



# 116<sup>TH</sup> MGA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

SOMERBY GOLF CLUB

975 SOMERBY PARKWAY NE, BYRON, MN 55920

GOLF SHOP: (507) 775-3710; WEBSITE: [SOMERBY.COM](http://SOMERBY.COM)

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY, JULY 15-17, 2019



## NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

**CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT:** 54-holes, stroke play. (The Championship may be shortened as needed by the Committee in the event of inclement weather conditions). The Champion will be the contestant who returns the lowest 54-hole score. The Totton P. Heffelfinger Trophy will be presented to the Champion.

The 156 contestants will play 18-holes each of the first two days, Monday–Tuesday. The low 60 scores and ties qualify for Wednesday’s play. Wednesday tee times will begin from both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees at approximately 7:30-8:00 am with the leaders starting at 9:30 am. Tee times will be available on the MGA website Tuesday evening – [www.mngolf.org](http://www.mngolf.org).

**PLAYOFF:** In the event there is a tie for the Championship, there will be a playoff immediately following the conclusion of play on a hole-by-hole basis. If necessary, the playoff will start on Hole 18 and, if still tied, continue to Holes 10 and 15 until a Champion is decided.

**RULES OF PLAY:** The Rules of Golf, MGA Terms of Competition, this Notice to Competitors, as well as any Local Rules established specifically for the Championship will govern play. Players will receive a Local Rules sheet daily at their starting hole. Players wanting a copy of the MGA Terms of Competition may find it on the MGA web site – [www.mngolf.org](http://www.mngolf.org) – under the Tournament & Rules section.

**PACE OF PLAY:** The MGA Pace of Play Policy will be in effect and strictly enforced. The Pace of Play for the Championship can be found at the Championship home page on the MGA web site – [www.mngolf.org](http://www.mngolf.org). Players should make the effort to read the policy prior to the beginning of the Championship.

**CHAMPIONSHIP FEE:** There is an additional Championship fee of \$75 for all non-exempt players in the Championship field. Qualifying players will have their TM profile modified so that they may enter and pay the fee online. Payment through the online system is strongly encouraged; otherwise, if paying by a check, this should be paid in advance by sending a check to the MGA office. Deadline for submitting the fee is 12 pm, Thursday, July 11. **Any player failing to pay this fee by this deadline will not be allowed to play.**

**PLAYER REGISTRATION:** There will be a player registration area staffed on Monday. It will be located just inside the main Clubhouse entrance and staffed from 6:00-9:30 am and 11:00-2:30 pm. Please take the time to register.

**CHAMPIONSHIP PRACTICE ROUNDS:** Practice rounds are available for \$50 including cart. Players should call the Sommerby Golf Shop (507/775-3710) and identify themselves as contestants. **NOTE:** The Sommerby Invitational will be held Thursday-Saturday, July 11-13, so no practice will be available during this time.

**STARTING TIMES:** There will be no change in starting times other than by decision of the committee due to weather conditions. Starting times for Rounds 1 & 2 will be posted on the MGA website ([www.mngolf.org](http://www.mngolf.org)) approximately five (5) days prior to the Championship.

**LODGING:** Lodging arrangements have been made at area hotels. Please check the Championship webpage for a specific link to this information.

**DIRECTIONS TO SOMERBY GOLF CLUB:** Click [here](#) for a link.

**DRESS CODE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP: AS STATED IN THE ENTRY FORM, THE DRESS CODE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.** For all MGA competitions, players must be neat in appearance with respect to personal grooming and clothing. All males are required to wear shirts with collars and sleeves, and either golf slacks or Bermuda shorts, which measure no higher than 2 inches above their knees. Shirts are expected to be tucked in unless specifically designed to be worn out. Examples of attire NOT ACCEPTABLE include the following: Cargo shorts, Short shorts, athletic shorts, tennis shorts, cut-offs, jeans, jean shorts, tank tops, t-shirts and sweat pants. The Committee will decide whether this requirement has been met and will withdraw the entry of a player who does not comply. **Caddies are expected to follow this dress code as well; players will be responsible for the dress of their caddies.**

**FOOTWEAR POLICY:** As stated in the official entry form, it is a condition of the competition that shoes with metal or traditionally designed spikes are prohibited. Penalty for breach of this condition: **Disqualification.**

**PRACTICE RANGE:** The practice range will be open at 6:15 am daily during the Championship. Range balls are complimentary.

**LOCKER ROOM:** Please check with the Locker Room Attendant if you wish to use a locker. A limited number of guest lockers are available.

**CELL PHONE POLICY:** The MGA prohibits the use of cell phones and other telecommunications devices during play for communications purposes. Cell phones must be on silent mode at all times while at Somerby. In the clubhouse, talking on cell phones is permitted in the locker room, restrooms but not in the dining rooms or hall ways of the club.

**FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICE:** Food and beverage service will be available on a cash and charge basis all three days of the Championship. All food and beverages, except for that found at the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees, are at the player's expense. Food and beverages found at the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees are limited to the players and caddies only.

**CADDIES AND CARTS:** Somerby ***will not*** have caddies available.

You may bring your own caddie if you wish to do so. Carrying your bag is permitted, as is the use of a pull cart (including motorized), but motorized riding carts are prohibited for players and caddies during the Championship. Players are responsible for the conduct and appearance of their caddies. **Caddies are expected to adhere to the previously mentioned dress code.**

**TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP:** A team will be comprised of three or four players from the same course. A player may not represent more than one club and will represent the first club stated on his application. Each club is limited to one team. The names of the team members **must be submitted** to an MGA Tournament Department staff member before the first player of the team starts play in his first round. If no such team list is submitted, the last four (4) players scheduled to start for the club shall make up the team.

The team score will be based on the total of the three lowest scores of the players on the team for each 18 holes of the first 36 holes of the Championship. Any tie will be broken by the USGA recommendation of a matching of scorecards found in Appendix I, Part C.

**PRIZES:** Trophies will be awarded to the Champion, Runner-up, and third place finishers for their permanent possession. Trophies will also be awarded to the members of the winning team. Merchandise prizes will be awarded as determined by the Tournament Committee.

**POSTING SCORES:** All scores from the competition will be entered in GHIN and identified as tournament ("T") scores by the MGA. Do **not** enter these scores yourself.

**MGA PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINTS:**

1 <sup>st</sup> :	250	6 <sup>th</sup> :	120	11 <sup>th</sup> :	70	16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> :	20
2 <sup>nd</sup> :	200	7 <sup>th</sup> :	110	12 <sup>th</sup> :	60	21 <sup>st</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> :	15
3 <sup>rd</sup> :	175	8 <sup>th</sup> :	100	13 <sup>th</sup> :	50	26 <sup>th</sup> – Cut:	10
4 <sup>th</sup> :	150	9 <sup>th</sup> :	90	14 <sup>th</sup> :	40	Qualifiers:	5
5 <sup>th</sup> :	130	10 <sup>th</sup> :	80	15 <sup>th</sup> :	30		

**COURSE SET-UP:** Somerby Golf Club will be set up as follows for the Championship. Exact yardages may change each day of the competition.

Hole	Yards	Par	Hole	Yards	Par	Totals	Yards	Par
1	565	5	10	406	4	18:	7,209	72
2	374	4	11	542	5	Course Rating:		74.6
3	417	4	12	484	4	Slope Rating:		143
4	610	5	13	191	3			
5	210	3	14	402	4			
6	433	4	15	317	4			
7	398	4	16	454	4			
8	186	3	17	150	3			
9	480	4	18	590	5			
Out	3,673	36	In	3,536	36			

**CHAMPIONSHIP WEB SITES:**

116<sup>th</sup> MGA Amateur Championship – [https://www.mngolf.org/Tournament/MGA\\_Amateur\\_Championship\\_9](https://www.mngolf.org/Tournament/MGA_Amateur_Championship_9)  
Somerby Golf Club – [www.somerby.com](http://www.somerby.com)

Follow the MGA on Twitter at [@MNGolfAssn](https://twitter.com/MNGolfAssn) and on Facebook at [Minnesota Golf Association](https://www.facebook.com/MinnesotaGolfAssociation).