LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. (Feb. 9, 2022) - Stonewall, in Elverson, Pa., has been selected by the USGA as the host site of the 2023 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship. Scheduled for Sept. 9-14, the 36th U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur will be the club's second USGA championship, having hosted the 2016 U.S. Mid-Amateur Championship.

"The USGA is thrilled to return to Stonewall," said Laura Nochta, the USGA's assistant director, U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur. "This venue will provide the ideal setting for an exciting and competitive championship. Growing the reach of the women's game is central to the USGA's mission and this partnership with Stonewall will certainly help us to do so."

Stonewall, located in Chester County, 50 miles northwest of Philadelphia, will host the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur on its Tom Doak-designed North Course, which features challenging green complexes that require an exacting short game.

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Stonewall's other 18-hole layout, the Old Course, which was also designed by Doak and opened in 1993, hosted the 2016 U.S. Mid-Amateur, won by Stewart Hagestad. It also hosted the 2006 Women's Trans National, the 2003 Pennsylvania Open, the 1996 Philadelphia Open and two Philadelphia Amateurs. The North Course, which opened in 2003, served as the stroke-play co-host course during the 2016 U.S. Mid-Amateur and combined with the Old Course as the first USGA championship to feature a 36-hole final on two courses.

"We are excited to continue our partnership with the USGA by hosting another national championship and are particularly enthused to welcome some of the finest women amateurs in the world to our club," said Stonewall president John May.

"With the Curtis Cup at Merion this year, the Women's Mid-Am at Stonewall in 2023, and the U.S. Women's Open at Lancaster in 2024, Pennsylvanians will be able to watch elite female golfers play wonderful area venues in three consecutive years. We are delighted to be part of that mix," added Kim Gradisek, co-chair of Stonewall's Championship Committee.

The 2023 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur will be the 91st USGA championship and third U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur contested in Pennsylvania, joining the 2016 Women's Mid-Amateur at The Kahkwa Club in Erie and the 1990 Women's Mid-Amateur at Allegheny Country Club in Sewickley. The most recent USGA championship in the Quaker State was the 2021 U.S. Amateur, won by James Piot at Oakmont Country Club.

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 2021 championship was

won by Blakesly Brock, 25, of Chattanooga, Tenn. The 2022 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur will be conducted Sept. 17-22 at Fiddlesticks Country Club in Fort Myers, Fla.

In 2022, the USGA will conduct two championships in Pennsylvania: the Curtis Cup Match at Merion Golf Club on June 10-12 and the U.S. Senior Open at Saucon Valley Country Club on June 23-26. There will be two championships in the Keystone State in 2024: the U.S. Amateur Four-Ball at Philadelphia Cricket Club on May 25-29, and the U.S. Women's Open at Lancaster Country Club on May 30-June 2.

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