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## The Ridgewood Country Club to Host 2021 Lincoln Charity Clambake



**Paramus, N.J., January 28, 2021**...The New Jersey Section of the PGA of America (NJPGA) today announced The Ridgewood Country Club in Paramus New Jersey will host the 2021 Lincoln Charity Clambake, one of four New Jersey PGA Majors from May 17-19, 2021.

Originally founded in Ho-Ho-Kus in 1890, Ridgewood was designed by A.W. Tillinghast in 1927 at its current location (Paramus, NJ). The Ridgewood Country Club shares similar course designs to Baltusrol Golf Club, Somerset Hills Country Club, and Essex County Country Club. Ridgewood, known as one of the oldest country clubs in America, is one of eight A.W. Tillighast's original course design.

Ridgewood will add to their rich history of championship golf in 2022 when they also play host to the U.S. Amateur Championship. The 27 hole facility has previously hosted the Northern Trust (formerly The

PGA of America, New Jersey Section 811 Rattlesnake Bridge Rd Bedminster, NJ 07921 (732) 465-1212 Barclays), the first round of the PGA Tour Fedex-Cup Playoffs in 2008, 2010, 2014, and 2018 crowning champions such as Vijay Sing (2008), Matt Kuchar (2010), Hunter Mahan (2014), and Bryson DeChambeau (2018). The renowned private country club has also hosted the 2001 Senior PGA Championship, 1990 U.S. Senior Open, 1981 LPGA Coca-Cola Classic, 1974 U.S. Amateur, 157 U.S. Senior Amateur, 1935 Ryder Cup, and 1933 New Jersey PGA Championship. Tom Waltson, Lee Trevino, Kathy Whitworth, Johnny Kinder, and Walter Hagen are just a few professionals who have won a tournament at Ridgewood.



Bryson DeChambeau wins the 2018 Northern Trust



Team USA defeats Team GB 9-3 in the 1935 Ryder Cup

The Ridgewood Country Club has always received the highest praises from the game's elite players. After the 2014 Barclays (now Northern Trust), Phil Mickelson commented "Tee to green, Ridgewood is such a spectacular test of golf". Bubba Watson also added, "I don't think we've seen a course in this perfect shape in a long time. This is U.S. Open style rough, If you miss the fairways, it's very tough". In 2010 after Matt Kuchar won at Ridgewood, PGA TOUR Commissioner Tim Finchem said the following about the golf course, "The preparation of the golf course, the impeccable clubhouse facilities, the way the membership welcomed the TOUR-all were factors that contributed to a first-class event and record-breaking crowds. In addition, the players' enthusiastic response to the venue was unprecedented".

When asked what it means for Ridgewood to host the 2021 Lincoln Charity Clambake, Head Golf Professional David Reasoner responded, "Ridgewood is excited to host the 2021 Lincoln Charity Clambake. The golf course and clubhouse renovations are now complete and we are honored to be

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hosting this event. The golf course will be a great test for our New Jersey PGA Section Professionals. We are looking forward to a great week of golf".

As the New Jersey PGA Section, we are excited to welcome our PGA Professionals to The Ridgewood Country CluB for a tremendous golf tournament and first-class experience. We would like to extend our gratitude to Ridgewood's Board, Head Golf Professional, David Reasoner, and The Ridgewood Country Club Membership for their willingness to host the 2021 Lincoln Charity Clambake. We look forward to spending a few days at Ridgewood and look forward to continuing our relationship with the club and its representatives.

## About the NJPGA

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