

LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. (June 12, 2018) - The USGA will host the Celebration of Champions, an inaugural four-hole golf exhibition honoring winners of the 2017 USGA championships today at 4:30 p.m. The celebration will pair 2017 USGA champions as two-player teams.

FS1 will broadcast the foursomes (alternate-shot) exhibition - featuring amateurs and professionals of both genders, and across generations, playing Holes 10 through 13 of Shinnecock Hills - live from the site of the 118th U.S. Open Championship, being held June 14 through 17. The 4:45 p.m. EDT shotgun-start Celebration of Champions event is open to all ticketed fans attending today's U.S. Open practice round.

2017 USGA champions who are participating in the event include: Frankie Capan (U.S. Amateur Four-Ball champion), Alice Chen (U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball champion), Kelsey Chugg (U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur champion), Noah Goodwin (U.S. Junior Amateur champion), Sean Knapp (U.S. Senior Amateur champion), Judith Kyrinis (U.S. Senior Women's Amateur champion), Matt Parziale (U.S. Mid-Amateur champion), Kenny Perry (U.S. Senior Open champion), Doc Redman (U.S. Amateur champion), Sophia Schubert (U.S. Women's Amateur champion), Taylor Totland (U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball champion) and Ben Wong (U.S. Amateur Four-Ball champion).

2017 USGA champions will be paired as noted below in a shotgun start:

4:45 p.m. (hole #10) – Alice Chen/Kenny Perry; Noah Goodwin/Sean Knapp

4:47 p.m. (hole #12) – Frankie Capan/Taylor Totland; Judith Kyrinis/Matt Parziale

4:45 p.m. (hole #13) – Kelsey Chugg/Doc Redman; Sophia Schubert/Ben Wong

Prior to defense of his title, 2017 U.S. Open champion Brooks Koepka will be on-site at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club to welcome all of the champions and recognize them for their accomplishments.

Eight-time USGA champion Jack Nicklaus will serve as the honorary starter for the exhibition. Following the event, the champions will be honored with a reception inside the historic Shinnecock Hills clubhouse.

The inaugural Celebration of Champions at the 118th U.S. Open – hosted by the USGA with longtime partner Rolex -- celebrates each champion's achievement and acknowledge their place in golf history.

Rolex and the USGA will extend this celebration by telling the stories of these champions, and chronicling the crowning of this year's champions through the broadcast of USGA championships on FOX, presented by Rolex.

The USGA Celebration of Champions was officially announced at a New York City launch event with the U.S. Open Trophy this spring.

Photo and video assets from the announcement and Shinnecock Hills Golf Club can be downloaded here: [Celebration of Champions](#)

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than 40 countries and our Course Rating System covers 95 percent of the world's golf courses, enabling all golfers to play on an equitable basis. The USGA campus in Liberty Corner, New Jersey, is home to the Association's Research and Test Center, where science and innovation are fueling a healthy and sustainable game for the future. The campus is also home to the USGA Golf Museum, where we honor the game by curating the world's most comprehensive archive of golf artifacts. To learn more, visit usga.org.

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