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Casa de Campo Resort & Villas to Host 'Tar Heel Classic with Suzy Whaley'

Elite Women's College Golf Teams to Compete on Pete Dye's Celebrated Teeth of the Dog

(LA ROMANA, Dominican Republic) – <u>Casa de Campo Resort & Villas</u> – home to the Caribbean's premier, luxury golf experiences – will host the "Tar Heel Classic with Suzy Whaley" featuring elite college golf teams competing on Pete Dye's celebrated Teeth of the Dog course, March 14 – 16.

Contested over 54 holes, the prestigious field of universities includes host North Carolina as well as Colorado, Florida Atlantic, Louisville, LSU, Maryland, N.C. State, Ohio State, Mississippi, Quinnipiac, TCU, UNCW, Virginia, Virginia Tech and Wake Forest. Whaley is an alumna of the University of North Carolina and was recently elected as the first woman President of the PGA of America.

Since opening in 1974, Teeth of the Dog is widely recognized as the No. 1 course in the Caribbean. The dramatic seaside layout showcases Dye's design hallmarks: railroad ties, vast waste areas, peninsula greens and tees, hand-sculpted putting surfaces and a unique assortment of pot bunkers. The oceanfront holes are astoundingly beautiful, causing Dye to famously quip: "I created 11 holes and God created seven."

"We're honored to showcase these esteemed college golf teams on Teeth of the Dog," says Gilles Gagnon, Casa de Campo's senior golf sales director and director of golf emeritus. "Many of the players are ranked among the finest amateurs in the U.S. and we look forward to the thrilling competition on one of the world's finest courses."

The teams will also have full use of the new Casa de Campo Golf Learning Center. Residing on 21 acres of "pure grass," the PGA Tour-quality facility is highlighted by Trackman and BODITRAK technology. It

features two indoor hitting bays for rapid game improvement, year-round training, individual and group golf lessons and schools, expert club-fitting and repair, and multiple practice greens for honing putting, chipping and pitching games as well as a pristine double-sided outdoor range for full shots.

For more information on Casa de Campo Resort & Villas please call 800.877.3643, email <u>golf@ccampo.com.do</u> or visit: <u>www.casadecampo.com.do/</u>, <u>facebook.com/casadecamporesort</u> instagram.com/casadecampodr, twitter.com/casadecampo.

About Casa de Campo Resort & Villas

A member of The Leading Hotels of the World, 7,000-acre Casa de Campo attracts affluent travelers with 63 holes of exceptional golf. The Teeth of the Dog, Dye Fore and The Links courses – Conde Nast Traveler, Golf Digest, GOLF Magazine and Golfweek award winners – are designed by the legendary architect Pete Dye. They are complemented by spacious hotel rooms, suites and luxury villas. Expertly prepared cuisine from around the world, a 370-slip Marina & Yacht Club, Polo & Equestrian Club, the La Terraza Tennis Center, 245-acre Shooting Club and Altos de Chavon – an artisan's village modeled after a 16th century Mediterranean city – are other on-property highlights.

Getting there: La Romana International Airport (LRM) is five minutes from Casa de Campo and serviced by JetBlue (direct flights from New York - JFK two-times weekly). A short drive from the resort, Santo Domingo (SDQ) and Punta Cana (PUJ) operate daily direct flights from all major North American airports.

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