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**WILBECK, GIST QUALIFY AT HILLCREST COUNTRY CLUB**

Lincoln, Neb. – Sectional Qualifying was held at Hillcrest Country Club in Lincoln on Tuesday for the 2017 U.S. Senior Amateur Championship and the U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur Championship.

William Gist of Omaha qualified on the men’s side, earning medalist honors following a play-off with Fremont’s John Sajevic. Both Gist and Sajevic shot rounds of 71 (-1), with Gist birdieing the first play-off hole to claim the lone qualifying spot. Sajevic is the first alternate, for the third straight year, while Huskers Head Golf Coach Bill Spangler of Lincoln is the second alternate after a 73 (+1).

On the women’s side, Debbie Wilbeck of Omaha also took the lone qualifying spot after a play-off with Lisa Mansur of Lincoln. Both players shot an 11-over 83, with Wilbeck taking the spot after a par on the first play-off hole. Mansur is the first alternate, while Kearney, Missouri’s Tracee Lechner is the second alternate after an 87 (+15).

Gist, who served on the USGA Executive Committee and was a Vice President in his final year on the committee, will next play at the 2017 U.S. Senior Amateur Championship at The Minikahda Club in Minneapolis, Minnesota later this month. Wilbeck will next play at the 2017 U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur Championship at Waverly Country Club in Portland, Oregon in September.

Qualifying scores from the Omaha site can be accessed here: [http://nebgolf.org/competitions\\_2017usgaqualifiers.htm](http://nebgolf.org/competitions_2017usgaqualifiers.htm), complete information about the championships may be found at [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org).

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