



# *Alabama*

2024 ANNUAL REPORT

# *Golf Association*

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# *Who We Are*

*Alabama Golf Association*

**Founded:** 1915

**Staff:** 7 Staff, 5 Interns

**Board of Directors:** 33 Individuals,  
including 7 Executive Committee Members

**Located:** Hoover

**Total Individual Members:** 30,353

**Total Member Clubs:** 121



*a letter from the*  
**AGA President**

Dear Alabama Golf Association Membership,

I am honored to address you for the final time as President of the Alabama Golf Association (AGA) with the last two years going by faster than Gordon Sargent's swing speed. I've been extremely humbled by all that we have accomplished over the last two years while representing and advocating for our dedicated staff, volunteers and the 30,000+ members at our 121-member clubs across our state. It is always exciting to reflect on the growth and hard work that has taken place over the last twelve months, all of which is laid out in this report.

When looking back on the year one word comes to mind – historical. Some of the year's highlights include record entries at the State Amateur hosted by Shoal Creek Club where Tom Fischer became our first champion to earn a USGA Golden Ticket and an all-time high 30,000+ members benefiting from their affiliation with the AGA. On the national stage, Robert Nelson advancing to the semifinals in the US Senior Amateur and Tyler Watts finishing runner-up in the US Junior has put our state in the spotlight.

Another key part of our success is delivering on our core services of GHIN handicapping, course rating administration, national championship qualifying and education in conjunction with our friends at the USGA. Our staff and board of directors have been hard at work to elevate your member experience and expand on all the impactful opportunities available to individuals through an AGA membership. Our foundation continues to deliver on support of programs that advance golf through Junior Golf Alabama, Youth on Course, college scholarships and turfgrass research that will enhance sustainability of this great game for upcoming generations.

Next year we will again be presenting a full schedule of tournaments and championships for players of all ages and ability levels at some of the best facilities and golf courses that our great state has to offer. Some of the few highlights on the championships schedule are the 109th Alabama Men's State Amateur that will be hosted at RTJ Golf Trail at Capitol Hill (Senator Course), 93rd Alabama Women's State Amateur Championship at RTJ Golf Trail at Grand National (Lake Course), 80th Alabama Boys State Junior Championship at Wynlakes Golf & Country Club, and the 62nd Alabama Girls State Junior Championship at Valley Hill Country Club. These four major championships will again offer each individual champion the opportunity to advance into the respective USGA National Championship. There has never been a better time to get involved with the AGA and I urge all of our members to explore the various opportunities the AGA has to offer by visiting our website at [alabamagolf.org](http://alabamagolf.org).

I extend my appreciation to the entire AGA staff for their efforts in managing the various moving parts of the organization and a heartfelt thank you to all of our volunteers, board



members and each member for their unwavering support and dedication to elevating our association and this great game year-over-year, without all of you none of this would be possible. I would also like to take time to personally thank Andy Priest for his phenomenal leadership and stewardship of the Alabama Golf Association these past nine years taking our association to incredible heights. He will be missed as he moves back home to lead the Carolina's Golf Association. Also, my sincere appreciation to the selection committee for undertaking a nationwide search and selecting Jeremy Gardner as our new leader and I am confident his tenure will propel us into the future.

As we turn the calendar, the Alabama Golf Association is prepared to expand on golf's historic success and deliver on a vision that elevates our impact on golfers of all demographics. My final request of our membership as AGA President is to further enhance and grow the AGA License Plate program and with your help, we will eclipse 1,000 AGA plates on the road in 2025. Our great game has never been stronger, and we should all take the time to celebrate our accomplishments while also capitalizing on the incredible momentum.

With Appreciation,

**Walker Grant**  
President  
Alabama Golf Association

# 2024

*by the numbers*

**30,353** Total Members

+5.7% Overall Growth

**5,474** junior golfers

**632,822** total scores posted by members

**26.37** average rounds posted per player

**45** total events





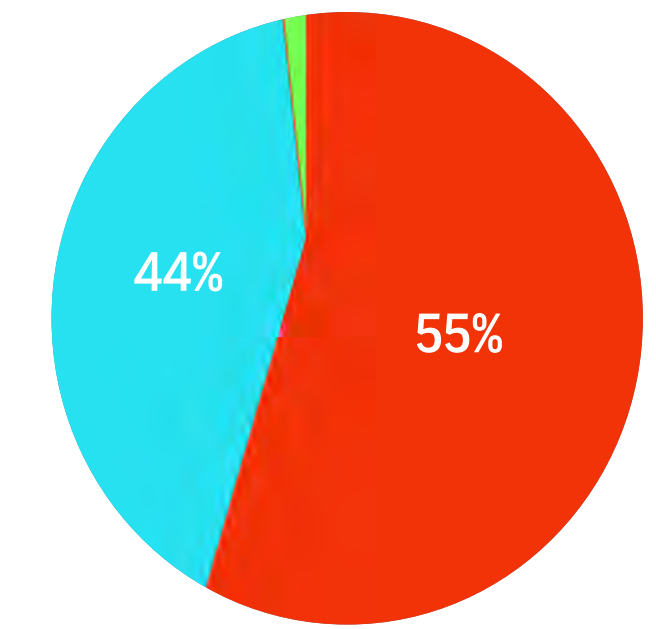
# *Our Clubs*

2024

**121** Member Clubs

**28** Courses Rated

### CLUB TYPE



- Public Clubs: 66
  - Private Clubs: 53
  - Military Clubs: 2
- TOTAL: 121**

# Our Golfers

2024

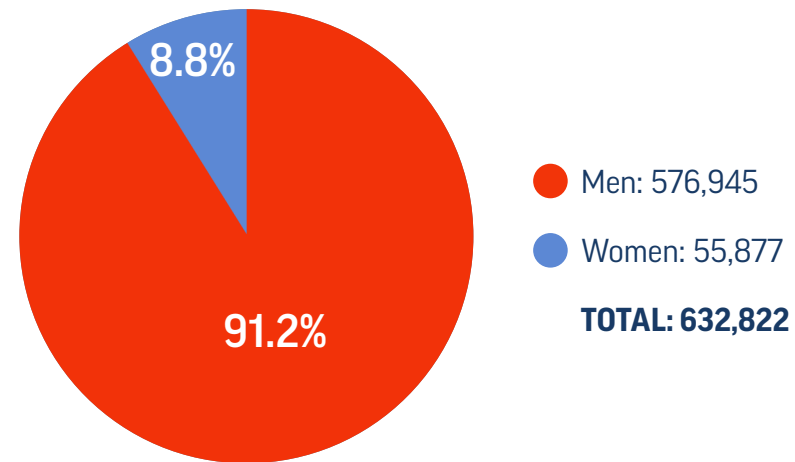
**11.5** Men's Average Handicap Index

**25.1** Women's Average Handicap Index

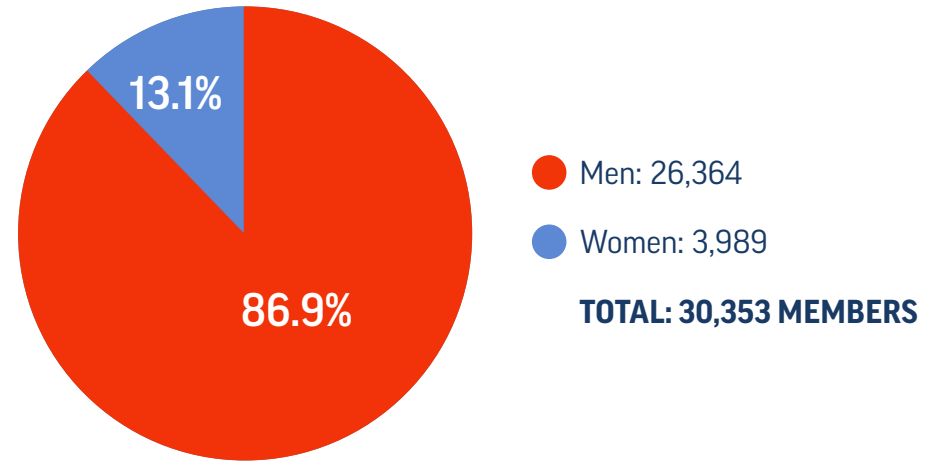
**83** Men's Average 18-Hole Score

**93** Women's Average 18-Hole Score

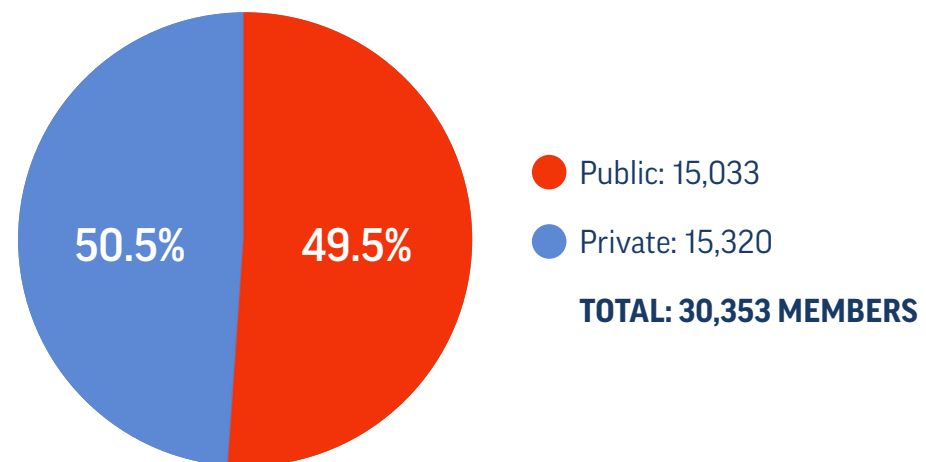
## TOTAL SCORES POSTED



## MEMBERS



## MEMBERSHIP TYPE





# Our Events

2024

The AGA annually conducts 24 championships; team match competitions for men, women, junior and seniors; AHSAA high school golf championship and the SEC Men's Golf Championship. The AGA manages the Junior Golf Alabama program that is a joint venture between the AGA and Alabama-NW Florida PGA Section.

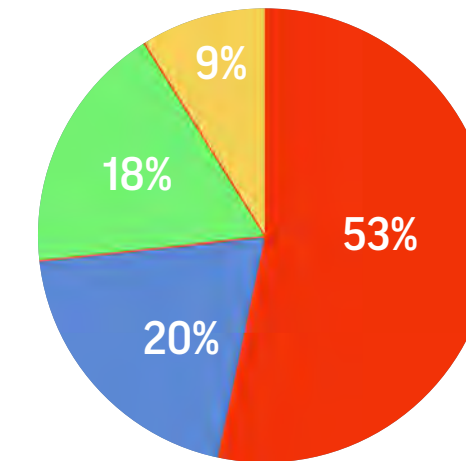
Since 1980, the AGA has managed the affairs of the Southern Golf Association which includes conducting the historic Southern Amateur Championship and Southern Junior Championship.

**27** Unique Competition Sites

**7,296** Event Rounds Played

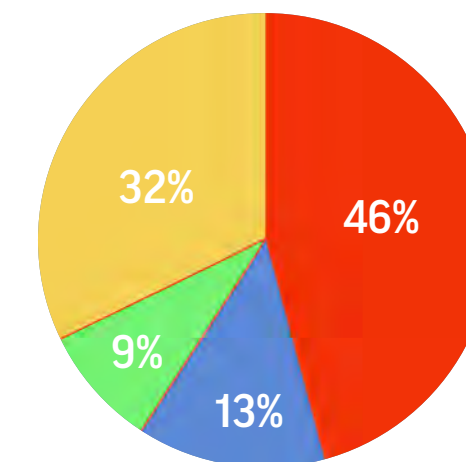
**88** Total Competition Days

EVENT TYPE



- AGA: 24
  - USGA: 9
  - JGA Tour: 8
  - Other: 4
- TOTAL: 45**

EVENT ENTRIES



- AGA: 1,968
  - USGA: 566
  - JGA Tour: 364
  - SGA: 1,374
- TOTAL: 4,272**



# Our Volunteers

2024

**24** Volunteers Serving At Least One Day

**194** Days On Site

## GET INVOLVED AS AN AGA VOLUNTEER

The Alabama Golf Association needs your help! The AGA is largely a volunteer based organization. Outside of the professional staff, the organization is led by a volunteer-based Board of Directors.

The AGA is continuously seeking willing and capable persons to assist us in the areas of Rules Officiating, Tournament Volunteers and Course Raters.

Visit [www.alabamagolf.org](http://www.alabamagolf.org) for more information.





*“The AGA Foundation is proud to serve the next generation of golfers through Youth on Course Alabama, as well as college students in Alabama through its AGA scholarship. Golf is an expensive sport, but one that provides opportunities that can lead youth to a successful life.”*

# Our Impact

2024



**Youth on Course** provides funds to subsidize \$5 rounds of golf for juniors

**1,256** current members

**+16.4%** growth

**3,324** discounted rounds played

**\$18,000** raised in 100 Hole Hike

**AGA College Scholarship** now open to male and female applicants

**8 students** currently supported

**\$31,875** tuition awarded

**3** new recipients in 2024, one of which was the second-ever male recipient

# On the National Stage

2024

Qualifiers in **13** USGA Championships in 2024

**2** Alabama junior golfers on the inaugural U.S. National Junior Team

**1** Alabama female junior golfer represented the U.S. at both the Junior Solheim Cup and the World Junior Girls Golf Championship

**3** Alabama natives advanced to the Semifinals or Finals of their respective USGA Championship

**1** Alabama player was runner-up within the Intellectual Impairment Category at the US Adaptive Open Championship



**Tyler Watts** of Huntsville  
U.S. Junior Amateur Championship Finalist



**Scarlett Schremmer** of Birmingham  
Junior Solheim Cup & World Junior Girls Golf Team Member



**Robert Nelson** of Fairhope  
U.S. Senior Amateur Championship Semifinalist



**Mac Scott** of Birmingham  
U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship Semifinalist



**William Jacobsen** of Auburn  
U.S. Adaptive Open Championship  
2nd in Intellectual Impairment Category

# Junior Golf Alabama

2024



**8** Total Events

**364** total event entries

**728** total rounds played

**60** players participated in First on Course programming

**junior  
golf**  
ALABAMA





# AGA License Plate

2024

**568** License Plates Sold Thru October

**+\$24,563.25** Raised For the AGA Foundation



If **1,000** license plates are sold, we get the opportunity to create a new design with custom artwork. Visit your local vehicle licensing office today to help us reach out goal!

## GET YOUR TAG TODAY

The AGA is proud to have launched Alabama's first-ever and only golf-themed license plate. Now, Alabamians will have the option to drive off the path and support the Alabama Golf Foundation by Driving Fore the Game!

For each plate issued, the Alabama Golf Association receives \$41.25 to directly support our junior golf initiatives, including but not limited to Youth on Course and the AGA College Scholarship.

You can get the tag any time, regardless of your renewal month--and you can have it personalized at no extra cost.