August Tournaments

**August 1**
The Memorial (Formally: Joe Rosette)
Signal Point GC (Fort Benton)
**August 1-2**
2-Man Tournament
Stillwater GC (Columbus)
**August 1-2**
Coca-Cola Classic
Butte CC (Butte)
**August 1-2**
Men's State 2 Man Best Ball
Eagle Falls GC (Great Falls)
**August 2**
Guys & Dolls
Deer Park GC (Deer Lodge)
**August 3**
Missoula Junior Golf Tour Champ.
Missoula CC (Missoula)
**August 3**
PNWPGA (WMC) Pro-Am
Double Arrow Resort (Seeley Lake)
**August 4-5**
Montana Cup (RMSPGA)
Hilands GC (Billings)
**August 4-6**
57th Montana State Senior Champ.
Butte CC, Fairmont, Old Works
**August 5**
Cabinet View Ladies Invitational
Cabinet View GC (Libby)
**August 5**
Helen Tremper Women's Invitational
Missoula CC (Missoula)
**August 6**
Flathead Valley Junior Golf Champ.
Eagle Bend GC (Big Fork)
**August 6**
Ladies Invitational
Madison Meadows (Ennis)
**August 7**
FPCC 4 Person Scratch
Airport GC (Wolf Point)

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**Tom Swanson Claims 98th Montana State Amateur**

_Nick Dietzen, MSGA Communications Director_

A new name will be etched onto the Montana State Amateur Trophy. Tom Swanson's brilliant play at Great Falls' Meadow Lark Country Club earned the Missoula native the right to put his name among the many greats who have won Montana's top prize.

“It's exciting! This is a tournament I look forward to every summer, so it's exciting to get my name on there. It was a bit stressful in the final round, but it will set in later knowing that I was able to come out on top,” said Swanson, a junior at the University of Michigan. “Having a great first round is always important. It sets the tone for the rest of the tournament. Getting to five-under through eight holes got me rolling on Thursday and I just went from there.”

Swanson, a familiar name in recent years near the top of Montana leaderboards, went 65-66-70 to finish at 15-under par (201 total) and seven shots clear of runner-up Ryan Porch of Kalispell. After two rounds in the mid-sixties, his final round had more drama, as his six-shot lead going into the final day shrunk to one-shot after a triple-bogey 7 on the par-four 10th hole.

“I started off really well, three birdies in the first four holes, then I bogeyed number eight, bogeyed nine, and then went in the water and made triple on 10. It was a relief to be able to come back from that. It was a more stressful round,” Swanson recounted.

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**Dorsey Addicks Wins MT Women's State Amateur**

_Nick Dietzen, MSGA Communications Director_

After waiting another year for her first Montana Women's State Amateur Championship, Dorsey Addicks did so in style, claiming the 2015 trophy in a wire-to-wire and double-digit margin of victory.

Addicks, from Big Sky, and a member of the Seattle University golf team, entered the final round two years ago with the lead, but fell to Amber Lundskog. Last year, it was a near comeback attempt that fell short of eventual champion Kyla Clancy.

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This year, there was no such drama. Addicks secured victory and, in doing so, a personal goal. “I didn’t play great golf, but it was enough to win. To be able to accomplish my goal that I set for myself in the fall is a big deal to me,” she said.

Addicks (68-72-78) claimed a 10-stroke victory over Cathie Williamson and Lindsay Reeve at Missoula’s Canyon River Golf Course. Hailey Hoagland and Katy Peterson tied for fourth and Maggie Crippen finished sixth. Clancy, the defending champion, finished in seventh, with a three-day total of 235.

Whitefish’s Karen Jacobson won the senior title over Susan Court, of Helena, by three shots.

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The long-hitting Swanson was accurate off the tee and took advantage of that combination to overpower the narrow host course. “The course set up well for me. I’ve been hitting my driver well and the greens were soft. It was better to have 50-60 yards in on a hole than a full club and try to guess the spin you’d get on a full wedge,” Swanson said. He finished his final eight holes with four birdies, including a chip-in on the par-4 17th. In total, Swanson made 19 birdies and two eagles during the three-rounds in Great Falls.

Porch, who finished as the runner-up for the second consecutive year, posted a three-day total of 208 with rounds of (69-68-71). Payton Taylor of Hamilton finished third at six-under (71-66-73). Rounding out the top five were Billings’ Jake Hedge in fourth (74-72-68) and Bill Dunn (69-70-76) of Missoula and two-time defending champion Brandon McIver (72-68-75) of Billings, finishing in a tie for fifth at one-under.

McIver, the University of Oregon standout, had run away with wide margins of victory in the past two state amateurs, but was unable to find the consistency needed to keep up with Swanson.

Meadow Lark’s soft, but speedy, greens yielded a number of great scoring opportunities, but also a fair-share of three and four-putts during the course of the weekend for the field of 180 golfers from around the Treasure State.

MSGA Executive Director Jim Opitz was pleased by both the turnout and the host club. “Meadow Lark was very hospitable. We had great volunteer help, a great venue, and the players love getting to this course. We can’t wait to be back. We love it here.”

As for Swanson, his summer tournament slate is winding down. “I’m looking forward to the Montana Cup, I don’t expect to make the U.S. Amateur unless it’s by some miracle [Swanson is an alternate], but it’s been a great summer and then I’ll head back to Ann Arbor for the fall. I look forward to having a successful college season.” If his performance in Montana’s top amateur tournament is any indication, there’s a pretty good chance he’s going to be very successful this coming year.
You Still Have A Chance TO WIN!

Emily Hulsey, MSGA Handicap and Website Coordinator

Mid Am Application Deadline Extended
Emily Hulsey, MSGA Handicap and Website Coordinator

Half-way through the vTour season, the ballots are racking up for the end-of-season Grand Prize drawing!

The top 20 players on each Leaderboard have a chance to win an awesome prize -- a Sun Mountain Sync Golf Bag and Reflex Push Cart... a prize valued at $480! And, of course, don't forget the other great prizes you can win just for participating!

For any skeptics out there... there's no gimmick here! The vTour is simply a fun way to encourage people to get out there and play golf! IT'S FREE! And all you have to do is register. It's easy and a great way to challenge yourself, adding a new dimension to your game.

There are just 3 events left! You can register even after the event has started. Go to www.msgagolf.org and click on the vTour slide. More details and FAQ can be found on the vTour webpage.

Remember, more participation now means more prize sponsors for next year!

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If you can PLAY, you can WIN!

JULY 23 - AUGUST 9
Big Sky Country Open
AUGUST 13 - 30
Rocky Mountain Showdown
SEPTEMBER 3 - 20
The Last Best Place

This year's tournament will be played at Riverside Country Club in Bozeman, August 13-15. A fair and challenging course, it also showcases Montana's natural beauty, set under the Bridger Mountain range and on the East Gallatin River.

With only about 80 members registered so far, there is plenty of room for more to play. You can register online by going to http://www.msgagolf.org/tournaments/state-tournament-applications. You can also download applications to send by mail.

Mid Am Application Deadline Extended

The deadline to apply for the Men's Mid-Amateur has been extended from August 1st to August 5th!

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With only about 80 members registered so far, there is plenty of room for more to play. You can register online by going to http://www.msgagolf.org/tournaments/state-tournament-applications. You can also download applications to send by mail.

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You can PLAY, you can WIN!
MSGA Rating Team Busy This Summer
Ron Normandeau, MSGA Rating Team Captain

The MSGA Rating Team has been busy this golf season, with four golf courses measured, and eight remaining this year. Golf courses are required by the USGA to be rated every 10 years to keep the USGA handicap system valid for their golf course. Without a USGA course rating, a golf course cannot hold USGA sanctioned tournaments, or maintain member handicaps that are transferable to other USGA member golf courses. The MSGA has 92 member golf courses requiring periodic updating to their course ratings.

The team is made up of volunteers who travel to all regions of the state on their own time to allow the MSGA to provide this service to Montana golf courses. The job is fun, challenging, and educational.

Winter months are spent studying the USGA Rating Manuals, taking self-assessment quizzes, discussing the nuances of the rating process on the MSGA Rater Education Web Forum, and then tackling the challenges of the highly individual golf courses on the ground during the golf season!

The team consists of the rating supervisor, chaired by MSGA President Steve Sherburne (East Glacier); team captain, Ron Normandeau, (Polson); master trainer, and MSGA Board member, Jim Redmond (Polson); Dave Sheesley, Chuck Seeley, Jerry Fisher (all from Polson); Gary Kalberg (Creston); Scott Newpower (Seeley Lake); Craig Ehlert (Bozeman); Rod Halvorson (Laurel); and Rick Blaskovich (Billings).

Courses completed include Beaverhead GC (Dillon), Whitetail GC (Stevensville), Highland View (Butte), and Valley View GC (Bozeman). Those remaining are East Glacier Park GC (East Glacier), Glacier View GC (West Glacier), Pondera GC (Conrad), Choteau GC (Choteau), Moonlight Basin GC (Big Sky), Yegen GC (Billings), Lake Hills GC (Billings), and Rolling Hills GC (Broadus).

Of special interest is Moonlight Basin Golf Club. This new course layout is located northwest of Lone Mountain and northeast of Fan Mountain at an altitude of 7,200 feet. A grand opening is scheduled for August 5, which will signal the completion of the second nine holes of the 18-hole course. It is a Jack Nicklaus designed course and his attendance is anticipated for the grand opening. The team will rate this course on the 1st of September (hopefully before snow) and, because the USGA requires two measurements in the first ten years, it will be on the schedule again in about five years.

We are always looking for good people (men and women) interested in course rating, dedicated to learning the process, and able to meet the travel requirements of this state-wide activity.

Interested in becoming a member of the MSGA Rating Team? Email ndietzen@gmail.com and you will be contacted by a member of our hardworking team with more information.

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“I don’t know what it is about it, but I love this course!”
Catching up with Paul Caruso, U.S. World Amateur Men’s Team Captain

Nick Dietzen, MSGA Communications Director

Montana State Golf Association Hall of Famer, Paul Caruso, Jr., of Helena, was recently named captain for the U.S. World Amateur Team. Caruso, a longtime professional banker, began working USGA Championships in the late 1980’s and assumed more responsibility year-over-year, eventually becoming part of the USGA’s Executive Committee from 1996-2005. During those nine years, Caruso served as treasurer for one year, vice president for two years, and chaired the Executive Rules Committee for four years.

His immense knowledge of, service to, and passion for golf made him an excellent choice to head up the 2016 U.S. World Amateur Men’s Team, which will compete next year in Cancun, Mexico. The MSGA sat down for a conversation with Caruso about his captaincy, experience in golf administration, and thoughts about the game’s history and future.

MSGA: What goes into your role as captain?
PCJ: The USGA has an international team selection committee that picks the Walker Cup team this year, the Curtis Cup, and the World Amateur Teams. We will select three players and two alternates. We won’t get serious about that until about this time next year [following the British Open] and evaluate the best prospective amateurs at that point. The administrative issues, travel, security, and health care, of course, all require planning... not to mention, feeding. There isn’t a lot of coaching involved. These are great players and they will represent their country and make us proud.

MSGA: What events will you attend to evaluate players?
PCJ: Likely, the Walker Cup. Next year will be busy with the NCAA Championships, the Porter Cup, the Western Amateur, and probably the Pacific Coast Amateur. We want to find good players with great character. They will be representing the U.S.

MSGA: What do you think makes tournament golf special?
PCJ: From my experience, I know that it’s apparent these championships identify the best players. There’s no question. It will be exciting to see how we do in Mexico.

MSGA: When exactly did you make the leap from being a golfing enthusiast to volunteering and working golf events?
PCJ: I was active in playing and took an interest in the game beyond that, but in 1986 I worked the U.S. Open at Shinnecock. There, I met a gentleman named Grant Spaeth who was chairman of the championship committee and he encouraged me to become more involved. He knew I was a young guy with an interest and thought I should attend a rules school. I went the next year and I did pretty well at that school.

MSGA: The test at rules school clinics are famously challenging. Did you do a crash course at that point, or how did you prepare?
PCJ: Actually, that was undoubtedly the least prepared I had been for a rules test. When you learn from great teachers as I did, though, it can make up for a lack of preparation. But I learned how to do that later.

MSGA: From practice to application, you have extensive experience working golf tournaments from a rules standpoint. How did that come about?
PCJ: In 1991, I went to Hazeltine [Minnesota] for the U.S. Open and some of the knowledgeable rules officials were not up for four days of walking as an official. I was, and when you get opportunities, you take advantage, and that was great experience for me. Right place, right time.

MSGA: What is your favorite part of working as a rules official?
PCJ: For me, the most fun is working a match play event. If you want to see a great golf course up close, come to the U.S. Amateur. You can walk with the players and see the course a few years before it probably becomes a U.S. Open course. It’s great access, and match play from a rules standpoint is different. You’re the sole decision maker in those events. There is no appealing to the committee, so it’s a great test... and you’d better get it right!

MSGA: The rules are the same, but what are the greatest differences from local tournaments and elite level tournaments from a championship administration and rules standpoint?
PCJ: As an official, there is far more action at smaller events. More strange things happen at small tournaments. You’re a lot busier helping out golfers at a local tournament than on tour, where they have been playing tournament golf for many years. At the local level, one thing you learn quickly is to do the preparation. Mark the...Continued on the next page
hazards clearly. Construct a good tournament rules sheet. The more time you put in ahead of time, the more smoothly things come up, and you encounter less difficulties.

**MSGA:** If you are working a major championship, how many rulings do you make?

**PCJ:** If you make one ruling or help with one in a day, that’s a busy day. Usually, it’s ‘Where did the ball last cross the margin?’ The higher you get up, the more the players want to ignore you.

**MSGA:** Describe what makes a good rules official?

**PCJ:** Make yourself visible and available, but not part of the golf. Being able to interact with players on a professional level is crucial as well. Be respectful and calm. As a rules official, knowledge of the rules really is about application and an exercise in using the little book [Rules of Golf]. It’s not about having everything in instant recall from your brain. It’s more about knowing where to find it quickly and properly applying each rule.

**MSGA:** How would you encourage players who might have an interest in volunteering and serving as rules officials?

**PCJ:** I would say that the first thing is to try to learn what you can, but getting involved without being worried that you don’t know it all. You will learn so much by just being involved. That will keep you interested and the learning process will continue on, hopefully.

**MSGA:** What were the highlights from your time as a rules official and on the Executive Committee?

**PCJ:** I’ve had so many great experiences... a few that come to mind. In 2005, I walked and refereed with Tiger Woods when he won the British Open. I walked as an official for the U.S. Open from 1991-2005. So, for that longevity, I had some great memories. But introducing Arnold Palmer at Winged Foot in 2004, the 50th Anniversary of his U.S. Amateur victory, was fun. It was the simplest introduction I’ve ever made. Arnie says to me, “I’ve got an idea. Why don’t you just introduce me as the 1954 U.S. Amateur Champion, and leave it at that?” I was definitely not going to disagree with The King, so I said “Deal!” Really though, the best part was all the great people I met. I attended all 13 USGA championships in two different years, and all my time spent with the Executive Committee and working with the R&A on the Joint Rules Committee, I made a lot of lifelong friends.

**MSGA:** What was the time commitment like with travel and tournaments?

**PCJ:** Lenette and I calculated that, one year, I spent 157 days on the road. I would not have been able to put that kind of time in without her support. She has been a great partner and mother, and encouraged me to keep going as the time commitments kept increasing.

Caruso continues to play golf, always carrying his bag. He is an avid golf historian, having accumulated a voluminous collection of golf literature, artifacts, and personal records of his 100-plus-championship event attendance and work. He is generous with his wealth of knowledge, always ready with a humorous story and the latest golf news. And, of course, he’s ever ready to help on a ruling.
MSGA Legend Gene Cook Shoots His Age In State Am Final Round

George Geise, MSGA Board Member

Why would an octogenarian who has won every major golf championship the Treasure State can offer enter a tournament he has no chance to win? Because he can, that’s why.

Great Falls veteran Gene Cook, who won five State Amateur and two Mid-Amateurs in his prime – then added seven State Seniors titles in his golden years – competed at the 98th State Amateur recently at Meadow Lark Country Club, which was his home course for more than 40 years.

Cook no longer has the power and shot-making ability that enabled him to become the best Montana amateur player of his generation, perhaps any generation. But he feels like he owes something to the sport he loves. “I remember a long time ago when I went to a tournament and there was an 80-year-old guy still playing, and I said if I ever got to 80 then I would give it a try, too,” said Cook, who turned 81 in April.

“I know this is it for me. I’ll be under ground the next time the state tournament is played here,” he added with a laugh. Cook has battled through three different bouts with cancer in recent years, and has encountered eye problems since turning 70. But he’s feeling better this year, and a few weeks ago he shot a 77 at Meadow Lark from the regular men’s tees.

“I’m playing three or four times a week, although I don’t always play 18 holes,” said Cook, who won the last of his five State Amateur titles at Meadow Lark back in 1978, when he was 44 years old. “I know I’ll be in the last flight and I might shoot terrible, but that doesn’t matter like it used to.”

Cook struggled the first two days at the State Amateur, with rounds of 91 and 88. But he played much better in the final round, finishing with an 80, to become the only player in the field of 182 to shoot his age. Of course, most of the other competitors were 25 or younger. Cook wasn’t the oldest player in the field at the State Am, by the way. Hollis West, the perennial Super Seniors club champion at Meadow Lark, is a few months older than Gene.

Geise is a retired Tribune sports editor who writes a weekly column during the golf season. He also serves on the board of the Montana State Golf Association. He appreciates tips from readers and can be reached at ggeise14@gmail.com.

Remembering Robert Arras

Former MSGA President, Robert Arras, 83, of Missoula, passed away last month of natural causes.

Raised in Cut Bank, Robert served four years in the air force, including time overseas. He received the National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. Robert received a B.S. degree from the University of Montana. While attending the U of M, Arras was a member of the Grizzlies’ golf team.

An avid golfer since childhood, Robert won his first golf tournament at the age of 10 and went on to win many local amateur and senior golf tournaments.

He was a past president of the Montana State Golf Association, member of the five-man Pacific Coast Amateur Golf Team, and served on the board of directors of the Pacific Coast Amateur Golf Association.

Robert cited that his favorite golf trip was heading south and playing Cypress Point Golf Course in Pebble Beach, California.

A loving husband, father, and grandfather, he is survived by his wife Virginia Fisher Arras, two daughters and their families, and many nieces and nephews.
Montana Golf Tournament Results
Nick Dietzen, MSGA Communications Director

15-Year-Old Johnston headed to the U.S. Amateur

Ryeggs Johnston, 15, of Libby, won the United States Amateur Qualifier in Missoula, July 20, at the Ranch Club. Johnston finished the 36-hole competition at 133 (68-65), 11 strokes under-par and three shots better than Tom Swanson of Missoula.

The tournament field consisted of 38 golfers competing for the right to play in the prestigious U.S. Amateur National Championship. Johnston’s victory qualified him for the 115th annual U.S. Amateur Championship, which will be held at Olympic Fields Country Club in Illinois August 17 – 23.

Last year, Billings’ Brandon McIver qualified and advanced from stroke-play competition into the match play portion of the championship.

Conrad and Newell claim Fourth of July Championships

Bob Conrad of Yarrow Point, Washington, claimed the 79th annual Earl Hunt Memorial Fourth of July Golf Tournament at Whitefish Lake.

Conrad, a first-time entry, was 14-under-par for three days (65-71-66). Kalispell’s Logan Lindholm was runner-up with a 211 total and five-under-par finish. Libby’s Ryggs Johnston, who will be a freshman at Libby High this fall, tied for third at 4-under 212 with Seattle’s Cory Mehl. Hamilton’s Craig Hurlbert was fifth at even-par 216.

On the women’s side, Helena’s Darah Newell came from a stroke back to win easily, by 11 strokes. Newell, who won the Fourth tournament in 2010, recorded the second lowest score of the final day, carding a 76 in the final round (77-72-76—225), to win by six strokes over Missoula’s Lindsay Reeve (79-75-77—231). Missoula’s Sadie Crippen, a freshman for the University of Montana golf team, finished third at 233.

Bozeman’s Lauren Hausauer, a junior on the Montana State team, shot 234 to finish, tied for fourth with Crippen’s older sister, Maggie Crippen, a sophomore at North Dakota State. Bozeman’s Haylee Folkvord, who entered the final round with the lead, shot an 87 to finish, tied for sixth with Whitefish’s Coral Schulz at 235.

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Suzanne Hitesman, 7/10/15, Whitefish Lake GC, Hole #4, 128 yds, 7 Res. Club
Greg Davison, 7/8/15, Whitefish Lake GC, Hole #16, 143 yds, 9 Iron
Keith Cook, 7/2/15, Whitefish Lake GC, Hole #6, 147 yds, 8 Iron
Mary Porter, 6/27/15, Overland GC, Hole #4, 97 yds, 9 Iron
Billy Aldridge, 6/24/15, The Ranch Club, Hole #8, 178 yds, 8 Iron
Jeremy Lukkes, 6/20/15, Anaconda Hills GC, Hole #12, 315 yds, Driver
Norman Carey, 6/18/15, Missoula CC, Hole #12, 135 yds, 6 Hybrid
Golf legends Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer have been named honorary co-chairmen of the 116th U.S. Open Championship, to be contested at Oakmont Country Club (PA), June 16-19, 2016.

The duo made golf history at the Pittsburgh area course in 1962, when Nicklaus, 22, defeated Palmer in an 18-hole playoff to win his first major championship, and the first of four U.S. Open Championships. “Golf fans cannot help but connect these two extraordinary players to Oakmont,” said Thomas J. O’Toole Jr., USGA President. “They are ambassadors for our game, and it’s only fitting that they serve together as we bring our ninth U.S. Open to this storied venue.”

Nicklaus was recently honored by the USGA with the opening of the Jack Nicklaus Room in the USGA Museum at the association’s Far Hills, NJ, headquarters. Beyond his record 18 major-championship victories and 120 professional wins worldwide, Nicklaus captured 73 PGA Tour victories as well as two U.S. Amateurs and two U.S. Senior Opens. In 1975, he won the Bob Jones Award, the USGA’s highest honor. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2005 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 2015. The U.S. Open gold medal, given to all U.S. Open champions, was named the Jack Nicklaus Medal in 2012.

“Hopefully I don’t sound presumptuous, but I am sure both Arnold and I are extremely honored to be asked to serve in these roles,” said Nicklaus. “Oakmont has always been such a very special place to both of us, and it was the backdrop for one of our great battles on the golf course. The victory I was fortunate to take away from the 1962 U.S. Open was essentially the start of my professional major-championship career. That week at Oakmont also represented the start of a healthy career-long rivalry with Arnold, but far more important, the start of a lifelong friendship.”

With 92 professional victories and seven major championships, Palmer became the pride of Pennsylvania with his three USGA titles – the 1954 U.S. Amateur, 1960 U.S. Open, and 1981 U.S. Senior Open. His long relationship with the association also includes the 1971 Bob Jones Award. The honorary chairman of the USGA Members Program since its inception in 1975, he dedicated the newly renovated USGA Museum and Arnold Palmer Center for Golf History in 2008 in Far Hills. Among Palmer’s many career accolades, he was recognized with the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2004 and the Congressional Gold Medal in 2012. He played in his 32nd and final U.S. Open at Oakmont in 1994.

“I have treasured Oakmont since I played there for the first time when I was just 12 years old,” said Palmer. “I certainly look forward to being back at Oakmont next year, even though I won’t be playing. It should be a great championship on the course as it now exists.”

In their honorary roles, Nicklaus and Palmer will support the 16th USGA championship to be held at Oakmont. “Arnold and Jack are very much ingrained in the historic championship tradition of Oakmont Country Club,” said Robbie Hofmann and Bob Wagner, the club’s member championship chairmen. “We are delighted to have them serve as honorary chairmen of yet another memorable championship at our club.”

**USGA ANNOUNCES FUTURE U.S. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP SITES**

The USGA announced sites for the 2022, 2023, and 2024 U.S. Open Championships... The Country Club in Brookline (MA), The Los Angeles Country Club (CA), and Pinehurst Resort & Country Club (NC), respectively, as the host sites.

“We are elated to host our national championship at these three historic venues,” said Thomas J. O’Toole Jr., President of the USGA. “Each one is located in a region where golf and sports are celebrated, and we have already felt tremendous community support. We look forward to the test of golf that each of these classic designs will present to the world’s best players.”

The 2016 U.S. Open will be played June 16-19 at Oakmont Country Club (PA). Other future U.S. Open sites are: June 15-18, 2017, at Erin Hills (WI); June 14-17, 2018, at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club (NY); June 13-16, 2019, at Pebble Beach Golf Links (CA); June 18-21, 2020, at Winged Foot Golf Club (NY); and June 17-20, 2021, at Torrey Pines Golf Course (CA).