LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. (March 1, 2021) – The USGA has announced the Grand Reserve Golf Club, in Puerto Rico, as the host site of the 7th U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship. The championship is scheduled for April 30–May 4, 2022. It will mark the first time a USGA championship is held outside of the U.S. mainland in a U.S. territory.

"We have a wonderful, longstanding relationship with the Puerto Rico Golf Association, and bringing a USGA championship to the island further demonstrates our commitment to working together even more closely moving forward," said John Bodenhamer, USGA senior managing director, Championships. "The Grand Reserve has an impressive pedigree, and we very much look forward to bringing the Women's Four-Ball there."

The Grand Reserve Golf Club, which is located within the Grand Reserve master plan, is best known for annually hosting the PGA Tour's Puerto Rico Open. The Puerto Rico Golf Association (PRGA), which recently joined the USGA's network of Allied Golf Associations, will host the championship.

"It's an honor to have the opportunity to host a USGA championship, and we are so glad the USGA sees the same value in this partnership that we do," said Sidney Wolf, president of the PRGA. "This will be a perfect opportunity to help grow women's golf here by hosting this championship. We love golf and we love to showcase our magnificent island. The PRGA couldn't be more excited for this to come to fruition."

Designed by 1992 U.S. Open champion Tom Kite in 2006, the Grand Reserve stretches across a beachfront peninsula in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico, just 15 miles outside the capital city of San Juan. Overlooking El Yunque National Forest, the course features seashore paspalum grass and white silica sand bunkers. It is a parkland style golf course that since 2008 has hosted the Puerto Rico Open, which has been won by notables including Tony Finau and 2018 U.S. Amateur champion Viktor Hovland.

The 2022 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball will be the first USGA championship held in Puerto Rico. It is open to two-player sides (or teams) of female amateurs with individual Handicap Indexes not exceeding 14.4. There are no age restrictions, and partners are not required to be from the same club, state, or country. Entries for the 2022 championship will open in May 2021.

The championship begins with 18-hole qualifying, which commences the previous August and is conducted by Allied Golf Associations on behalf of the USGA. A total of 64 sides advance to the championship through qualifying or exemptions. Each player plays their own ball throughout the round, and the side's score is the lower score of the partners for each hole. After 36 holes of stroke play, the field is reduced to the low 32 sides for match play, from which the champions are determined.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball was canceled last year. In 2019, Megan Furtney and Erica Shepherd claimed the fifth title at Timuquana Country Club in Jacksonville, Fla. The 2021 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball will be held at Maridoe Golf Club in Carrollton, Texas, April 24-28. Starting with this year's championship, winners of the U.S. Women's Four-Ball will earn exemptions into the following U.S. Women's Amateur.

About the USGA

The USGA is a nonprofit organization that celebrates, serves and advances the game of golf. Founded in 1894, we conduct many of golf's premier professional and amateur championships, including the U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Open. With The R&A, we govern the sport via a global set of playing, equipment, handicapping and amateur status rules. 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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