prior to play each day of the Championship.

Playoffs

For the Championship—Hole-by-hole playoff on hole #18 and continuing on 18 until the Champion is determined. *For Low Amateur*—Hole-by-hole playoff on hole #10 and continuing on 10 until the Low Amateur is determined. *For Super Senior*— In the event of a tie, prize money will be split.

Golf Balls & Equipment

Only brands of golf balls listed on the USGA's current List of Conforming Golf Balls and driver heads listed on the Conforming Driver Head List may be used. The optional condition prescribed in Appendix I of the Rules of Golf shall be in effect.

The rules regarding grooves are in effect. The player's clubs must conform to the groove and punch mark specifications in the 2016-2017 Rules of Golf. Penalty for CARRYING, BUT NOT MAKING STROKE with, club or clubs in breach of condition: Two strokes for each hole at which any breach occurred; maximum penalty per round - Four strokes. Any club or clubs carried in breach of this condition must be declared out of play by the player to his marker or a fellow competitor in stroke play immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. If the player fails to do so, he is disqualified. Penalty for MAKING STROKE with club in breach of condition: Disqualification.

Dress Requirements

Throughout the Championship players and their caddies must be neat in appearance with respect to clothing and personal grooming. **Players in the Championship are required to wear collared or mock-neck shirts and LONG PANTS.** During the Championship, caddies are required to wear the provided bib at all times to designate their status as an official caddie. Denim and tank tops are expressly prohibited. The Committee in charge of the competition decides whether or not this requirement has been met and has the authority to withdraw the entry of a player who does not comply.

Footwear

Footwear is required for both players and caddies. Shoes with traditionally-designed spikes (regardless of composition) 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: DISQUALIFICATION.

Conduct

Unbecoming conduct by a player or his caddie, reported to the Committee before, during or after a competitor's round, may be cause for rejecting a player's entry or action under Rule 33-7. Objectionable conduct includes club throwing, foul language, abuse of the golf course or course property, abuse of officials, alcohol/drug impaired behavior, or any conduct unbecoming a lady or gentleman. Players may also be suspended from playing in future COGF events.

Cellular Phones and Pagers

The use of cellular phones and or pagers on the competition course is discouraged during the stipulated round, unless authorized by the Committee or in the event of a medical emergency. Use of these devices in a distracting fashion could be deemed a serious breach of etiquette subject to penalty of disqualification under Rule 33-7.

Distance Measuring Devices

Throughout the Championship a player may use a distance-measuring device to obtain distance information ONLY. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3. The penalty for the first breach is TWO STROKES and any subsequent breach will result in DISQUALIFICATION.

Pace of Play Policy

Throughout the Championship the player must play without undue delay. Individual penalties will be issued to violators. (NOTE: The policy in full detail is available on-line from www.ColoradoOpen.com)

QUESTIONS OR NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Please contact the Colorado Open Golf Foundation at:
303-486-8800 or Info@ColoradoOpen.com

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COMPLETELY EXECUTED ENTRY MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE BELOW ADDRESS NO LATER THAN:
5:00 P.M. MDT ON WEDNESDAY, May 4, 2016

Colorado Open Golf Foundation ♦ 20309 E. 48th Place ♦ Denver, CO 80249 ♦ P:(303)486-8800 ♦ F:(303)486-8823

APPLICATION FOR ENTRY— Entry Fee \$300 includes daily cart fee for player & caddie

Please print name by which you wish to be identified. Fill in every applicable blank or entry may be rejected.

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Country _____ Zip Code _____

Hometown for display on scoreboard: City _____ State _____ Country _____

Primary Phone _____ Cell phone _____

We are now able to send SMS messages for pairings & other important event messages. Check here to authorize us to send text messages to your cell phone.

Email (If email is listed, entry confirmation will be sent electronically) _____

Date of Birth: Month _____ Date _____ Year _____ Age* _____ *(Must be at least 50 by June 1, 2016) Gender: Male Female

Player Favor: Hat Visor

HOUSING: The COGF does not arrange host family housing; however, we are excited to share an exciting accommodation offer for this year. As the host hotel, Country Inn & Suites—DIA is offering players a rate of \$84/night that includes deluxe breakfast, cocktail reception (M-Th), shuttle service to/from airport AND golf course, and flexible checkout policies. More information is available from www.ColoradoOpen.com.

TYPE OF PLAYER—Applicant must check one

- I am an AMATEUR golfer.** If checked, the following must be completed for verification of Handicap Index. Only a handicap computed under the USGA Handicap System is acceptable. A player falsifying his handicap is liable to indefinite disqualification from Colorado Open competitions. Handicap must be verifiable by the COGF office. My current USGA Handicap Index is _____ and is actively on record at _____ (Name of vendor i.e. GHIN, EZlinks) under the following identification number (i.e. GHIN #) _____.
- I am a golf PROFESSIONAL.** The year I turned professional is: _____
Social Security Number _____ - _____ - _____ (Required in order to receive prize money)
- I am an AMATEUR AWAITING REINSTATEMENT.** Date of reinstatement: ____ / ____ / ____

PAYMENT INFORMATION—Please check type of payment

- Cash—please do not send cash, deliver it in person to the Colorado Open Golf Foundation office
- Check or Money Order—Payable to Colorado Open Golf Foundation
- Credit Card—All fields below are required in order to process payment

Type of Card: _____ Name as it appears on card _____

- VISA Billing Address: _____
- Mastercard Account Number _____
- AMEX Exp. Date: Month ____ / Year ____ Security Code (on back of card) _____

SIGNATURE —Please read and sign below

By submission of this entry I agree to the following:

- I agree to the Championship regulations included herewith. I have noted requirements for acceptance of places, notices of withdrawal and registration at the Championship site.
- I agree that there are certain risks inherent in the game of golf and accept personal and sole liability for all such risks.
- I have not entered into and will not enter into any arrangement whereby I could have a financial interest in any other player's prize money (such as through prize-splitting or prize money "insurance").
- I agree that this entry is subject to rejection at any time (including during the Championship). The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct.
- I agree that the responsibility for ensuring this application is received by the Colorado Open Golf Foundation by no later than the entry deadline is mine alone and that this application will be automatically rejected if received by the Colorado Open Golf Foundation after such date and time. I agree that the risk of delay or error in transmission lies solely with me and that the Colorado Open Golf Foundation has no liability with respect to any such delay or error and the consequences there from, including rejection of this entry.
- I consent to the use by the Colorado Senior Open, or persons authorized by the Colorado Senior Open, of my name, likeness, voice and references to me and photographs and other images of me and my play connected with my appearance in the qualifiers or Championship, in connection with media promotion or commemoration of current and future Colorado Open Golf Foundation events.
- I consent to the release of my email address to corporate sponsors of the Colorado Open Golf Foundation upon their request.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ Date _____

Media Information

(If returning player, list updates from previous year)

Birthplace _____

Did you play college level golf? YES NO

If yes, when? _____

Where? _____

Are you currently, or have you been, a member of a Professional Playing Tour? YES NO

If yes, which one(s)? _____

For how many years? _____

Do you currently have a Tour Card? _____

Have you played in a PGA, Champions Tour or USGA Championship? YES NO

If yes, which one(s) and when? _____

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PLAYING HISTORY FOR NON-EXEMPT PLAYERS

All individuals not already exempt into the 2016 CoBank Colorado Senior Open Championship are encouraged to complete this form. The COGF will evaluate all applications submitted through the entry deadline and place players into the field based on strength of playing resume. ONLY information submitted on this form and the entry will be reviewed, so please do not submit any additional materials. Applicants will be informed of their status in the field within 48 hours of the entry deadline.

Player Information--Complete Entry Form (all sections other than Qualifier Selection & Payment Information are required.)

Restate Name as listed on entry: _____

Restate Player Type as listed on entry: Professional Amateur Amateur for Reinstatement

Are you a member of the PGA of America? YES NO If yes, which section _____

Are you a member of the Colorado Golf Association? YES NO

Have you participated in a previous Colorado Open Event? YES, CO Sr. Open YES, CO Open YES, CO Open Qualifier NO, this is my first event

Which Tours are you actively involved with? None PGA Champions Other: _____

PLAYING RECORD--should ONLY reflect accomplishments for the 3-year period prior to the upcoming championship

List top 5 individual tournament finishes within the past 3 years.

Year	Event	Location	Score	Finish

List top golf awards/honors earned within the past 3 years.

Year	Event	Location	Score	Finish

List other major accomplishments you have achieved throughout your playing career: _____
