



Elite Amateur Golfers Prepare for 50th Dogwood Invitational

1966 Dogwood Champion Charlie Harrison & 2007 British Amateur Champion & Professional Golfer Drew Weaver named Honorary Starters

ATLANTA – June 25, 2016 – [The Dogwood Invitational](#) at Druid Hills Golf Club, an internationally ranked top amateur golf event that began in 1941, will host its 50th annual tournament Wednesday, June 29 – Saturday, July 2.

“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,” Edward Toledano – tournament chairman.

The Dogwood is proud to support The Druid Hills Golf Club Foundation which assists qualified junior golfers with college tuition through the Reynolds College Scholarship. In addition, the Tournament raises proceeds to support [Atlanta Junior Golf](#) in an effort to expand its programs throughout the metropolitan Atlanta area and continue teaching kids the game.

Two former Dogwood players will be the Honorary Starters for 2016. Charlie Harrison, 1966 Dogwood Champion, Georgia Golf Hall of Fame member, 1959 Georgia Amateur Champion, 9 time Atlanta City Amateur Champion and Drew Weaver, 2007 British Amateur Champion, 2009 Walker Cup Team Member, 2015 Champion of the PC Financial Open on PGA Canadian Tour, and current Web.com Tour player will kick off the tournament as honorary starters at 7:15 am Wednesday June 29.

The tournament field is set and can be found on the Dogwood web site – www.thedogwood.com. Players in the field include:

- **Dawson Armstrong** – Lipscomb University
 - o #12 Ranked Player in the World
 - o 2015 Dogwood Champion
 - o 2015 Western Amateur Champion
- **Cheng Jin** – University of Southern California Fall '16
 - o #32 Ranked Player in the World
 - o 2016 Masters & US Open Participant
 - o 2016 Nomura Cup Champion
 - o 2015 Asia Pacific Amateur Champion
- **Kerry Sweeney** – Eastern Florida State
 - o #1 Ranked Player in National Junior College Athletic Association
 - o 2016 NJCAA National Champion
 - o 2016 NJCAA Jack Nicklaus Award Winner
 - o 2015 NJCAA Jack Nicklaus Award Winner

- **Priyanshu Singh** – Nova Southeastern University
 - o 2015 115th All India Amateur Champion
 - o 2015 Torneo Aficiando Cartagena de Indias Champion
 - o All Freshman Team Div. II (Top 5 Freshman Div. II)
- **Austin Bautista**
 - o #2 Ranked Australian, #150 Ranked Player in the World
 - o 2016 Golf NSW Amateur Champion
 - o 2015 Federal Amateur Open Champion
- **Matias Sanchez**
 - o #5 Ranked Australian Junior
 - o 2016 Tasmanian Junior Masters Champion
 - o 2016 Tamar Valley Junior Cup Champion
- **Daniel Gurtner** – Texas Christian University
 - o 2011 & 2013 Guatemalan Amateur Champion
 - o 2012 & 2013 Guatemalan Match Play Champion
 - o 2011 & 2013 Guatemalan Stroke Play Champion
- **Braden Thornberry**
 - o 2016 Old Waverly Intercollegiate Champion
 - o 2016 FAU Slomin Autism Collegiate Invitational Champion
 - o 2015 Patriot All-America Collegiate Champion
 - o 2015 Bubba Conlee Champion
 - o 2014 & '15 Mississippi Individual State Champion

Collegiate Div II

- #2 John Coultas – Florida Southern
- #5 Barrett Waters – West Georgia
- #6 Chandler Blanchet – West Florida
- #13 Jimmy Jones – Florida Southern

Collegiate Div III

- #2 Logan Lanier – LaGrange College
- #3 Addison Lambeth – Huntingdon College
- #11 John McCord – Redlands College
- #13 David Kleckner – Oglethorpe University
- #17 Chris Harris – Rhodes College
- #18 Patrick Mills – Oglethorpe University
- #19 Kyle Shealy – Oglethorpe University
- #28 Brandon Bailey – Ferrum College
- #33 Ryan Elmore – Berry College

Australian Ranked Players

- #2 Austin Bautista
- #8 Michael Quayle
- #12 Daniel Gale
- #15 Blake Windred
- #16 Troy Moses
- #24 Ted Donoghue

This year's four-day tournament will feature a field of 112 players, 12 from the Monday June 27 Qualifier, with a 36-hole cut to low 50 and ties. Tournament information is available by visiting 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 Druid Hills Golf Club Foundation.

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About The Druid Hills Golf Club Foundation

The Druid Hills Golf Club Foundation administers and oversees The Reynolds College Scholarship. Founded by Wayne Reynolds, a longtime member of Druid Hills Golf Club, Mr. 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 29 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 Druid Hills Golf Club Foundation. Find out more at www.thedogwood.com.

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