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### **Dogwood Invitational Returns to Druid Hills Golf Club for 51<sup>st</sup> Year**

ATLANTA -- The 51<sup>st</sup> Dogwood Invitational will again feature many of the world's top amateur golfers when it returns to Druid Hills Golf Club on June 26 to July 1.

"We take great pride in hosting one of the best fields in the world," said Edward Toledano, tournament director for The Dogwood Invitational. "Based on some of the players who have already committed, we believe this year's group will be one of our best."

The international field is already taking shape with the commitment of many outstanding Australians. Matias Sanchez, the 2017 Australian Amateur champion, returns to compete in the Dogwood for the second year. He will be joined by fellow countrymen Charlie Dann, ranked No. 1 in Australia, No. 3-ranked Shae Wools-Cobb and No. 4 Kevin Yuan.

Local players who have committed to play included Davis Thompson and Will Chandler from the University of Georgia and Luke Schniederjans, Andy Ogletree and James Clark from Georgia Tech.

Penn State sophomore Charles Huntzinger will return to defend his championship. The Duluth, Ga., native closed with a final-round 68 last year to shoot 17-under 271. Australian Anthony Quayle missed a birdie putt on the final hole and finished in a three-way tie for second with 2015 Dogwood Invitational champion Dawson Armstrong of Lipscomb University and Raul Pereda of Mexico.

There were 18 former Dogwood competitors who qualified for the 2017 Masters, including World No. 1 Dustin Johnson, 2013 Masters champion Adam Scott and 2012 U.S. Open champion Webb Simpson.

The Dogwood Invitational, which began in 1941, benefits local charities who share the same mission, vision and goals. Through its support of the Georgia Junior Golf Association and the Druid Hills Golf Foundation, the Dogwood Invitational has helped enable 31 students to attend college.

"We aim to raise awareness and funds, so that more young players can enjoy the great game of golf," Toledano said.

Visit [www.TheDogwood.com](http://www.TheDogwood.com) for more information.

### **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.

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