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## CANYON CLUB, PINON HILLS, & SPRING RIVER TO HOST NMAA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** – The New Mexico Activities Association is excited to announce that three new courses have been selected to host the State High School Golf Championships in 2015, 2016, and 2017. These venues include the Canyon Club at Four Hills in Albuquerque, Pinon Hills in Farmington, and Nancy Lopez Golf Course at Spring River in Roswell. Each of these courses will host one classification (boys & girls) on a rotating basis over the next three years. The rotation will be set as follows:

| NMAA Classification | May 11-12, 2015 | May 9-10, 2016 | May 8-9, 2017 |
|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Class A-4A          | Canyon Club     | Spring River   | Pinon Hills   |
| Class 5A            | Spring River    | Pinon Hills    | Canyon Club   |
| Class 6A            | Pinon Hills     | Canyon Club    | Spring River  |

NMAA Executive Director Sally Marquez said, "Each of these courses is known for their first class facilities yet challenging layouts. This makes them a perfect fit for the state high school golf championships." She added, "Special thanks are due not only to the courses themselves, but also to the communities of Albuquerque, Farmington, and Roswell for serving as host to over 300 of our student-athletes and their families."

The Canyon Club at Four Hills in Albuquerque is set among 135 acres of mature trees and undulating mountain terrain at the base of the Cibola National Forest's Sandia Open Space. Designed by renowned golf course architect, Bob Baldock, the course is comprised of rolling fairways and narrow, elevated greens. More information about this course can be found on their website at <a href="https://www.fourhillscc.com">www.fourhillscc.com</a>.

Pinon Hills in Farmington has been consistently recognized as one of the best public golf courses in the United States since opening in 1989. It is set near San Juan College and was designed by legendary architect, Ken Dye. The tee sites, fairway landing areas and greens were dictated by the rolling and undulating shape of the land and natural desert features and formations. The course website is www.pinonhillsgolf.com.

Nancy Lopez Golf Course at Spring River lies on 144 acres of scenic land in what once was a beautiful river running through the city of Roswell. The Spring River no longer flows, but the contours on the riverbed make the golf course one of the most scenic in southern New Mexico. The undulating greens and strategically placed trees make this beautiful course a challenge as well. More details can be found on their website at <a href="https://www.springrivergolf.com">www.springrivergolf.com</a>.

Pinon Hills last hosted the NMAA Golf Championships in 2004 and Spring River in 1998. The Canyon Club will be serving as host of this event for the first time next year.

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