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LORI ATSEDES, FORMER LPGA TOUR PRO, NAMED NEW HEAD GOLF PRO AT THE DONALD ROSS COURSE AT FRENCH LICK

FRENCH LICK, Indiana (October 26, 2021) — From the time Lori Atsedes first competed on French Lick Resort's golf courses eight years ago, they felt like home. Now, it really is home.

A former professional on the LPGA Tour and competitor on the Senior LPGA Tour, Atsedes has been named the new head golf pro at the resort's award-winning Donald Ross Course at French Lick. Atsedes, 57, played in five U.S. Women's Opens on the LPGA Tour, won the 2011 LPGA Teaching and Club Professionals Championship and spent five years on the LPGA Tour before becoming a regular member of the Legends of the LPGA, the official senior tour of the LPGA.

Although she didn't pursue a professional golf until the age of 27, Atsedes quickly made a name for herself. She is a 7-time Symetra Tour winner, making her the winningest player on that tour and giving her a total of 26 professional wins. Atsedes was also a competitor on two seasons of the Golf Channel series *The Big Break*, finishing in the top 3 in both *Big Break Ka'anapali* and *Big Break Dominican Republic*. She also played professionally in Europe and has competed in 27 different countries.

Atsedes played in the Legends Championship and then the Senior LPGA Championship in French Lick every year from 2013 through 2019, and the relationships formed there became Atsedes' inspiration for pursuing her newest professional challenge.

"Coming to French Lick eight years ago for that first tournament, all I did was dive into the community of people there, and it became all about the people, which is always has been for me. And then all these years later, there's a great opportunity for me to come to French Lick and work," she said. "The things that golf can do for people or bring people together from all walks of life, it's just an amazing thing to be a part of."

In recent years, Atsedes has worked in golf course operations at championship courses in Arizona and Texas. French Lick Resort's Director of Golf, Dave Harner, also sees Atsedes filling another groundbreaking role with a new perspective.

"We've never had a female golf professional," Harner said. "She'll be the first female head golf professional in the history of the resort, and she will add a dimension that we haven't had before, and that's a professional who works specifically toward a goal of introducing more women to the game."

Part of her role will be developing a program for resort guests specifically geared toward women.

“Lori’s operations experience will continue keeping us on the path that we’re on as a top public golf course,” Harner added. “She fits our operation perfectly, and she’ll do a great job not only as Head Golf Professional, but as a mentor to our entire staff of professionals. French Lick Resort has proudly supported the women’s game since some of the first LPGA Championships were played here in 1959 and 1960, and Lori’s talent and expertise will certainly strengthen that legacy.”

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ABOUT FRENCH LICK RESORT

French Lick Resort is a \$600 million historic restoration and casino development project that includes West Baden Springs Hotel, French Lick Springs Hotel and French Lick Casino. This Midwest premier resort destination features 757 guest rooms and suites; a 51,000 square-foot, single-level casino; 45 holes of golf including the fully restored 1917-designed Donald Ross Course at French Lick and the 18-hole Pete Dye Course at French Lick; two full-service spas with a combined 36 treatment rooms; meeting and event space totaling 169,000 square feet; and an array of dining and entertainment options.

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