FAR HILLS, N.J. (Sept. 1, 2017) – Berkeley Hall Club, in Bluffton, S.C., has been selected by the United States Golf Association (USGA) as the host site of the 2020 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship. Scheduled for Aug. 29-Sept. 3, the 34th U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur will be the club's third USGA championship and first since hosting both the Men's and Women's USGA State Team Championships in 2005.

"A friend to amateur golf since its founding, the USGA is thrilled to bring the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur to Berkeley Hall Club and Bluffton for the first time in 2020," said Stuart Francis, USGA Championship Committee chairman. "We are confident the course will provide a challenging test of golf, and know the club and community will deliver a memorable experience for all involved."

Tom Fazio designed both the North and South courses at Berkeley Hall Club in 2001 and 2002, respectively, to reflect the classic designs of the 1920s. The North Course, which features rolling fairways and bunkers that strategically frame heavily contoured greens, hosted the 2005 Women's State Team won by the Georgia team that featured Laura Coble, who has played in 14 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateurs and finished runner-up in 2009.

The South Course, known for its tree-lined fairways, lakes and boldly contoured green complexes, hosted the 2005 USGA Men's State Team won by the Texas team. Since 2012, Berkeley Hall has annually hosted The Players Amateur, a prestigious event won by players such as Rickie Fowler, Brian Harman, Ben Curtis and Bill Haas. The course for the 2020 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur will be announced at a later date.

"Bringing the best mid-amateur players to Berkeley Hall as the host of the 2020 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship is a tremendous honor for the club and its membership," said Adrian Morris, club general manager and chief operating officer. "It's a pinnacle distinction that places us among the premier courses in the nation."

First played in 1987, the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur is open to female amateurs age 25 and older with a Handicap Index® not exceeding 9.4. The championship field features 132 players who compete in two rounds of stroke play, after which the field is cut to the low 64 scorers for match play.

The 2020 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur will be the 18th USGA championship and second Women's Mid-Amateur contested in South Carolina, joining the 2003 Women's Mid-Amateur at Long Cove Club in Hilton Head Island. The most recent USGA championship in the Palmetto State was the 2017 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball at The Dunes Golf & Beach Club in Myrtle Beach.

Upcoming U.S. Women's Mid-Amateurs will be conducted Oct. 7-12, 2017 at Quail Creek Country Club in Naples, Fla.; Sept. 22-27, 2018 at Norwood Hills Country Club in St. Louis, Mo.; and Sept. 14-19, 2019 at Forest Highlands Golf Club in Flagstaff, Ariz.

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