



PRESS RELEASE FROM THE LADIES' GOLF UNION

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CURTIS CUP HEADS TO WALES FOR 2020

The Ladies' Golf Union has today announced that the 41st Curtis Cup will take place at Conwy (Caernarvonshire) Golf Club in June 2020. The Welsh Government has also confirmed financial backing to enable north Wales to host the event.

The Curtis Cup is the amateur ladies' team trophy tournament and the announcement comes just as the biennial event comes to a close in Dun Laoghaire. 2020 will be the second time for the event to be hosted in Wales and Conwy was selected by the Ladies' Golf Union from a potential 18 venues who applied.

Wales has now firmly established its credentials as a successful host of major golf tournaments including the 1996 Solheim Cup, the 2010 Ryder Cup, and the 2014 Senior Open - which will return in 2017 and the Amateur Championship in 2016.

Cabinet Secretary for the Economy and Infrastructure, Ken Skates, said: "I'm delighted to announce our support for this event which enables Conwy to bring this tournament to north Wales for the first time in 2020. This is an excellent opportunity for us to see to some of the future stars of ladies' golf and this is often a player's last competition before joining the professional ranks. In 2020 we could be seeing the next Charley Hull or Wales own Amy Boulden who played in the 2012 event and who have gone on to make their name in the professional game."

"Wales is a golf destination with big ambitions. Since 2004, we've seen a 64% increase in the volume of golf visitors to Wales, while total related expenditure has risen by 79% These figures show the importance of golf to our economy and that hosting major golfing tournaments has played an important part in raising the profile of Wales as a golf destination."

"We are delighted to announce Conwy Golf Club as our next home venue. The bidding process was a very close run thing and I know that Conwy will prove an excellent venue for the 2020 match" said Trish Wilson, Chairman of the Ladies' Golf Union.

Chris Chance, Secretary of Conwy Golf Club said "We are honoured that our Championship links course has been selected as the 2020 host venue of the Curtis Cup. We are already excited and looking forward to welcoming all the players, officials and supporters. Golf is extremely popular in this area and attracts golfing visitors from across GB & I and beyond. With the support of the Welsh Government this is a great opportunity to showcase golf and the other attractions Conwy has to offer."

Notes to editors



- Established in 1932 by sisters Harriot and Margaret Curtis and often referred to as the Ladies 'Ryder Cup', the Curtis Cup is played every two years and alternates between a GB & Ireland and a USA venue.
- The event is organised by the Ladies' Golf Union and the United States Golf Association. Historically spectators stay for a number of days on either side of the Championship. Attendance is also open to the general public and attracts golf enthusiasts who are visiting the local area.

Further information about the LGU and the Curtis Cup match is available on www.lgu.org.

About the Ladies' Golf Union ("LGU")

Founded in 1893, the LGU is the encompassing body for ladies' amateur golf in Great Britain & Ireland. The LGU Board includes representatives of ladies' golf's national governing bodies in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. Operational activities are undertaken by a wholly owned subsidiary, LGU Championships Limited ("LGUCL"), which in particular owns and runs the Ricoh Women's British Open, founded by the LGU in 1976 and one of the five Major Tournaments for Professional Women golfers. LGUCL also has responsibility for running British Amateur Championships and Home International events, and preparing the Great Britain & Ireland teams for representative matches, such as the Curtis Cup and the Vagliano Trophy.

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