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**USGA AWARDS 2015 U.S. OPEN, 2010 U.S. AMATEUR
TO CHAMBERS BAY IN WASHINGTON STATE
AND 2011 U.S. AMATEUR TO ERIN HILLS GOLF CLUB IN WISCONSIN**

Far Hills, N.J. (Feb 7, 2008) – The United States Golf Association today announced that it has awarded the 2015 U.S. Open Championship to Chambers Bay, the spectacular municipal links course located on the scenic lower Puget Sound in University Place, Wash.

The USGA also announced that Chambers Bay, designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr., will play host to the U.S. Amateur Championship in 2010.

Chambers Bay will be the third municipal course to play host to the U.S. Open, following Bethpage Black in New York (2002, 2009) and Torrey Pines in California later this year. Chambers Bay will be the first golf course in the Pacific Northwest to hold the U.S. Open.

"We are excited to take the U.S. Open Championship and the U.S. Amateur to such an awesome site," said Jim Hyler, chairman of the USGA Championship Committee. "This is the first time the U.S. Open has been to Washington and we are confident that the golf course will provide a challenging test for the best players in the world, as well as a great spectator experience for those who attend the event and watch it online and on television.

"The local leadership provided by Pierce County has been superb and we look forward to partnering with them and the great sports fans in Washington to host a truly unique Open Championship. And, the U.S. Amateur will give us great insight into the golf course architecture and championship setup. For the first time, the National Open will be played on fine fescue grasses, including the putting greens," continued Hyler.

Chambers Bay is the centerpiece of a 930-acre park purchased by Pierce County, Wash., in 1992 that today features scenic trails and coastline vistas where a sand and gravel quarry once stood.

"Our hard work has paid off as we have done everything possible to attract the attention of a prestigious championship," said Pierce County Executive John Ladenburg. "Even so, we never dreamed we'd be chosen by the USGA to host both the U.S. Amateur and U.S. Open championships. Especially not so close to the opening of the course. It is a true honor."

"Chambers Bay golf course is a jewel for the entire state of Washington and the Pacific Northwest. The US Open and US Amateur Championships will be a wonderful opportunity to showcase the natural beauty of our



state and share it with golf enthusiasts from around the globe,” said Washington Gov. Chris Gregoire. “I applaud County Executive John Ladenburg for his hard work on delivering the championship events to Pierce County.”

The USGA also announced that Erin Hills Golf Course in Wisconsin will play host to the 2011 U.S. Amateur. Erin Hills is located in Hartford, Wisc., about 30 minutes northwest of Milwaukee, and is also home to the U.S. Women’s Amateur Public Links Championship in 2008 – a USGA championship awarded to Erin Hills before the golf course had opened in 2006.

Erin Hills is a links-style championship course designed by Mike Hurdzan and Dana Fry of Hurdzan-Fry Architects, and Ron Whitten, Architecture Editor of Golf Digest magazine. Golf Magazine named Erin Hills its Best New Golf Course in January 2007.

“Erin Hills is a wonderfully unique golf course that really takes a minimalist approach to the golf course design and architecture,” Hylar said. “The course is cleverly routed on a great piece of golf landscape. The venue will be a terrific test for the competitors in the U.S. Amateur.”

“On behalf of the entire state of Wisconsin, we look forward to the incredible opportunity to host the 2011 U.S. Amateur at Erin Hills Golf Course,” said Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle. “As a public course open to all, Erin Hills fulfills the USGA promise and is a world-class facility that showcases Wisconsin’s future as a premier golf destination.”

“Everyone associated with the journey of Erin Hills is pleased and we look forward to the unique opportunity to host the 2011 U.S. Amateur,” said owner of Erin Hills, Bob Lang.

The awarding of championships to Chambers Bay and Erin Hills was approved today by the USGA Executive Committee at its Annual Meeting in Houston. The formal approval of all three championships are pending contractual agreement.

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