

Kathy Hartwiger: A Rising Star in Senior Women's Golf

Kathy Hartwiger's name may not yet be a household one in the broader world of golf, but for those following the senior circuit, it's becoming one of increasing prominence. Currently ranked 910th in the world and 10th in the United States among Senior women golfers aged 50 and over, Hartwiger's performance on the course in 2025 has been nothing short of impressive. From strong finishes in key tournaments to qualifying for major events, the North Carolina native has proven herself as a formidable competitor on the senior women's golf scene.

A Stellar Start to 2025

Hartwiger's year started with a strong performance at the Jones Dougherty Senior Women's Amateur Championship in January, where she secured a solid 17th-place finish. Although not a top-ten showing, it was an encouraging result to begin the season, setting the stage for what would be a series of standout performances in the months that followed.

At the **Bluegrass Senior Women's Amateur**, Hartwiger continued to build momentum, finishing in 4th place. This marked a significant improvement, proving her ability to compete with the best of the senior women's game. She followed this up with a 9th-place finish at the **AGA Senior Women's Amateur**, reinforcing her consistency and skill.

The Scottish Triumph

One of the highlights of Hartwiger's year came when she competed in the **Scottish Senior Women's Amateur**, one of the oldest and most prestigious events in the senior women's golfing calendar. There, she demonstrated not only her technical prowess but also her mental resilience, finishing in 2nd place. This performance in Scotland placed Hartwiger firmly on the radar of the senior golfing world as a rising star in the field.

A Major Victory: R&A Women's Senior Amateur Champion

However, it was Hartwiger's performance at the **R&A Women's Senior Amateur** that truly announced her arrival as one of the top senior golfers. In what could be considered one of her biggest wins to date, Hartwiger claimed **1st place** at this prestigious event. This victory not only solidified her position as one of the top senior golfers in the world but also demonstrated her ability to peak at the biggest events. This was her first experience of British golf. The trip was extra special as she and her husband, Chris, were celebrating their 35th anniversary. Another key to her victory was recalling a response her son, Ben, had received in a survey of random strangers who were asked what advice they would give themselves if they were 17. One of the best responses was, Don't have expectations because you can only control what you can do, not what other people can do, and there are lots of things in golf that are not in your control. Kathy, however, was in control all the way!

Major USGA Championships

Hartwiger's excellent form in 2025 earned her qualification for several significant USGA events. She competed in the **USGA Senior Women's Open**, a tournament that attracts the best senior lady professionals and amateur players from around the world and tests a golfer's abilities across multiple rounds on a very challenging course. Additionally, she qualified for both the **USGA Senior Women's Amateur** and the **USGA Women's Mid-Amateur**, two of the most coveted titles in senior women's golf. Her performances in these events will be watched closely as she continues to make her mark on the national stage.

North Carolina's Own

In June, Hartwiger showcased her dominance in her home state of North Carolina by winning the **North Carolina Senior Women's Amateur**. This victory was a testament to her familiarity with local courses and her ability to perform under pressure, particularly when competing against fellow North Carolina golfers. This win also cemented her status as one of the top senior golfers in the region, adding to her already impressive resume.

Looking Ahead

Kathy Hartwiger closed out her impressive season with a 2 stroke victory at the Women's Eastern Senior Amateur in October. Thus, she continued her streak with her fourth consecutive win. With each tournament, Kathy Hartwiger's game seems to grow stronger. She has become a force to be reckoned with on the senior circuit, combining steady consistency with the ability to rise to the occasion in the most important events. Her success serves as inspiration to golfers of all ages, proving that age is no barrier to excellence in the sport. Whether competing in the US, Europe, or beyond, Hartwiger's performances signal that she is keeping her game in check, making her one of the most exciting players in senior women's golf today.