

113th Women's Amateur



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*A Special Stage for the
Women's Amateur:*

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Tucked into northwest Calgary, winding through the quiet residential community that shares its name, lies The Hamptons Golf Club. Since opening in 1995, the private club has become a mainstay of Calgary's golf landscape, known for its tree-lined fairways, welcoming membership, and reputation for hosting memorable events.

The course has quietly built an impressive legacy in its three decades of operation. In 2026, that legacy will grow once again when the club hosts the 113th Alberta Women's Amateur Championship.

For Head Professional Jeremy Tanner, who has spent the past six years at the club, it did not take long to appreciate just how special The Hamptons is.



"We've hosted multiple one-day qualifiers for the Rogers Charity Classic, and before that we had several professional exhibitions with PGA and LPGA players," Tanner said. "You get goosebumps when you walk into the clubhouse or stand in certain parts of the course and realize who has played here before."

Despite its location within a residential neighbourhood, the course rarely feels confined by its surroundings. Instead, the layout creates a sense of isolation that allows golfers to focus solely on the hole in front of them.

"Every hole really feels like its own space," Tanner explained. "They're surrounded by trees that help mute the houses around the course, so it almost feels like you're in your own world out there."

That atmosphere is matched by a membership culture Tanner describes as uniquely welcoming. While many private clubs can feel exclusive or segmented, The Hamptons prides itself on being inclusive.

"We offer a lot of different membership categories, including a very strong spousal category that helps introduce new people to the game," Tanner said. "But beyond that, the membership itself is incredibly inclusive. It really feels like a second family here—there aren't cliques or closed-off groups."

The camaraderie is visible on a typical weekend afternoon. "From a staff standpoint, you'll walk through the clubhouse on a Saturday and see tables pushed together to form these big groups of 20 members," Tanner said with a laugh. "You wouldn't necessarily think those groups all know each other, but they do. That's just how the membership is here."

For a club that has existed for just over three decades, The Hamptons has compiled a surprisingly rich tournament history. Over the years it has hosted exhibitions and special events featuring some of the game's most recognizable names, including appearances from legends like Lee Trevino, Gary Player, Arnold Plamer, Fred Couples, Michelle McGann, Annika Sorenstam, and many more.

Those experiences have demonstrated the versatility of the golf course. While approachable for everyday players, the layout can still challenge elite competitors when tournament pressure is applied.

"This isn't a place where you need to hit the ball 350 yards," Tanner said. "You certainly can, but the course really emphasizes accuracy and course management. The greens are extremely undulating and getting up and down can be difficult due to the speed of the greens and the subtle grain you need to account for. Those elements will definitely play a role."

In many ways, that balance is what makes The Hamptons such an enjoyable course for members. "It's just a lot of fun to play," Tanner said. "You don't usually leave the course angry. Instead, you leave thinking about how you'd play it differently the next time." Still, even a fun course has its demanding moments. According to Tanner, two key stretches could prove decisive during the Women's Amateur championship.

On the front nine, momentum can quickly shift through the middle portion of the round. "You can be sitting at even par and then reach holes six, seven, and eight and suddenly be three over," Tanner said. "All three have uphill approach shots, and both six and seven require forced carries over water."

The back nine offers another stern examination beginning at the 14th hole. "Fourteen is really a target-style tee shot that usually calls for an iron," Tanner explained. "Fifteen is a tough par three where the wind tends to swirl, and the green runs horizontally to the tee, which makes

it difficult to hold. Then sixteen is just a monster of a par five."

For competitors unfamiliar with the course, navigating those stretches could prove critical. Tanner hopes several local competitors will take part in the championship field.

That same enthusiasm extends to the club's willingness to support the event itself. Tanner expects the membership to be heavily involved when the championship arrives. "I expect we'll see a lot of members volunteering, spectating, and even caddying," Tanner added. "The club is very proud to support Alberta Golf, and everyone is excited to be part of the event."

"When the championship arrives in July, The Hamptons will once again showcase all the qualities that have defined the club for the last 30 years and when the final putt falls, one competitor will have navigated this stretch to earn the title of the 113th Alberta Women's Amateur". ■

"We have a couple of collegiate players locally who I expect will compete," he said. "Our female club champion last year is also just 16 years old. On top of that, we have a really strong group of social players in the 10-to-20 handicap range who might also decide to play."