

PROUD HOST OF THE 2018 U.S. SENIOR WOMEN'S AMATEUR



Orchid Island Golf & Beach Club

“Orchid Island is an ideal location. It’s in one of the nicest spots along the Treasure Coast of Florida. The Club is simply outstanding.” – ARNOLD PALMER

ORIGINATED IN 1962, the U.S. Senior Women’s Amateur Championship annually provides the ultimate test in golf to female amateurs over the age of 50. A field of 132 players, many of whom will advance through 18 holes of qualifying, will converge upon ORCHID ISLAND OCT. 6-11, 2018. In 2017, Canadian Judith Kyrinis won the championship, seeking revenge after finishing runner-up three years prior.

VERO BEACH, FLORIDA: In the mid-1890s, the need for a governing body of golf became apparent when Newport Country Club in Rhode Island and The Saint Andrew’s Golf Club in New York both hosted amateur competitions labeled a national championship. Initially named the Amateur Golf Association of the United States before it became known as the USGA, the association today oversees twelve championships in addition to the U.S. Open.

“Hosting a national championship with the USGA has many benefits,” stated Ted Hutton Jr., past president of the Board at Orchid Island. “When we floated the trial balloon of hosting a USGA event, we knew it would require work, but we were confident it was achievable. Five years later, here we are and we’re very honored to have been chosen.”

Orchid Island Golf & Beach Club will host the 2018 U.S. Women’s Senior Amateur in October. “The USGA does cover a portion of the overall cost, but fundraising and courting volunteers are critical components to a successful championship,” stated Hutton. “We formed seven committees to plan everything from online scoring [so those around the world can track live results] to making sure we have sufficient transportation to planning various social activities.”

GOLF ON A BARRIER ISLAND

Orchid Island Golf & Beach Club, a member-owned and debt-free community, offers one of the few golf courses on a barrier island.

Amenities include an Arnold Palmer course, eight Har-Tru tennis courts, two pickleball courts, a mile-long secluded beach, a heated pool with private cabanas, and three separate clubhouses: Golf Club, Beach Club, and Tennis & Wellness Center. “Orchid Island is quite a facility. Few changes were required. The club will offer both a great test of golf and wonderful hospitality for the players,” expressed Mark Hill, senior director of competitions, USGA. ■

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