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Suzy Green Roebuck

Press Conference

THE MODERATOR: Please welcome to the interview area Suzy Green Roebuck. Proud member of the Barton Hills Country Club. What's it like going through this week? I know it was a long week as a member here waiting for this championship. What's it been like the first couple of days?

SUZY GREEN ROEBUCK: Yeah, long year definitely from the time -- or year-plus from the time finding out and then about six months finding out that I was exempt for the event.

I feel like we've done everything that we can to prepare, but the very cool thing for me as a member and a player is seeing all the work that goes into the event and what the grounds staff and Andrew Christesen has done here and the tips that he's gotten from the USGA and how they work together to really prepare the course and prepare the club to host an event like this.

It's been really special to see behind the scenes. As a tournament player, you go to these events all the time, and you kind of have an idea of what happens, but to really be in the mix and be involved in it. I tried to stay out of it once I found out I was a player in the event, but you know, they definitely asked for my opinion on other events and how they were run. So I feel like we really came together.

All I can hear is great things from everybody, so if anybody has any complaints, they haven't come to me (laughing). I think it's just really special, and I'm proud to be a member here and a part of the event.

THE MODERATOR: Practice rounds are underway. You've obviously played this course many, many times. Are there any stretch of holes or any particular hole where you feel like you have a home course advantage playing this course so many times?

SUZY GREEN ROEBUCK: Well, I mean, the great thing about our club is, yes, you know, I'm familiar here, so there wasn't the part of coming to an event and getting to know a golf course. I know the golf course.



But the great part about our last six holes is there's just so many uneven lies and so many bounces that you can get. So as much as you want to think that you're prepared and you have your game plan, you know, there are things that can just creep up.

Playing a round with girls who have played here before, Elaine Crosby, for instance, and then girls who haven't, listening to what they have to say about it, that's a unique perspective, too, and how they're approaching the holes with their caddie. You kind of eavesdrop and kind of listen to what people are kind of coming up with.

I think I have a great game plan. I obviously know the course, but I'm just going to be prepared for anything and take one shot at a time and kind of be where my feet are, you know, each shot hopefully.

THE MODERATOR: Questions.

Q. Without giving away your game plan, what's your local knowledge tip to the other players?

SUZY GREEN ROEBUCK: Well, anybody who has ever played tournament golf on Donald Ross golf courses, they know really before you leave the parking lot and start walking towards the golf course, fairways and greens, center of greens.

For me, just picking the right club and working with my caddie, Connie, to figure out what's the best club, the best position to putt from. It might not be the club that gets you to the center of the green or the club that gets you to the back right. We dial in all those numbers and kind of just come up with our plan, yeah.

Q. How long have you been a member here?

SUZY GREEN ROEBUCK: 24 years.

Q. Where did you grow up?

SUZY GREEN ROEBUCK: I grew up in the Detroit area, and I grew up playing my golf at Orchard Lake Country Club, which is a phenomenal golf course and a phenomenal place to grow up.



In the '70s and '80s I was one of two girls at the club that really played and played competitive golf, so I played a lot of my golf growing up with the boys, and my brother was instrumental in kind of getting me going. My dad is a very decorated amateur golfer in the state of Michigan. So it was kind of a family affair, yeah.

Q. You played very well in the inaugural edition of this championship. When did you start talking to your club about bringing the event here?

SUZY GREEN ROEBUCK: Yeah, so I played in Chicago at Chicago Golf Club. I really wanted to be in the inaugural event. They did it -- it was so grand, and they just did a fabulous job there. We really had nothing to compare it to at that point.

Then the next year we went to Pine Needles, and it's a course that has held U.S. Women's Opens, and I started thinking there. I'm like, wow, this is a tournament that Barton Hills could do really well because the senior women -- really the way that the USGA has set the golf courses up for us is not dissimilar to how they like to set it up here for the men's club championship and the men's invitationals.

So I felt like it wouldn't be invasive on the membership, it wouldn't be invasive on the golf course, and it would be very prestigious event to have at our club. Knowing that we had hosted two before and two women's events, I thought it was really a great third event to get here.

So I planted the seed that second year. I guess it would have been 2019. Then we went through some changes here at the club, general manager changes. There was a few moving parts and a few times where it didn't look like it was a possibility, and then it really came to fruition about two and a half, three years ago. The people that were kind of in charge and around really seemed interested, so it all gelled at the right time.

Q. My last question, obviously you played on the LPGA. Can you tell us about the next chapter after you left the tour?

SUZY GREEN ROEBUCK: That was a really fast chapter, let me tell you. I played for 13 years. Played on what's now called the Epson Tour, the Futures Tour at the time, a few years. Got to the point where I was on the LPGA for six of those years, six of those 13 years.

Then I met my husband, and we wanted to start a family. You kind of have to be in the same town to do that. So we started our family in 2004. We adopted our beautiful daughter. Then I found out I was pregnant before she was home with us, so my first two were 7 months apart. Then

my third child, second son, came about 15 months after that.

Within two years I had three babies. We were joking because I had started working and teaching at Meadowbrook Country Club, and the head pro is still there. I said, Listen, we just got a baby; Hey, listen, I'm pregnant. So my teaching career at that point wasn't very long, but when the kids were little, I did teach a little bit when I could leave them with a is thor and feel comfortable with that.

Once they started school age, I was full hands-on, mom, full professional volunteer in the schools, and all that stuff. But my boys loved golf, so they got me kind of back into it. Then I started playing when they were younger. Then I started hearing that this event might be taking place. So I really kind of locked in with my sights set on trying to get in that very first one.

Q. How old are all your kids now?

SUZY GREEN ROEBUCK: 22, 21, and 20 (laughing).

Q. (Off microphone.)

SUZY GREEN ROEBUCK: One is not and two are, yeah. One starts school Wednesday after this tournament. The other one the following Monday. There's piles all around my house this week getting ready for launching zones (laughing). Yeah, it's great.

My boys will be out here. My daughter is at a friend's wedding this weekend. It was too bad that they fell at the same time, but she's going to be having a blast out at the Outer Banks of North Carolina, so...

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