

OLYMPIA FIELDS COUNTRY CLUB TO HOST 2020 BMW CHAMPIONSHIP

GOLF, III. (Dec. 27, 2018) ... The 2020 BMW Championship – the penultimate event in the PGA TOUR FedExCup Playoffs – will be played at Olympia Fields Country Club in Olympia Fields, Illinois, Western Golf Association tournament officials announced today.

The 2020 BMW Championship will mark the sixth time the event has been contested at Olympia Fields, and the first since 1971 when Bruce Crampton claimed the title. Other past champions of the event at Olympia Fields are Jock Hutchinson (1920), Walter Hagen (1927), Macdonald Smith (1933) and Jack Nicklaus (1968).

Olympia Fields has a rich championship tradition of being a tremendous test for the world's top players. Most recently, Olympia Fields has hosted the 2003 U.S. Open, won by Jim Furyk; the 2015 U.S. Amateur, won by Bryson DeChambeau; and the 2017 Women's PGA Championship, won by Danielle Kang.

“Olympia Fields holds an important and unique place in the history of the Western Golf Association and of golf in America,” said Vince Pellegrino, WGA senior vice president of tournaments. “In addition to our WGA events, several national championships, including two U.S. Opens, have been played at Olympia Fields. We look forward to returning in 2020 to add another memorable chapter to this club's great tournament history.”

The BMW Championship features the TOUR's top 70 players vying to earn a spot in the season-ending TOUR Championship. All proceeds benefit the Evans Scholars Foundation, which has awarded full tuition and housing scholarships to more than 11,500 deserving caddies nationwide since 1930.

“It is a great honor for Olympia Fields Country Club to host the 2020 BMW Championship on our historic North Course, exactly 100 years after Olympia's first major championship—the 1920 Western Open,” said Joseph Tapajna, president of Olympia Fields Country Club. “Chick Evans, who founded the Evans Scholars Foundation in 1930, was elected as a special member of Olympia Fields Country Club in 1923 and we are proud to say he retained that status for the rest of his life. Our membership looks forward to continuing our legacy of hosting significant golf championships and sharing our fine facilities with the golf community.”

In addition to supporting WGA championships, Olympia Fields has been a steadfast supporter of the Evans Scholars Program. Over the years, 174 Olympia Fields caddies have become Evans Scholars, beginning with Don Dahlke, who earned an Evans Scholarship in 1954 to attend Northwestern University. Six Olympia Fields caddies currently are attending college as Evans Scholars.

The event will be played on Olympia Fields' famed North Course, designed in 1923 by professional golfer and course architect Willie Park Jr. With the hosting of the U.S. Amateur in 2015, Olympia Fields joined only eight other American clubs – including Winged Foot, Oakland Hills and Cherry Hills – that have hosted

the U.S. Open (1928, 2003), the U.S. Senior Open (1997) the PGA Championship (1925, 1961) and the U.S. Amateur.

About The BMW Championship

The BMW Championship dates back to 1899 when it debuted as the Western Open, making it the third-oldest tournament on the PGA TOUR schedule, behind only the British Open and U.S. Open. BMW has sponsored the tournament since 2007 when it became the penultimate event of the PGA TOUR's FedExCup Playoffs. The event features a field of the top 70 players in the FedExCup standings to determine the final 30 players for the FedExCup finale at the TOUR Championship in Atlanta. Since 2007, The BMW Championship has contributed more than \$30 million to the Evans Scholars Foundation, the event's charitable beneficiary. To learn more, visit www.bmwchampionship.com.

About Olympia Fields

Olympia Fields Country Club, founded in 1915 in Olympia Fields, Illinois, is home to two nationally acclaimed courses, the North Course and the South Course. The nationally-ranked North Course was designed in 1923 by Scottish native Willie Park Jr., who won the Open Championship in 1887 and 1889, and is considered the grandfather of inland golf design. Park's work as a golf course architect includes more than 100 courses worldwide, with the North Course at Olympia Fields often regarded as Park's greatest achievement.

The North Course has been ranked continually by Golf Digest as one of America's "Top 100 Greatest Courses," currently at No. 79 among all golf courses in the United State. The North Course also is ranked No. 47 on Golfweek's latest list of "Best Classic Courses." Rickie Fowler and Vijay Singh share the course record of 63.

About the Western Golf Association

The Western Golf Association conducts six national golf championships and sponsors the nationally acclaimed Evans Scholars Foundation. Headquartered in Golf, Illinois, the organization was founded in 1899 by 11 Chicago-area golf clubs to promote their interests in golf. In addition to hosting the BMW Championship, the WGA conducts four prestigious amateur championships, the Western Amateur, the Western Junior, and the Women's Western Golf Association's Amateur and Junior championships. Starting in 2019, the WGA also is conducting the Evans Scholars Invitational on the Web.com Tour. To learn more, visit www.wgaesf.org.

About the Evans Scholars Foundation

Established by famed amateur golfer Charles Chick Evans Jr., the Evans Scholars Foundation provides full housing and tuition college scholarships to high-achieving caddies from across the country. The Program, supported by the Western Golf Association, is funded by contributions from more than 31,800 donors nationwide, including Evans Scholars Alumni, as well as proceeds from WGA championships. Since the Program's inception in 1930, more than 10,800 caddies nationwide have graduated as Evans Scholars. To learn more, visit www.wgaesf.org.

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