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BELFAIR TO HOST 2019 PGA PROFESSIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Bluffton, South Carolina (January __, 2018) – [Belfair](#), the award-winning 36-hole, private golf club community in Bluffton, South Carolina, has been selected to host the 2019 [PGA Professional Championship](#), the world's largest all-professional event. Scheduled to be played April 28-May 1, 2019, the 52nd edition of the PGA Professional Championship will be conducted for the first time in the spring.

The 312-player PGA Professional Championship field is comprised of players who advance from the 41 PGA Section Championships, along with past champions. The low 20 scorers at Belfair will earn a berth in the 2019 PGA Championship to be played May 16-19, 2019 at Bethpage Black in Farmingdale, New York. All four rounds of the PGA Professional Championship will be broadcast live on Golf Channel. The PGA Professional Championship is presented by Club Car and OMEGA.

"The PGA of America is excited to take the PGA Professional Championship to Belfair, which is an outstanding location to showcase our finest playing PGA Professionals," said PGA President Paul Levy. "Belfair features the elements we look for in this national championship - challenging courses, inviting facilities and a staff that embraces an exceptional field."

Belfair, a Troon Privé-managed private club, features two championship golf courses designed by Tom Fazio that exemplify Lowcountry beauty. The West Course opened in 1996 with *Links Magazine* proclaiming it "...the finest set of golf holes in the Lowcountry, if not on the East Coast." The par-72 West Course will host play during all four rounds of the PGA Professional Championship and plays to 7,111 yards from the championship tees. Belfair's East Course opened in 1999 and is reminiscent of the links courses of Scotland while showcasing the area's deep-water views, fresh water lakes and lagoons. The par-71 layout measures 6,900 yards from the championship tees. *Golfweek Magazine* ranks both courses among the "Best Residential Courses" in the United States in their 2017 ranking.

"Belfair is truly a unique property and certainly all of us look forward to hosting the 2019 PGA Professional Championship," said Ken Kosak, PGA, general manager and COO, Belfair. "We have a number of PGA Professionals who have made Belfair their home, and we are most proud of that."

In addition to hosting the 2019 PGA Professional Championship, Belfair will also host the 2018 U.S. Open local qualifying tournament. The property is no stranger to championship events, having hosted the 2013 South Carolina Open and the Players Amateur from 2000-2011, which featured past champions Ben Curtis, Rickie Fowler, Bill Haas and Brian Harman.

For more information on Belfair, visit www.belfair1811.com or call (843) 757-0701. For more information on the PGA Professional Championship, visit www.pga.com/professionalchampionship.

About Belfair

Approximately 1,100 acres in size, Belfair is located on the mainland in Bluffton, five miles from Hilton Head Island on Highway 278. In addition to golf, other amenities at Belfair include a world-class golf learning center, a beautiful clubhouse and a 9,200 sq. ft. state-of-the-art athletic center which includes two pools, tennis courts, certified personal training, spa services, a dog park and more. The club offers four dining options, including the 1811 Grille, Veranda Dining, The Oaks Dining Room and poolside dining at the athletic center. In addition to the existing amenities, members recently approved the addition of an outdoor dining area and lounge at the existing clubhouse, as well as the construction of a new multi-purpose facility with pools, fitness equipment, a cafe, and meeting space. Construction is expected to begin in early 2018.

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