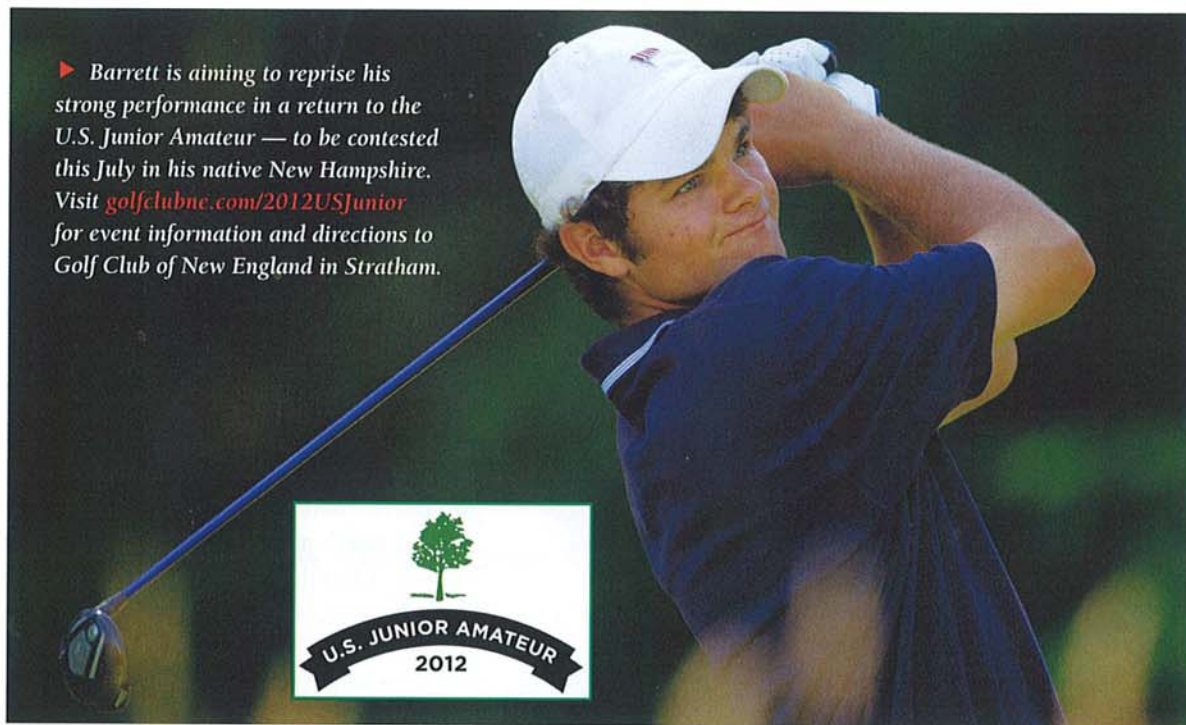


► Barrett is aiming to reprise his strong performance in a return to the U.S. Junior Amateur — to be contested this July in his native New Hampshire. Visit golfclubne.com/2012USJunior for event information and directions to Golf Club of New England in Stratham.



Taking It For Granite

THE 2012 U.S. JUNIOR AMATEUR will be contested from July 16-21 at The Golf Club of New England in Stratham, New Hampshire, about an hour-or-so drive from Boston. Having about the same length ride will be Chelso Barrett, a finalist in the 2011 U.S. Junior Amateur as well as being the 2011 Christopher Cutler Rich MGA Junior Player of the Year. By virtue of his 2011 U.S. Junior Amateur performance, the 17-year-old rising senior at Keene High School (NH) claimed one of the 10 exemptions into this year's field.

"Last year, when I got into match play, I just thought, 'The tournament's in New Hampshire (in 2012),' " said Barrett — who has verbally committed to play golf at Texas Christian University in the Fall of 2013 — recently. "If I can get to the semifinals I can end my junior career in New Hampshire."

The remaining spots in the starting field of 156 competitors will be filled by the top performers at 63 sectional qualifiers, including one at Longmeadow Country Club on June 25 where the majority of young Bay State hopefuls will vie. The USGA accepted 2,941 entries for the Championship, which is open to all U.S. and international male amateur golfers who have not reached their 18th birthday on or before July 17, 2012, and who have a USGA Handicap Index not exceeding 6.4.

This marks the first-ever USGA championship contested in the Granite State. The Golf Club of New England has previously hosted sectional qualifying for the U.S. Amateur (2004), USGA Senior Women's Amateur (2004), the 2005 U.S. Mid-Amateur and both the 2006 and '09 USGA Senior Amateurs.

U.S. Junior Amateur stroke-play rounds will be held Monday and Tuesday, with six rounds of daily match play from Wednesday through Saturday. All are invited... admission is free!

► OTHER USGA EVENTS

Qualifying Hat Trick

Megan Khang — the 2011 WGAM Junior champion — has qualified for three USGA Championships

over the summer season. In mid-June, the 14-year-old played in the U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links. Come July 5-8, she will com-



Khang

pete in the U.S. Women's Open. Then, from July 16-21, she will play, for the fourth time, in the U.S. Girl's Junior at Lake Merced GC (CA). **Isabel Southard**, the recent Sharon High School graduate who will join the golf team at Boston College this fall, also qualified for the U.S. Girl's Junior. **Alison Walshe**, the LGPA professional from Westford, and **Brittany Altomare**, the rising senior at University of Virginia from Shrewsbury, have also qualified for the U.S. Women's Open. Best of luck to all four!

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