

Salem Country Club, in Peabody, Mass., has been selected by the USGA to host three future championships, further strengthening the club's more than 125-year relationship with the Association.

The 2032 U.S. Mid-Amateur, which will mark the 100th anniversary of Salem's first USGA championship, along with the 2036 U.S. Senior Women's Open and 2041 U.S. Senior Open, will bring USGA championships back to Salem for the first time since 2017. The three championships will add to the club's rich history, which includes six previous USGA events.

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Founded in 1895, Salem C.C. opened in Salem, Mass., before relocating to Peabody in 1926, when Donald Ross designed the club's new course. Six years later, Salem hosted its first USGA championship, the 35th U.S. Women's Amateur. Virginia Van Wie defeated Glenna Collett Vare, 10 and 8, on Ross' historic design, beginning a remarkable run of three consecutive U.S. Women's Amateur victories. Only five players in championship history have accomplished the feat.

The USGA returned to Salem in 1954 for the ninth U.S. Women's Open, where Mildred "Babe" Zaharias famously captured the title by 12 strokes. Her victory came just months after she underwent multiple surgeries for colon cancer. Widely regarded as one of the greatest female athletes in history, Zaharias' remarkable résumé included Olympic medals in the hurdles, javelin and high jump, as well as four USGA titles and induction into the World Golf Hall of Fame.

Salem's championship history continued in 1977, when Dale Morey captured the U.S. Senior Amateur, giving the club its first male national champion. Less than a decade later, the U.S. Women's Open returned to Salem for the first time since 1954. In the 39th edition of the championship, Hollis Stacy won with a score of 2-over 290 and joined rare company, becoming just the fifth player to win at least three U.S. Women's Open titles. That group has since grown to six, after Annika Sorenstam's win in 2006. Dottie Pepper, who was the low amateur at the 1984 U.S. Women's Open at Salem, returned to the club this past weekend as Salem celebrated the 100th anniversary of Donald Ross' design.

Salem hosted the U.S. Senior Open in 2001, when Bruce Fleisher emerged as champion at even par.

Salem's most recent USGA championship came in 2017, when Kenny Perry captured the U.S. Senior Open. Perry closed with a bogey-free final round of 68 to finish two strokes ahead of Kirk Triplett and claim his second U.S. Senior Open title.

"Salem Country Club is honored to welcome USGA championship golf back to our course in 2032," said Club President Wayne Guyer. "The 2032 U.S. Mid-Amateur will be a particularly special occasion for our membership as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our first USGA championship. We are equally proud to host two additional championships in the years that follow, including the 2041 U.S. Senior Open, which will mark the third time Salem has welcomed a championship that showcases many of the greatest players in the history of the game."

Salem's course, considered one of Donald Ross' finest works, sits on the former Sanders Farm in the Peabody countryside and is anchored by a classic colonial clubhouse. Starting in 2016, the par-72, 18-hole layout underwent a multiyear restoration that was then led by Eric Iverson. The revitalization restored Ross' signature bunkers and sweeping fairway lines while introducing flexible teeing grounds and additional length for championship setups. He also brought back the original green shapes that had changed over time.

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The course can stretch to 7,024 yards in championship form, but its character is perhaps best captured by its signature hole, a “short” 344-yard par 4. Considered one of the top holes among the more than 400 courses Ross designed, it asks players to drive 200 to 230 yards before facing a demanding approach to a tricky, three-tiered green. The putting surface rewards precision, particularly for those who find the correct level and leave their approach below the hole.

There have been 61 USGA championships, including 10 U.S. Opens, held in the Bay State through 2026, tied for fifth most. The next USGA championship in the state will be the 2028 U.S. Women's Amateur at Brae Burn Country Club, in West Newton.

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