



## **The Lakewood Club to Host 59th U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Championship**

*The Point Clear, Ala., course will host its third USGA championship in 2020*

LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. (April 23, 2019) – The USGA today announced that The Lakewood Club, in Point Clear, Ala., will be the host site of the 59th U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Championship. The championship is scheduled for Sept. 12-17, 2020.

The championship will be played on the club's Dogwood Course, which was designed by Perry Maxwell in 1947 and meanders through dogwoods, magnolias and ancient oaks. In addition to the Dogwood Course, the 36-hole facility features the Azalea Course.

"We are very excited to bring the 59th U.S. Senior Women's Amateur to The Lakewood Club," said John Bodenhamer, USGA senior managing director, championships. "We are confident that its Dogwood Course will provide the ultimate test for competitors as well as a wonderful championship experience outside the ropes."

The 2020 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur will be the third USGA championship hosted by The Lakewood Club, which is a member of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail. The club, founded in 1947, hosted the 1974 and 1986 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur, which were won by Justine B. Cushing and Constance Guthrie, respectively.

"The Lakewood Club, in partnership with The Grand Hotel Resort & Spa, is thrilled to host our third USGA championship," said Niall Fraser, director of golf at The Lakewood Club. "The U.S. Senior Women's Amateur is a championship that is near to our hearts and we look forward to continuing to be a part of this championship's prestigious history."

The 2020 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur will be the eighth USGA championship contested in Alabama. Most recently, the Heart of Dixie hosted the 2018 U.S. Women's Open at Shoal Creek, which was won by Ariya Jutanugarn in a thrilling four-hole playoff over Hyo-Joo Kim.

The U.S. Senior Women's Amateur Championship is open to any female golfer who is 50 years of age or older and whose Handicap Index does not exceed 14.4. The field will consist of 132 players who will earn entry into the championship via sectional qualifying at sites nationwide or through an exemption category.

The format for the championship includes two rounds of stroke play followed by six rounds of match play, with the low 64 scorers in stroke play qualifying for match play. The 2018 U.S. Senior Women's Amateur was won by Lara Tennant of Portland, Ore., who defeated Sue Wooster, 3 and 2, at Orchid Island Golf & Beach Club in Vero Beach, Fla. The 2019 championship is set for Aug. 24-29 at Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Country Club.

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