LIBERTY CORNER, N.J. (Nov. 8, 2023) – Monterey Peninsula Country Club, in Pebble Beach, Calif., has been selected by the United States Golf Association (USGA) as the host site of the 2025 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur Championship. Scheduled for Oct. 4-9, the 38th U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur will be played on the club's Dunes Course. It will be the fifth USGA championship held at the club and the first since 1976.



"We are thrilled to announce our return to Monterey Peninsula Country Club for the U.S. Women's Mid-Am," said Tracy Parsons, championship director. "Players will enjoy the challenging layout and stellar views as they compete for a coveted USGA title and a place in the 2026 U.S. Women's Open Championship."

Located in the heart of the Monterey Peninsula, one of the country's most iconic and scenic golf destinations, Monterey Peninsula Country Club was founded in 1925 and encompasses more than 400 acres of the Del Monte Forest, coastal dunes and seaside landscape along 17 Mile Drive. Seth Raynor designed the Dunes Course, which opened for play in 1926, and was renovated by Rees Jones in 1998 and redesigned by Tom Fazio in 2016. The club's second course, the Shore Course, was designed by Bob E. Baldock and Jack Neville in 1961 and reconstructed by Mike Strantz in 2004.

"On behalf of the membership of Monterey Peninsula Country Club, we are honored to host the 38th U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur in 2025 as we celebrate our 100th anniversary," said JJ West, the club's general manager. "We look forward to welcoming the best mid-amateurs from around the world and showcasing our club and the Dunes Course on a national stage."

For more than 30 years, the club was in the rotation of courses for the PGA Tour's AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am (formerly the Bing Crosby Pro-Am). A portion of the Pro-Am was played on the Dunes Course beginning in 1947, then moved to the Shore Course in 1965 and 1966 before switching to Spyglass Hill in 1967. In 2010, the Shore Course returned to the tournament's rotation, and remained part of the event through the 2023 tournament.

All four of the previous USGA championships at Monterey Peninsula Country Club were contested on the Dunes Course. The 1952 U.S. Girls' Junior was won by future four-time U.S. Women's Open champion and World Golf Hall of Famer Mickey Wright. It was followed by the 1958 U.S. Senior Amateur, won by Thomas Robbins. In the following 20 years, MPCC held two U.S. Senior Women's Amateurs, in 1968 and 1976, won by Carolyn Cudone and Cecile Maclaurin, respectively. For Cudone, it was the first of five consecutive titles.

The club has also hosted the California State Amateur three times since 2007, once on the Shore Course and twice on the Dunes Course.

The 2025 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur will be the 94th USGA championship and third Women's Mid-Amateur contested in California, joining the 2000 championship at Big Canyon Country Club in Newport Beach and the 1996 Women's Mid-Amateur at Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, both won by seven-time USGA champion Ellen Port.

The state hosted four USGA championships in 2023 and will host the 2024 U.S. Girls' Junior at El Caballero Country Club in Tarzana. In 2025, California will host another four USGA championships, including the 50th Walker Cup at Cypress Point Club just down 17 Mile Drive from MPCC.

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 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur champion earns an exemption into the following year's U.S. Women's Open, which in 2026 will be held at Riviera Country Club in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

The 2023 championship was won by Kimberly Dinh, 31, of Midland, Mich. The 2024 U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur will be conducted Sept. 7-12 at Brae Burn Country Club in West Newton, Mass.; the 2026 championship will be held at Montclair Golf Club in West Orange, N.J.; and the 2027 championship will take place at the Country Club of Buffalo in Williamsville, N.Y.

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