



SANTA LUCIA PRESERVE

THE PRESERVE GOLF CLUB JOINS ELITE LIST OF CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONSHIP HOSTS

State Amateur Returns to Monterey Peninsula in 2021



Carmel, Calif. (March 1, 2018) – The Preserve Golf Club at Santa Lucia Preserve has joined an elite group of the leading championship golf venues on the West Coast, with the club’s recent agreement to host the 110th California State Amateur in June 2021.

The Preserve becomes only the sixth Northern California site since 1912 to be selected for the California Amateur, one of the nation’s oldest and most prestigious state amateur competitions. Started at Del Monte Golf Course that year, the competition moved to what became its “traditional home,” Pebble Beach Golf Links, from 1919-2006.

Since then championship venues have alternated between Northern and Southern California, and until now awarded to only three northern sites: Monterey Peninsula Country Club (2007, 2013), The Olympic Club (2009, 2015), and Lake Merced Country Club (2011, 2017).

Steeped in history, the California Amateur has produced a champions list that includes World Golf Hall of Famers Ken Venturi, Gene Littler, Johnny Miller, and Mark O’Meara, as well as contemporary winners such as Bryson DeChambeau, Beau Hossler, and Xander Schauffele, all now playing the PGA Tour.

Ranked among “America’s 100 Greatest Golf Courses” by Golf Digest, The Preserve Golf Club is regarded as a perfect blend of golf and nature set in the Santa Lucia Mountains. It is the centerpiece of a private community of only 300 home sites situated on 20,000 acres in scenic coastal mountains next to Carmel-by-the-Sea.

“Our community is proud to welcome such an esteemed golf event to our club,” said Karen Baxter, Chief Executive Officer of the Santa Lucia Preserve. “The history and tradition combined with the high level of competition make hosting The California State Amateur Championship a true feather in the cap of The Preserve Golf Club.”

The Preserve also has been named to host this year’s California Senior Amateur Championship, scheduled for Nov. 12-14. In its 27th year, the California Senior Amateur is the premier state event for players ages 55 and older. The Senior State Am will follow The Stocker Cup, a prestigious mid-amateur tournament the club hosts annually, attracting an international field of accomplished players. Also in its 27th year, the Stocker Cup is set for Oct. 24-27.

Designed by Tom Fazio in 2000, The Preserve Golf Club’s continuous 18-hole routing captivates players with its tranquil ambiance as it weaves through oak groves, grassy meadows, flowing streams, and majestic ridges. Players are confronted with multiple angles off the tee, consistently engaging challenges on the approach, and a myriad of short game options around the boldly contoured greens.

It all ties into a landscape featuring breathtaking views framed by valley and coastal live oaks, coastal redwoods, and sycamore trees. Common wildlife includes golden eagle, red tail hawk, wild turkey, gray fox, mule deer, bobcat, and the occasional mountain lion.

“The Preserve’ offers an extremely unique golf experience,” Baxter said. “We know the Senior Amateur players will truly appreciate the challenge, as will the contestants in the California Amateur in 2021. We’re ecstatic about having championships of this high quality at The Preserve.”

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