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**BOONE VALLEY GOLF CLUB TO HOST 2017 U.S. GIRLS' JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**

***Host club for 2007 U.S. Junior Amateur awarded its second USGA championship***

FAR HILLS, N.J. (July 28, 2015) – Boone Valley Golf Club in Augusta, Mo., has been selected by the United States Golf Association (USGA) as the host site for the 2017 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship. The club's second USGA championship is scheduled for July 24-29.

"We are delighted to announce Boone Valley Golf Club as the host site of the 2017 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship," said Diana Murphy, USGA vice president and Championship Committee chairman. "Based on the success of the 2007 U.S. Junior Amateur, we are confident Boone Valley will provide a worthy test and fun experience for the world's best female junior golfers in 2017, and we applaud Boone Valley for its commitment to junior golf."

Boone Valley's course was designed by P.B. Dye and opened for play in 1992. The course hosted the 2007 U.S. Junior Amateur, won by Cory Whitsett over Anthony Paolucci, 8 and 7. From 1996 to 2000, Boone Valley hosted the Boone Valley Classic, a PGA Champions Tour event. It also hosted the Champions Tour's Enterprise Rent-A-Car Match Play Championship in 2001.

Since the course hosted the 2007 U.S. Junior, all bunker faces have been resodded with zoysiagrass and the green complex at No. 15 was renovated in 2013. A new irrigation system is being installed this fall.

"Boone Valley's members and staff are honored to host the 2017 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship in the club's 25th anniversary year," said Rick Short, club president. "We are excited to support the USGA's efforts and we plan to provide a memorable experience for all involved, especially these outstanding young players who are the future of women's golf."

The 2017 U.S. Girls' Junior will be the 21st USGA championship contested in Missouri. The Show-Me State is also hosting the 2015 USGA Women's State Team Sept. 10-12 at Dalhousie Golf Club in Cape Girardeau, and the 2016 U.S. Senior Amateur Sept. 17-22 at Old Warson Country Club in St. Louis.

The U.S. Girls' Junior Championship was first conducted in 1949 and is open to female amateurs who have not turned 18 on or before the final day of that year's championship and have a Handicap Index® not exceeding 18.4.

Notable champions include three-time winner Hollis Stacy, Mickey Wright, Nancy Lopez, Amy Alcott, JoAnne Gunderson Carner, Pat Hurst, I.K. Kim, Inbee Park and Lexi Thompson. Eun Jeong Seong, 15, of the Republic of Korea, won the 2015 U.S. Girls' Junior on July 25 at Tulsa (Okla.) Country Club. The 2016 championship will be conducted July 18-23 at The Ridgewood Country Club in Paramus, N.J.