



18th MGA SENIOR PLAYERS' CHAMPIONSHIP
St. Cloud Country Club
301 Montrose Road, St. Cloud, MN 56302
(320) 253-1331; www.stcloudcountryclub.com
Thursday-Saturday, June 15-17, 2017

CHAMPIONSHIP FORMAT: The Championship format is match play. The 24 players who qualify in the Sectional Qualifying rounds will join the 8 exempt players for a total of 32 players at the Championship proper. *All players will play a first round match.*

The following is the complete schedule of matches for the Championship:

First Round - Thursday, June 15: 1st & 10th Tee from 7:30 – 8:30 am

Second Round - Thursday, June 15: 1st Tee from 12:30 – 1:30 pm

Quarterfinal Round - Friday, June 16: 1st Tee from 7:30 – 8:00 am

Semifinal Round - Friday, June 16: 1st Tee at 12:30 and 12:38 pm

Championship Match – Saturday, June 17: 1st Tee at 7:00 a.m.

All matches will be 18-holes, and in case of ties, a hole-by-hole playoff will begin immediately from the hole on which the match started (unless circumstances prohibit such) and will be considered as part of the stipulated round.

CHAMPIONSHIP DRAW: The MGA Tournament Committee will assign the Defending Champion (Steve Whittaker) as the #1 Seed. The next six seeds (2-7) will come from the entered Exempt Players according to their standing on the 2016 Senior Player of the Year points list (in the event of a tie, there will be a blind draw for seeded positions). The Host Club Exemption will be seeded 32nd. Next, the medalist from each of the sectional qualifying sites will be seeded according to his differential during the qualifying round. In the event of co-medalists from a site(s), they will be grouped together and seeded in order of time of finish in the qualifying round. The balance of the qualifiers will be seeded based on the ranking of their differential (in the qualifying round) from lowest to highest. (NOTE: **Score - Course Rating = Differential.**)

The first-round draw and starting times will be posted at 12 noon on **Monday, June 12, 2017**. Players may call the MGA office, (952) 345-3963, or visit the MGA web site, www.mngolf.org for specific tee time and opponent information. Any withdrawal after 12:00 noon on Monday, June 12, will result in a bye.

CHAMPIONSHIP PRACTICE ROUNDS: Championship practice rounds are available at St. Cloud CC at a rate of \$45 (walking). Call the Golf Shop (320) 253-1331 x4 to make arrangements. Please identify yourself as an **MGA Senior Players' Contestant**.

PRACTICE RANGE: The practice range will be open at least one hour prior to the first starting time each day of the tournament. Range balls will be complimentary prior to each round.

DIRECTIONS TO ST. CLOUD CC: Click [HERE](#) for directions to St. Cloud.

CADDIES: St. Cloud CC **does not have** caddies available at the club. You may bring your own caddie, carry your own bag, or use a pull/push cart. **The use of a motorized riding cart is permitted in the Championship. Rate is \$17.50 per player per round.**

DRESS CODE FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP: As stated in the entry form, for all MGA competitions, players and caddies 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. The Committee in charge shall decide whether this requirement has been met and will withdraw the entry of a player who does not comply.

Examples of attire NOT ACCEPTABLE include the following: *Short shorts, athletic shorts, tennis shorts, cut-offs, denim (of any type), tank tops, t-shirts, and sweat pants.*

FOOTWEAR POLICY AT ST. CLOUD: As stated in the 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.***

CELL PHONE POLICY: *The MGA Tournament Players' Policy prohibits the use of cell phones on the golf course.*

AWARDS: The Champion will be presented with the permanent trophy to be retained at the MGA headquarters. The Champion and Runner-Up will receive trophies for their permanent possession.

PLAYERS' MEALS: A lunch will be available for all contestants from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on Thursday, June 15th. Caddies and guests are permitted to eat but at their own expense. All meals for players continuing on in the Championship will be provided by the MGA as a courtesy to the players.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PLAYER: By accepting this certificate, you are accepting a place in the 2017 MGA Senior Players' Championship.

If you decide to withdraw, you have an obligation to do so in ample time to enable someone to take your place. Therefore, if you withdraw, you must notify the MGA office (952/927-4643 ext.2) promptly. This is to insure an alternate a fair opportunity to play.

PLAYER POINTS: Player points will be awarded as follows:

Champion:	100	Quarterfinalist:	40
Runner-up:	75	Round of 16:	25
Semi-finalist:	50	Qualifiers:	5

COURSE SET-UP INFORMATION: The chart shows the anticipated course set-up and expected Pace of Play, although the Committee reserves the right to modify the set-up prior to the beginning of play.

WHITE TEES – COURSE RATING: 71.3 SLOPE RATING: 129

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOTAL
4	4	3	5	4	3	4	4	5	36	5	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	36	72
433	369	174	444	410	135	417	348	522	3,252	509	348	175	407	370	473	172	340	398	3,192	6,444
:13	:13	:11	:14	:13	:11	:13	:13	:14	1:55	:14	:13	:11	:13	:13	:14	:11	:13	:13	1:55	3:50