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California State Amateur Plays the Preserve

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The 110th California State Amateur plays at the Preserve Golf Club from June 21-26. The course, designed by Tom Fazio, is in a stunning setting.

Some of the state's rising golf stars will compete in the Santa Lucia Preserve this June 21 to 26, when the 110th California State Amateur comes to the Preserve Golf Club.

Past tournament participants include World Golf Hall of Famers Johnny Miller, Mark O'Meara and Ken Venturi.

"It's a fantastic opportunity to showcase the course and the community. We're a little off the beaten path up here, and having people experience what we have to offer is exciting," says Kyle Butler, golf course superintendent at the Preserve.

The course is one of just a handful of Northern California sites to host the tournament since it started at Del Monte Golf Course

in 1912. After nearly 90 years at the Pebble Beach Golf Links, the California State Amateur has alternated between Northern and Southern California since 2007. When competitors tee off in the Preserve, they'll play a Tom-Fazio-designed course that winds along Santa Lucia Mountain streams, oak and redwood forests, and habitats that house mule deer, red-tailed hawks, golden eagles and bobcats.

The Preserve Golf Club also hosted a U.S. Open qualifier in May.

"Welcoming several big events this calendar year is exciting," says Butler. "It's a special year, and this is an amazing place to play."

To learn more about the Preserve, please visit santaluciapreserve.com/golf.