# 2<sup>ND</sup> WOMEN'S OPEN OF VIRGINIA





## June 17-19 (?) Independence GC (\*\*) Event home





## **KEY FACTS**

FORMAT: 54 holes of stroke play. The top 25 players and ties after Tuesday advance to Round 3. If there is a tie after 54 holes, a sudden-death playoff will determine the winner.

STARTING TIMES: Times starting at 8:30 a.m. off Nos. 1 and 10 on Monday/Tuesday. 8 a.m. start off No. 1 on Wednesday.

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(director of golf), Dan Taylor (director of agronomy).

**COURSE OPENED: 2001 | VSGA CHAMPIONSHIPS: 34** 

LAST CHAMPIONSHIP: 2023 Senior Open of Virginia

## **UPCOMING WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS**

JULY 15-16: 67th Virginias-Carolinas Women's Team Matches, Keswick GC, Keswick

JULY 22-24: 99th VSGA Women's Amateur Championship, River Bend Club, Great Falls

AUGUST 5-9: 2024 VSGA Senior & Super Senior Women's Amateur Championships, Homestead (Old), Hot Springs

AUGUST 26-28: 78th VSGA Women's State Team Matches, Belmont CC, Ashburn

Full VSGA women's championship schedule

## **2024 PLAYER RANKINGS**

#### **VSGA**

T1. Melanie Walker (275)

T1. Sydney Hackett (275)

T3. Jessica Spicer (150)

T3. Lauren Greenlief (150)

5. Alexandra Austin (115)

6. Fei Rosebro (50)

7. Mary Cabriele (40)

8. Kathryn Ha (30)

9. Shawn McCullough (25)

#### **MAPGA**

1. **Ashley Grier** (550)

2. Lulu Farina-Reiter (545)

3. Paige Gross (487.5)

4. Jillian Drinkard (337.5)

5. Taylor Babcock (275)

6. Shannon McKew (250)

7. Megan Leineweber (210)

8. Maggie Will (120)

9. Sarah Stone (85)





Player rankings: VSGA | MAPGA











### **2024 VSGA WOMEN'S WINNERS**

#### **WOMEN'S FOUR-BALL**

Senior: Shawn McCullough/Diane Willkens (142, -2)

#### **WOMEN'S OPEN OF VIRGINIA**

Winner: June 17-19 (Independence GC)

Low pro/amateur: June 17-19 (Independence GC)

## WOMEN'S VIRGINIAS-CAROLINAS MATCHES

July 15-16 (Keswick GC)

#### **WOMEN'S AMATEUR**

Winner: July 22-24 (River Bend Club)

Medalist: July 22-24 (River Bend Club)

#### SENIOR WOMEN'S AMATEUR

Winner: August 5-9 (The Homestead, Old)

Medalist: August 5-9 (The Homestead, Old)

#### SUPER SENIOR WOMEN'S AMATEUR

**Winner**: August 5-8 (The Homestead, Old) **Medalist**: August 5-8 (The Homestead, Old)

#### **WOMEN'S STATE TEAM MATCHES**

August 26-28 (Belmont CC)

#### WOMEN'S STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Net: October 29-30 (Cavalier G&YC)

Mid-Amateur: October 29-30 (Cavalier G&YC)

Senior: October 29-30 (Cavalier G&YC)
Super Senior: October 29-30 (Cavalier G&YC)



2023 runner-up Sky Sload

## **FIELD NOTES**

The Women's Open of Virginia is back for a second year after a wildly

successful debut in 2023, dampened only by rain on the final day that shortened the final round to nine holes. A field of 78 players, a mix of amateurs and pros, will look to bring home the title this year. There's guaranteed to be a new champion this year, as the event's inaugural winners—the University of California's Kaylyn Noh—is not in the field. Last year's runner—up, Sky Sload, is back to compete, as is Christina Carroll, pictured, who finished tied for third with low professional Phu Khine.

- There are four past VSGA Women's Amateur champions competing.
   Makayla Grubb, a senior at Colonial Forge High School in Stafford, won
   last year's event. Tatum Walsh won the VSGA Women's Amateur in
   2020. Lauren Greenlief won back-to-back VSGA Women's Ams in
   2017-18. Rounding out the contingent is Mesha Levister, who won the
   2004 VSGA Amateur and is now a professional living in Texas.
- Sydney Hackett advanced to the quarterfinals of the VSGA Women's Am last year before losing to medalist Melanie Walker. The two were partners at this year's U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship and advanced to the semifinals.
- Jessica Spicer was co-medalist in stroke-play qualifying at last year's U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur and won the title in the inaugural VSGA Women's Mid-Amateur.
- Some college players to watch include Carroll (Delaware), Hackett (Western Kentucky), Michelle Cox (Penn State), Macy Johnson (Radford), Carley Rudolph, Lucia Gonzalez, and Faith Garcia (Old Dominion), Walsh and Amber Mackiewicz (James Madison), Vynie Chen (High Point), Annabelle Jennings (Longwood), and Ariana Castro (Savannah College of Arts and Design).
- Ashley Grier was the low MAPGA professional last year. Other MAPGA pros to watch include Shannon McKew-Strawoet, Taylor Babcock, and Jillian Drinkard.
- There are three players aged 14 or under in the field: Avalise Kim (11),
   Ada Inderlied (12), and Karoline Sweet (14).
- Of the 78 players in the field, 63 are from Virginia. Texas, Tennesee, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Maryland, Delaware, and Canada are also represented.

## The scorecard: Independence GC

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT
Par	4	4	4	5	4	4	3	5	3	36
Yards	390	0 40	0 370	45	0 34	5 35	5 170	515	160	3155
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	тот
4	3	4	5	3	4	4	5	4	36	72
340	150	330	475	180	360	380	540	350	3105	6260

## **RECAPPING 2023**

#### **CHAMPION:**

Kaylyn Noh (a) (71-72-35--178, -2)

### **RUNNER-UP:**

Sky Sload (a)

(74-70-38--182, +2)

#### LOW PRO:

Phu Khine (73-70-40--183, +3)

SITE: Independence GC (Note: Final round shortened to nine holes due to rain)



**FULL 2023 RESULTS**