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Oak Tree National selected to host 2014 U.S. Senior Open

EDMOND, Okla. – United States Golf Association (USGA) Executive Director David Fay announced today that the U.S. Senior Open will be held at Oak Tree National in 2014. This announcement follows Oak Tree National’s recent \$6 million renovation to return the golf course back to its original nationally renowned condition.

“This is an exciting day in Oak Tree National’s championship history,” said club owner Ed Evans. “We believe we will have a great test of golf for this national championship. We are honored to be working with the USGA to host the 2014 U.S. Senior Open, and we look forward to having all of our members, the contestants and the fans out to Oak Tree National.”

“Since its inaugural at Winged Foot in 1980, the U.S. Senior Open has been played at many of our country’s finest tests of golf,” said David Fay, the USGA’s executive director. “Oak Tree National has a superb golf pedigree and will, once again, be an outstanding National Championship venue.”

The 2014 U.S. Senior Open will be the second USGA championship to be played at Oak Tree National, following the 1984 U.S. Amateur Championship won by Scott Verplank, who resides in Edmond and attended Oklahoma State University.

Other major golf events played at Oak Tree National were the 1988 PGA Championship won by Jeff Sluman and the 2006 Senior PGA Championship won by Jay Haas.

With previous U.S. Senior Open tournaments attracting thousands of spectators, the 2014 event is expected to give a major boost to Oklahoma’s economy and national image.

“The U.S. Senior Open is a great opportunity to bring thousands of golf enthusiasts to Oklahoma and put our outstanding golf community in the national spotlight,” said Oklahoma Governor

Brad Henry. “The 2009 U.S. Senior Open brought 140,000 spectators to Carmel, Indiana, the 2010 U.S. Senior Open is already showing promising ticket sales, and I know the 2014 event at Oak Tree National will attract a great following, as well.”

The event is expected to bring national attention especially to the City of Edmond, where Oak Tree National is located.

“The economic impact of hosting such a prestigious tournament is unprecedented for Edmond,” said Edmond Mayor Patrice Douglas. “Not only will our existing businesses benefit from the publicity, the event is also a huge win for attracting new business opportunities to our community.”

The 2010 U.S. Senior Open will be played at Sahalee Country Club in Sammamish, Wash., July 29-Aug. 1; the 2011 championship will be held at Inverness Club in Toledo, Ohio, July 28-31; the 2012 championship will be conducted at Indianwood Golf and Country Club in Lake Orion, Mich, July 12-15; and the 2013 championship will be held at Omaha (Neb.) Country Club, Aug. 1-4.

About Oak Tree National

Built in 1976, Oak Tree National has hosted the 1984 U.S. Amateur, 1988 PGA Championship, 2000 PGA Club Pro Championship and the 2006 Senior PGA Championship. The course, designed by Pete Dye and opened in 1976 under the name of Oak Tree Golf Club, gets its name from a majestic oak tree on the 5th hole. At the time of the opening, Dye called it the finest inland course he had ever built. In April of 2009, the name was changed to Oak Tree National. For additional information, go to www.oaktreenational.com.

About the USGA

The USGA is the national governing body of golf in the USA and Mexico, a combined territory that includes more than half the world’s golfers and golf courses.

The USGA annually conducts the U.S. Open, U.S. Women's Open, U.S. Senior Open, 10 national amateur and two state team championships. It also helps conduct the Walker Cup Match, Curtis Cup Match and World Amateur Team Championships.

The USGA also writes the Rules of Golf, conducts equipment testing, provides expert course maintenance consultations, funds research for better turf and a better environment, maintains a Handicap System®, celebrates the history of the game, and administers an ongoing “For the Good of the Game” grants program, which has allocated more than \$65 million over 13 years to successful programs that bring the game’s values to youths from disadvantaged backgrounds and people with disabilities. For more information about the USGA, visit www.usga.org.

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