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2019

Woodmont Prepares for 2020 Women's Amateur

2018

Kristen Gillman



2019

Gabriela Ruffels



2020

Woodmont's next!
Who will be
the 2020 Champion?



Championship Committee Travels to Mississippi to Prep for 2020



Members of the Championship Committee at the Welcome Party at Mississippi State. L. to r., Roy Eskow, Julie Eskow, Ron Bubes, Director of Golf David Dorn, Head Golf Professional Andy Heiberger, Billy Burak and Tournament Consultant Jesse Garchik.

The 2020 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship Committee spent a few days attending the 2019 Championship at Old Waverly in Mississippi. Championship Committee Co-Chair Ron Bubes says, "Even after going to the Golf Club of Tennessee last year, it was invaluable for our committee to go to Old Waverly."



A sign at the 2019 Women's Amateur tells everyone who the host will be next year.

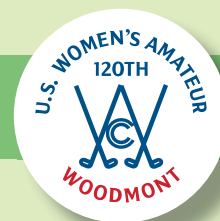
Eight members of Woodmont's committee took full advantage of the opportunity to learn from the Old Waverly staff and host committee and the U.S. Golf Association (USGA) staff. "The host committee at Old Waverly could not have been more hospitable," Ron says. In fact, the team was so accommodating that the Woodmont Members jokingly asked a few of them to volunteer at next year's Championship.

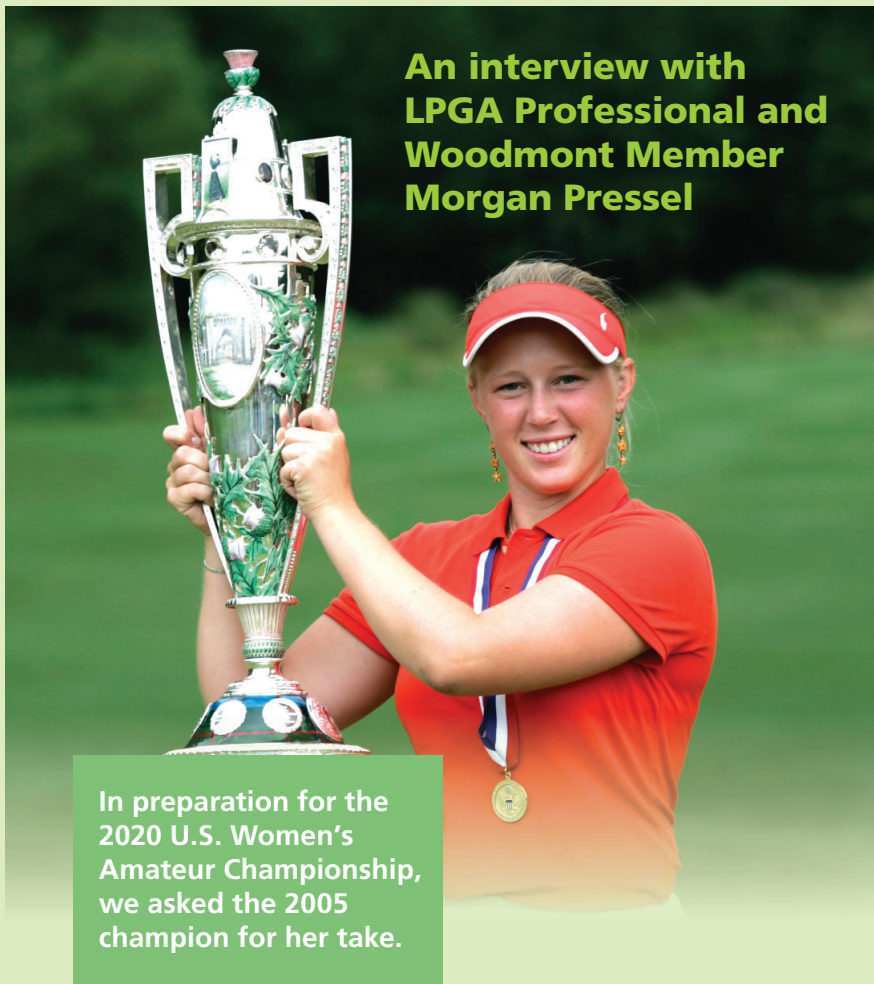
Woodmont will be hosting the 120th edition of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship, a week-long tournament that requires extensive preparation and commitment.

"There is a tremendous amount of work and coordination that goes into hosting this championship," says Head Golf Professional Andy Heiberger, PGA. "After seeing everything firsthand and meeting with the Old Waverly staff, we are confident and excited for next year's Championship."

Ron adds, "I truly believe this will be a memorable week for all at Woodmont."

Volunteer registration is now open. If you're available to help out with next year's Championship (July 31 to August 9, 2020), please sign up at <https://tiny.cc/woodmontwomen2020>.





An interview with LPGA Professional and Woodmont Member Morgan Pressel

In preparation for the 2020 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship, we asked the 2005 champion for her take.

What was it like for you to win the 2005 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship?

"It was really special for me to qualify and then go on to win. Still some of the best golf I've ever played in my career. The [amateur] is such a difficult tournament to win because of the match play aspect. It's the ultimate grinding test in amateur qualifier, the biggest prize. It's the most important trophy in amateur golf."

Speaking of, where did you put the Robert Cox Trophy for the year you had it?

"I put it on the dining room table, as the centerpiece!"

What about Woodmont hosting the Championship pumps you up?

"It's the perfect venue. It's a fabulous golf course ... a lot of opportunities to make birdies, but also some opportunities to make big numbers, which in match play can definitely make things interesting."

What should Club Members know about this Championship that makes it unique?

"You're going to have the best women amateurs in the world converging upon Woodmont. The golf is going to be fantastic. More often than not, the champion turns professional and ends up on the LPGA. That's someone who the Club can cheer for forever as their amateur champion."

What are you most excited about for the players?

"It truly is a major. It's a major not just for amateur golf, but for a golf career as a whole. That's a lot of days to play competitive golf and to have to be on for every shot—it's really exhausting. The best athlete, in terms of endurance, is going to come out on top. And then, as with any Championship, you need a little bit of luck."

Congrats to Morgan on her fourth-place finish at the 2019 British Open!

Members Support Women's Amateur at Watch Party



Over 100 Members stopped by the Watch Party at Woodmont to see the final round of the U.S. Women's Amateur Championship on Sunday, August 11. They mingled with friends and learned more about what's in store when Woodmont hosts in 2020. For the first time, an Australian took home the trophy. Gabriela Ruffels, age 19, had five birdies in the last nine holes and won one up over Albane Valenzuela.

The golf was exciting, and everyone at the Watch Party enjoyed the food and raffle prizes. Plus, it was the perfect opportunity to see how special it will be next year—when people can choose to walk outside and see the final match live or stay inside and watch the coverage on TV.

Championship Committee

Ron Bubes and Joann DiMeglio, Co-Chairs
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