FAR HILLS, N.J., Jan. 11, 2017 <u>PRNewswire</u>/ -- The USGA today confirmed the sites and dates for its 2017 championship schedule, which includes 13 annual championships as well as the Walker Cup Match and the USGA Women's State Team Championship. The season begins with this week's third Latin America Amateur Championship, which will be played from Jan. 12-15 at the Club de Golf de Panama in Panama City.



Erin Hills, located approximately 35 miles northwest of Milwaukee in the town of Erin, Wis., will host the state's first U.S. Open in June. The USGA will also visit Southern California for three amateur championships: the U.S. Women's Amateur at San Diego Country Club in Chula Vista and the U.S. Amateur at Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades, both in August, and the Walker Cup Match at The Los Angeles Country Club in September.

"The courses that will play host to our 2017 national championships are among the very best, and we appreciate the efforts taken by these sites to help the USGA continue its tradition of identifying the world's best players," said Stuart Francis, USGA Championship Committee chairman. "We are especially looking forward to bringing the U.S. Open to Erin Hills, an American original with immense natural beauty that will have the chance to showcase itself as one of the premier facilities in the nation this summer."

The 117th U.S. Open will be contested at Erin Hills from June 15-18. Designed by Dr. Michael Hurdzan, Dana Fry and Ron Whitten, and opened in 2006, Erin Hills sits on 652 acres of rolling topography in Wisconsin's Kettle Moraine region. Despite its short history, the daily-fee public golf course has already hosted the 2008 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links and 2011 U.S. Amateur championships.

Salem Country Club in Peabody, Mass., will host the 38th U.S. Senior Open from June 29-July 2, marking the club's sixth USGA championship and first since the 2001 Senior Open won by Bruce Fleisher. Salem also hosted the 1954 and 1984 Women's Opens, won by Babe Didrikson Zaharias and Hollis Stacy, respectively; the 1977 Senior Amateur; and the 1932 Women's Amateur.

From July 13-16, the 72nd U.S. Women's Open will be played at Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, N.J. This is the seventh time the championship will be contested in New Jersey and the first since 1987. Pennsylvania, with nine, is the only state that has hosted more Women's Opens. This is the club's third USGA championship, following the 2009 U.S. Junior Amateur and 2009 U.S. Girls' Junior, which were won by Jordan Spieth and Amy Anderson.

The U.S. Junior Amateur will be played July 17-22 at Flint Hills National in Andover, Kan., followed by the U.S. Girls' Junior at Boone Valley Golf Club in Augusta, Mo., from July 24-29. Flint Hills is hosting its third USGA championship, while Boone Valley is hosting its second. As previously announced, <u>eligibility changes</u> affecting the maximum age and handicap requirements will take effect for both championships in 2017.

The USGA begins its Southern California swing with the 117th U.S. Women's Amateur at San Diego Country Club from Aug. 7-13. The club also hosted the 1964 Women's Open, won by Mickey Wright, and the 1993 Women's Amateur, won by Jill McGill. Riviera Country Club will host the 117th U.S. Amateur from Aug. 14-20, its third USGA championship, with Bel-Air Country Club in Los Angeles serving as the companion stroke-play venue. Riviera hosted the 1948 U.S. Open, which produced the first of Ben Hogan's four U.S. Open titles, and the 1998 Senior Open, won by five-time USGA champion Hale Irwin.

The Walker Cup Match, a biennial competition between amateur teams from the United States and Great Britain and Ireland, will be played at The Los Angeles Country Club from Sept. 9-10, marking the club's first time hosting a Walker Cup Match and its first USGA championship since the 1954 Junior Amateur. The club also hosted the 1930 Women's

Amateur, which provided the fifth of six victories by Glenna Collett Vare, the most wins for any player in a single USGA championship. In 2015, it was announced that the club will host the 2023 U.S. Open.

A <u>preview</u> of the 2017 USGA championships is available on usga.org. Each championship page features ticket information, fast facts, quizzes, historical vignettes, qualifying sneak peeks and more.

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2017 USGA Championship Schedule	
Jan. 12-15	3rd Latin America Amateur, Club de Golf de Panama, Panama City, Panama
May 27-31	3rd U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball, The Dunes Golf & Beach Club, Myrtle Beach, S.C.
May 27-31	3rd U.S. Amateur Four-Ball, Pinehurst Resort & Country Club, Village of Pinehurst, N.C.
June 15-18	117th U.S. Open, Erin Hills, Erin, Wis.
July 29-July 2	38th U.S. Senior Open, Salem Country Club, Peabody, Mass.
July 13-16	72nd U.S. Women's Open, Trump National Golf Club, Bedminster, N.J.
July 17-22	70th U.S. Junior Amateur, Flint Hills National, Andover, Kan.
July 24-29	69th U.S. Girls' Junior, Boone Valley Golf Club, Augusta, Mo.
Aug. 7-13	117th U.S. Women's Amateur, San Diego Country Club, Chula Vista, Calif.
Aug. 14-20	117th U.S. Amateur, Riviera Country Club, Pacific Palisades, Calif.
Aug. 26-31	63rd U.S. Senior Amateur, The Minikahda Club, Minneapolis, Minn.
Sept. 9-10	46th Walker Cup Match, The Los Angeles (Calif.) Country Club
Sept. 9-14	56th U.S. Senior Women's Amateur, Waverley Country Club, Portland, Ore.
Sept. 26-28	12th USGA Women's State Team, The Club at Las Campanas, Santa Fe, N.M.
Oct. 7-12	31st U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur, Quail Creek Country Club, Naples, Fla.
Oct. 7-12	37th U.S. Mid-Amateur, Capital City Club, Atlanta, Ga.

## 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. For more information about the USGA, visit <u>usga.org</u>.

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