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Introducing the Inaugural Women's California State Open

Ontario, California – The Southern California PGA Section, in conjunction with the LPGA Teaching & Club Professionals, is excited to announce the addition of an inaugural Women's California State Open to the 2016 tournament schedule. The 36-hole stroke play Championship will be contested over two days, October 12-13, at Morongo Golf Club at Tukwet Canyon. The official practice round will be held on October 11th.

SCPGA Independent Director Susan Roll states, "The SCPGA provides outstanding opportunities for men and women to compete in Southern California. I am beyond excited for the creation of this event, providing another competitive opportunity specifically for women professionals and amateurs."

Morongo Golf Club at Tukwet Canyon is a 36-hole golf facility located in Beaumont, California and features picturesque 360-degree mountain views. The par 72 Champions course will play just under 6,000 yards both days for the championship. The host facility professional is PGA Director of Golf, Henry Liaw.

Western Section LPGA Officer Christie Quinn states, "I am honored that the SCPGA said yes to partnering for the first ever SCPGA and LPGA T&CP hosted Women's California State Open. Working together this event will offer female golfers of all ages a chance to compete. This dream team collaboration brings together resources from the previous LPGA tournament sponsors and the amazing Southern California PGA operations team! It's exciting times for women!"

The 132-player field event will feature top women professionals and amateurs in the country to become a premier event in the southern region of the United States. Amateurs must carry a GHIN index of 9.6 or below at time of entry. Based on a full field size, the minimum purse is \$32,000.

SCPGA Tournament Chairman Mark Wilson "looks forward to the inaugural Cal State Women's Open, hoping to provide more quality playing opportunities for women's golf now and in the future!"

Current partnerships of the Women's California State Open include Southern California PGA Golf Professional of the Year Mark Wilson, Carlsbad Golf Center and Pepsi. To become a partner and support this event, contact Susan Roll to get involved.

Registration is now open and closes on October 5th. [Click here](#) to learn more and sign up for the Inaugural Women's California State Open.

ABOUT THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PGA

The PGA of America is the world's largest working sports organization, comprised of 28,000 men and women golf Professionals who are the recognized experts in growing, teaching and managing the game of golf, while serving millions of people throughout its 41 PGA Sections nationwide. Since its founding in 1916, The PGA of America has enhanced its leadership position by growing the game of golf through its premier spectator events, world-class education and training programs, significant philanthropic outreach initiatives, and award-winning golf promotions.

The Southern California Section was established in 1924, and today is comprised of over 1,700 golf Professionals working at over 500 facilities within the Section. The mission of the Southern California Section (SCPGA) is that Purpose of the PGA of America, to promote the enjoyment and involvement in the game of golf and to contribute to its growth by providing services to golf professionals and the golf industry. The SCPGA provides competitive playing opportunities, educational seminars, and growth of the game initiatives, within a geographic area that stretches from San Luis Obispo to the Tijuana Border, and from the Pacific Ocean to the Nevada and Arizona borders.

The SCPGA created the Southern California PGA Foundation to develop and administer junior golf programs as well as an increasingly wide array of other community services throughout the Section. The Southern California PGA Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization and operates as a public foundation. The SCPGA Foundation is involved in and supports the growth of the game of golf through initiatives such as Play Golf America, Neighborhood Golf, California Alliance for Golf and the University of California at Riverside Turfgrass Research Program, to name a few.