



**Aspiring Amateur Golfers and Established Professionals Prepare  
for the 2015 Dogwood Invitational**

*Masters Champion Larry Mize to tee off July 1 at Druid Hills Golf Club*

**ATLANTA** – April 23, 2015 – [The Dogwood Invitational](#) at Druid Hills Golf Club, an internationally ranked top amateur golf event that began in 1941, will host its 49<sup>th</sup> annual tournament Wednesday, July 1 – Saturday, July 4.

The tournament field is taking shape, with the final field to be announced by June 1. Current players registered include 2014 Georgia Amateur Champion Robert Mize of Columbus State University, Mercer University Alumnus and 2014 Canadian Amateur Champion James Beale, and the No. 4 Junior in U.S. Nathan Jeansonne who has signed with Louisiana State University. Additionally, Trey Rule will return to defend his 2014 Dogwood Championship title.

Larry Mize, 1987 Masters Champion and 1978 Druid Hills Golf Club Champion, and Charlie Harrison, 1966 Dogwood Champion, will kick off the tournament as honorary starters. The tournament represents a beautiful pairing of the greats of the game with the aspiring junior players of the future.

“One of the overarching goals of the event is to raise awareness and funds to benefit the lives of as many junior golfers as possible,” said Edward Toledano – tournament chairman. “It supports [Atlanta Junior Golf](#) in an effort to expand its programs throughout the metropolitan Atlanta area and continue teaching kids the game.”

The Dogwood is also proud to support The Druid Hills Golf Club Foundation which assists qualified junior golfers with college tuition through the Reynolds College Scholarship. Founded by Wayne Reynolds, a long-time member of Druid Hills Golf Club, the Reynolds Scholarship promotes higher education goals for motivated students who demonstrate successful participation in a junior golf program in Georgia.

This year’s four day tournament will feature a 36-hole cut to low 40 and ties. Sponsorship information is available by visiting [www.thedogwood.com](http://www.thedogwood.com). The tournament is run by The Dogwood Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, and proceeds from sponsorships are directed to the [Atlanta Junior Golf Association](#) and [The Wayne Reynolds Scholarship Foundation](#).

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**About The Wayne Reynolds Scholarship**

The Reynolds Scholarship was founded by Wayne Reynolds, a longtime member of Druid Hills Golf Club. Reynolds and his family chose to help junior golfers with an opportunity to attend

college by establishing the four year \$3,000 annual Reynolds Scholarship awarded to those athletes who qualify.

Since its inception in 1998, the Reynolds Scholarship has been awarded to 25 junior golfers who attended schools such as University of Georgia, Clemson, Columbus State, Georgia State, Oglethorpe and Mercer University. Each year the board of the Reynolds Foundation reviews 150 plus applications for the scholarship and provides yearly grants for deserving undergraduate students at accredited two or four year colleges or universities.

The purpose of the Reynolds Scholarship is to encourage and promote the attainment of higher educational goals for students who have demonstrated successful participation in a junior golf program in Georgia.

### **About The Dogwood Invitational**

The Dogwood Invitational is an elite amateur golf championship established to promote the game of amateur golf and support junior golf organizations. Held at Druid Hills Golf Club in Atlanta, Georgia, the tournament is an internationally ranked top amateur golf event that began in 1941. The tournament is run by The Dogwood Foundation, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, and proceeds from sponsorships are directed to the [Atlanta Junior Golf Association](#) and [The Wayne Reynolds Scholarship Foundation](#). Find out more at [www.thedogwood.com](http://www.thedogwood.com).

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