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**51<sup>st</sup> Dogwood Invitational: Great Golf for a Great Cause**

When you support the Dogwood Invitational at Druid Hills Golf Club, you aren't just helping a world-class international golf tournament, you're also helping a worthy cause.

The Dogwood Invitational has the additional responsibility of directing its proceeds to support the Druid Hills Golf Club Foundation and Georgia Junior Golf.

The Druid Hills Golf Club Foundation oversees the Wayne Reynolds Scholarship, awarded to deserving students who have successfully participated in a junior golf program in Georgia. The scholarship, established by longtime Druid Hills Golf Club member Wayne Reynolds, makes annual grants to help students to help defray the cost of higher education. Since its inception in 1998, the Reynolds Scholarship has been awarded to 32 junior golfers.

Georgia Junior Golf is a program administered by the Georgia State Golf Association. It was formed when Atlanta Junior Golf merged with the GSGA's Sectional program to create a statewide platform for junior golf. Atlanta Junior Golf began in 1974 and has helped introduce more than 15,000 junior golfers to the game.

"This is a great opportunity to come out and watch some of the best amateur golfers in the world and help a great cause," Dogwood Invitational tournament director Edward Toledano said. "We hope golf fans will spend some time with us and enjoy watching some great young golfers compete at a high level. Who knows? Webb Simpson won the tournament in 2007 and went on to win the U.S. Open. You may be watching the next star."

**Here is the schedule for tournament week:**

- Monday, June 26: Open qualifier to complete the field
- Tuesday, June 27: Dogwood Am-Am tournament and player practice, with awards reception and kickoff event in the evening

- Wednesday, June 28: Honorary starters Charles Harrison and Rick LaRose at 7:15 a.m., with first round to follow at 7:30.
- Thursday, June 29: Second round of competition – 7:30 am
- Friday, June 30: Third round of competition - 7:30 am
- Saturday, July 1: Final round of competition at 7:30 am, with awards ceremony at 3 p.m.

Club members and the general public are encouraged 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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