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**World-class Field Assembles for 51<sup>st</sup> Dogwood Invitational**

ATLANTA – Two former champions headline another quality field for the 51<sup>st</sup> Dogwood Invitational, June 26-July 1, at Druid Hills Golf Club.

Defending championship Charles Huntzinger of Penn State University and 2015 champion Dawson Armstrong of Lipscomb University are among the Americans who have committed to compete. Other top players in the field are Georgia Amateur champion Colin Bowles, Alabama Amateur champion Turk Pettit and S.M. Lee, the No. 2-ranked player in NAIA.

The international contingent is led by 2017 Australian Amateur Champions Matias Sanchez, No. 2-ranked Australian Charlie Dann, No. 3-ranked Australian Shae Wools-Cobb and No. 2-ranked South African Garrick Higgo.

“Once again, this year’s field is excellent,” Dogwood Invitational tournament director Edward Toledano said. “The tournament continues to get the best players in amateur golf. They enjoy the competition, the facilities and the first-class treatment they receive from Druid Hills Golf Club and the members of the club.”

The tournament includes players from the Georgia Tech, Georgia, Kennesaw State, Georgia Southern, Auburn, Clemson, South Carolina, N.C. State, Houston, Virginia, Florida, Purdue, Oglethorpe, Emory and Berry.

In what is believed to be a first for the tournament, three brothers will participate in The Dogwood. Dawson Armstrong, who finished second in 2016 while trying to defend his title, will compete alongside siblings Davis Armstrong and Dowling Armstrong. All three play on the Lipscomb team and have accepted invitations to participate at Druid Hills.

The Dogwood Invitational tournament week begins with an open qualifier on Monday, June 26.

On Tuesday, June 27, the Dogwood Am-Am will start at 8 a.m. An awards reception and kickoff event for players and sponsors will be hosted at 7 p.m.

The competition will begin on Wednesday, June 28. After Georgia Golf Hall of Fame legend Charles Harrison of Atlanta and retired Arizona State coach Rick LaRose strike the ceremonial first shots, the tournament will begin at 7:30 a.m. The 72-hole competition will finish on Saturday, July 1.

The public is welcomed to attend the event. There is no admission.

### **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 non-profit, and proceeds from sponsorships are directed to the Georgia Junior Golf Association and Druid Hills Golf Club Foundation. Find out more at [www.thedogwood.com](http://www.thedogwood.com).

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