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FIRST U.S. OPEN IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST HIGHLIGHTS USGA'S 2015 SCHEDULE

Amateur Four-Ball Championships Make Debut on Competition Roster

FAR HILLS, N.J. (Jan. 19, 2015) – The United States Golf Association (USGA) today confirmed the sites and dates for its 2015 championship schedule. Chambers Bay, in University Place, Wash., will host the first U.S. Open Championship contested in the Pacific Northwest, in June. The championship season fittingly begins with two new championships: the inaugural U.S. Amateur Four-Ball and U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball championships in early May.

"A committed group of clubs and communities will conduct our 2015 championships," said Daniel B. Burton, USGA vice president and chairman of the Championship Committee. "The USGA's national championships will be held in 12 states and experienced by golf fans in many regions of the country. We are also thrilled to bring the U.S. Open to the state of Washington and introduce four-ball on the national level as part of our ongoing commitment to support and advance amateur competition."

Chambers Bay will host the 115th U.S. Open on June 18-21 and become the third municipal course to host the championship. Owned by Pierce County, the links-style course is part of a 930-acre park and lies on a former gravel and sand quarry. Chambers Bay joins Bethpage State Park (Black Course), in Farmingdale, N.Y., and Torrey Pines Golf Course (South Course), in San Diego, Calif., on the list of municipal courses to host a U.S. Open.

Pennsylvania will host a U.S. Women's Open for the ninth time when the 2015 championship is played at Lancaster Country Club from July 9-12. The U.S. Senior Open will be contested in Northern California for the first time, from June 25-28. Del Paso Country Club, in Sacramento, will host its fifth USGA championship and first since the 1982 U.S. Women's Open.

Olympia Fields (Ill.) Country Club will host the 115th U.S. Amateur from Aug. 17-23. The club becomes the 11th course to host the U.S. Open, U.S. Senior Open and U.S. Amateur. Jim Furyk (2003) and Johnny Farrell (1928) won Opens at the club, which was established in 1915 and whose first president was pioneering college football coach Amos Alonzo Stagg. The U.S. Women's Amateur returns to Oregon for the sixth time for the 115th playing of the championship, at Portland Golf Club from Aug. 10-16. It will be the club's third USGA championship and first since 1999.

The U.S. Girls' Junior and U.S. Junior Amateur championships will both be played from July 20-25. Tulsa (Okla.) Country Club will conduct its third USGA championship when the Girls' Junior is contested. Colleton River Plantation Club, in Bluffton, S.C., will host the U.S. Junior, its first USGA championship.

The U.S. Amateur Four-Ball is scheduled for May 2-6 at The Olympic Club, in San Francisco. It will be the 10th championship, including five U.S. Opens, hosted by the club. Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, in Bandon, Ore., will host the U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball, its fifth USGA championship, from May 9-13.

The U.S. Amateur Four-Ball and U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball will consist of 128 and 64 two-player teams, respectively, with each competitor playing their own ball throughout the round. Each



team's score will be determined by using the lower score of the partners for each hole. After 36 holes of stroke-play qualifying, each field will be reduced to the low 32 teams for the championship's match-play bracket, from which the eventual men's and women's champions will be determined.

Overall, there are 13 USGA national championships, as well as the Walker Cup Match and USGA Women's State Team, on the 2015 schedule. The Walker Cup Match, the biennial competition between amateur teams from the United States and Great Britain & Ireland, will be played at Royal Lytham & St. Annes Golf Club, in Lancashire, England, from Sept. 12-13. The club has hosted 11 British Open Championships, but will serve as a Walker Cup site for the first time.

2015 USGA Championship Schedule

U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship, The Olympic Club, San Francisco, Calif., May 2-6
U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship, Bandon Dunes Resort, Bandon, Ore., May 9-13
U.S. Open, Chambers Bay, University Place, Wash., June 18-21
U.S. Senior Open, Del Paso Country Club, Sacramento, Calif., June 25-28
U.S. Women's Open, Lancaster (Pa.) Country Club, July 9-12
U.S. Girls' Junior, Tulsa (Okla.) Country Club, July 20-25
U.S. Junior Amateur, Colleton River Plantation Club (Dye Course), Bluffton, S.C., July 20-25
U.S. Women's Amateur, Portland (Ore.) Golf Club, Aug. 10-16
U.S. Amateur, Olympia Fields (Ill.) Country Club, Aug. 17-23
USGA Women's State Team, Dalhousie (Mo.) Golf Club, Sept. 10-12
U.S. Senior Women's Amateur, Hillwood Country Club, Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 26-Oct. 1
U.S. Senior Amateur, Hidden Creek Golf Club, Egg Harbor Township, N.J., Sept. 26-Oct. 1
U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur, Squire Creek Country Club, Choudrant, La., Oct. 3-8
U.S. Mid-Amateur, John's Island Club, Vero Beach, Fla., Oct. 3-8

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Walker Cup Match, Royal Lytham & St. Annes Golf Club, Lancashire, England, Sept. 12-13

About the USGA

The USGA conducts the U.S. Open, U.S. Women's Open and U.S. Senior Open, as well as 10 national amateur championships, two state team championships and international matches, attracting players and fans from more than 160 countries. Together with The R&A, the USGA governs the game worldwide, jointly administering the Rules of Golf, Rules of Amateur Status, equipment standards and World Amateur Golf Rankings. The USGA's reach is global with a working jurisdiction in the United States, its territories and Mexico, serving more than 25 million golfers and actively engaging 150 golf associations.

The USGA is one of the world's foremost authorities on research, development and support of sustainable golf course management practices. It serves as a primary steward for the game's history and invests in the development of the game through the delivery of its services and its ongoing "For the Good of the Game" grants program. Additionally, the USGA's Course Rating and Handicap systems are used on six continents in more than 50 countries.

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