



MEDIA UPDATE

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RE: U.S. OPEN SENSATION BEAU HOSSLER HAS EXEMPTION TO PLAY U.S. JUNIOR AMATEUR AT GOLF CLUB OF NE
2nd NH player Connor Greenleaf qualifies for Championship

Seventeen-year-old Beau Hossler, who captured the world's attention at the U.S. Open this weekend, as well as Andy Zhang, the youngest-ever U.S. Open qualifier, are among the exceptionally talented field of young golfers expected to play in the 2012 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship July 16-21 at the [The Golf Club of New England](#) (GCNE) in Stratham, New Hampshire. Hossler and Zhang are among a group of 13 players who are exempt from qualifying for the Junior Amateur, according to the [USGA 2012 Junior Amateur Fact Sheet](#), "based on their past performance in USGA events or by being among the top 400 points leaders in the World Amateur Golf Rankings as of May 30."

Exempt players are:

- **Chelso Barrett:** 2011 U.S. Junior runner-up
- **Connor Black:** Top 400 points leader in World Amateur Golf Rankings
- **Nicolas Echavarria:** 2011 U.S. Junior Amateur semifinalist; Top 400 points leader in World Amateur Golf Rankings
- **Jorge Garcia:** Top 400 points leader in World Amateur Golf Rankings
- **Douglas Ghim:** Top 400 points leader in World Amateur Golf Rankings
- **Tian Lang Guan:** Top 400 points leader in World Amateur Golf Rankings
- **Beau Hossler:** 2012 U.S. Open qualifier; 2011 U.S. Junior Amateur quarterfinalist; Top 400 points leader in World Amateur Golf Rankings
- **David Lee:** Top 400 points leader in World Amateur Golf Rankings
- **Jim Liu:** 2010 U.S. Junior Amateur champion; Top 400 points leader in World Amateur Golf Rankings

- **Scottie Scheffler:** Top 400 points leader in World Amateur Golf Rankings
- **Robby Shelton:** 2010 U.S. Junior Amateur semifinalist
- **Adam Wood:** Top 400 points leader in World Amateur Golf Rankings
- **Andy Zhang:** 2012 U.S. Open qualifier

“The world stood up and cheered for Beau Hossler last weekend when he amazingly led the U.S. Open for a short time Friday and played a terrific round Saturday to stay in contention for the final round,” said Craig Benson, honorary chairman of the 2012 U.S. Junior Amateur. “Golf Club of New England is very excited about the chance to have Beau in New Hampshire for the Junior Amateur Championship. With two players from New Hampshire, Hossler and Zhang, and 2010 Junior Amateur Champion Jim Liu in the field, golf fans from all over New England have a tremendous chance to come see the stars of tomorrow play our challenging Arnold Palmer course.”

Benson said Hossler and Zhang have filed an application to enter the 2012 U.S. Junior Amateur at GCNE. The final qualifier for the 2012 Junior Amateur will be June 26, at which time the field will be set.

In addition to the prospect of seeing Hossler and Zhang, the New Hampshire golf community is also abuzz over 16-year-old Connor Greenleaf from Windham, who secured his place in the Junior Amateur by winning last week’s qualifying tournament in New Hampshire. Greenleaf joins Keene’s Chelso Barrett as the second New Hampshire golfer to join the field. Barrett was the 2011 U.S. Junior Amateur runner-up. Hossler was the Junior Amateur stroke play medalist in 2011 but lost in the match-play quarterfinals.

GCNE hosting the 2012 U.S. Junior Amateur marks the first time a United States Golf Association (USGA) championship will be held in New Hampshire. It is open to the public. For more information on attending the championship, visit www.golfclubne.com

“Our mission is to show the world’s best young golfers that New Hampshire is proud to have them for a week of competition. With free admission, and players like Hossler, Barrett, Greenleaf, Zhang and Liu coming to GCNE, we expect many fans to come see these young stars first-hand. The course will not be roped off, and spectators can walk with the players from hole to hole.”

The Golf Club of New England opened in 2003 and was designed by the Arnold Palmer Course Design Company. It is one of only two Arnold Palmer designed courses in New England and shares many design characteristics with its sister club, TPC Boston. The course is situated on 450 acres of farmland lined with oak trees, old stone walls, and flowing streams.

First held in 1948, the U.S. Junior Amateur Championship has showcased many of the game’s greats at the start of their careers. Other notable participants in the Junior Amateur Championship include Ben Crenshaw, David Duval, Jim Furyk, Lee Janzen, Anthony Kim, Justin Leonard, Davis Love, and Billy Mayfair.

About the Golf Club of New England

Located in Stratham, N.H. the Golf Club of New England is a short distance from the Massachusetts and Maine state borders, less than an hour drive from Boston and Portland. Over 7,500 yards long, this championship course is an imaginative blend of lush fairways, greens, and natural waterways designed by Arnold Palmer Course Design Company. It has been the site of qualifiers for the 2004 U.S. Amateur, 2004 USGA Senior Women's Amateur, 2005 U.S. Mid-Amateur, and the 2005, 2006, and 2009 USGA Senior Amateur. For more information, visit www.golfclubne.com.