



PGA of America to Conduct 2021 PGA Championship on The Ocean Course at Kiawah Island Golf Resort

KIAWAH ISLAND, S.C. (May 1, 2015) – The PGA of America announced today that it will conduct the 2021 PGA Championship on The Ocean Course at Kiawah Island Golf Resort.

The 103rd edition of the Championship in August 2021 returns to the renowned Pete Dye–designed oceanfront layout in South Carolina after its first visit in 2012, when Rory McIlroy captured the Wanamaker Trophy by a record–setting margin. The Ocean Course is one of four venues to host each of the PGA of America’s major championships – the Ryder Cup (1991), the Senior PGA Championship presented by KitchenAid (2007) and the PGA Championship. The Ocean Course also hosted the 2005 PGA Professional National Championship.

“Ever since The Ocean Course was introduced to the world, it has been a supreme test for the greatest players in golf,” said PGA of America President Derek Sprague. “From a down–to–the–last putt thriller of a Ryder Cup in 1991 to Rory McIlroy closing a record–setting performance in the 2012 PGA Championship, there has never been a shortage of thrills on The Ocean Course. We anticipate that tradition of excellence continuing in 2021 at the PGA Championship.”

The PGA Championship also is the only one of golf’s four majors to be hosted in South Carolina. The announcement was made with Kiawah Island Golf Resort Chairman Bill Goodwin.

“It’s an honor to have the PGA Championship returning to The Ocean Course and Kiawah Island,” said Goodwin. “We have enjoyed dramatic finishes and premier Champions each time the PGA of America elected to bring an event to the island. We will do all that we can to provide the best possible conditions for the world’s best players and make the experience memorable to golf fans of South Carolina and to thousands of visitors worldwide.”

The PGA Championship, the only all–professional major, features one of the deepest international fields in golf. Since 1994, it has perennially featured the most top–100 players in the Official World Golf Rankings of all golf Championships.

The Ocean Course has more seaside holes than any other course in North America – 10 along the Atlantic Ocean with the other eight running parallel to those.

Designed from a ribbon of pristine sand dunes stretching nearly three miles along the Atlantic Ocean at the eastern end of Kiawah Island, The Ocean Course is a par–72 layout that can be extended to 7,676 yards, and is reminiscent of the great seaside links of England and Scotland.

About Kiawah Island Golf Resort

Named by the prestigious *Condé Nast Traveler* magazine as the No. 1 island in North America and the No. 2 island in the world, Kiawah Island is located just 21 miles south of Charleston, South Carolina. Kiawah Island Golf Resort sits along 10 miles of pristine beach and is known as one of the top eco-friendly resorts in the U.S. In addition to Forbes Five Star/AAA Five Diamond Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort, the resort's 255-room oceanfront hotel and spa, the resort manages close to 500 private villas and luxury homes, 10 restaurants, two tennis centers, a renowned recreation and nature program and has five championship golf courses, including the world-famous Ocean Course, site of the 1991 Ryder Cup, the 2007 Senior PGA Championship and the 2012 PGA Championship. For more information, visit kiawahresort.com

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