



A Legacy of Outstanding Amateur Golf

The first Dogwood Invitational, held in April 1941, validated Druid Hills Golf Club as a challenging venue for amateur golf tournaments. Opened to great acclaim in 1912, the Druid Hills Golf Club has always nurtured talented golfers with a rich history of hosting southern championships. The Club has hosted eight Georgia State Amateur Championships and can boast having held 81 championships including the Dogwood, since the club's establishment.

The golf course at Druid Hills was designed by Englishman H.H. Barker, winner of the Irish Open in 1906. Renowned for its natural beauty and historic significance, the course was extensively renovated in 2003 by famed golf course architect Bob Cupp, whose charter was to return the property to its original Golden Era design--featuring narrow fairways and few artificial traps allowing players to experience the gracious green spaces of the Druid Hills course through a centennial of history, friendship and family.

More than a golf tournament, The Dogwood Invitational partners with external sponsors in an effort to raise funds and awareness to help junior golf succeed. The Atlanta Junior Golf Association and the Wayne Reynolds Scholarship Foundation are beneficiaries of the tournament. In support of these deserving charities, the Dogwood helps Atlanta Junior Golf to expand its programs throughout the metropolitan Atlanta area and continue teaching kids the game. The Reynolds Scholarship Foundation helps qualified junior golfers with their college tuition. Established in 1996, the Foundation and the Dogwood Invitational work to award deserving students a \$12,000, 4-year college scholarship.

The future of professional golf can be seen on the Dogwood links, Justin Bolli, Nick Cassini, James Driscoll, Charles Howell III, Ryuji Imada, Dustin Johnson, Colt Knost, Bryce Molder, Carl Petterson and Adam Scott, all of whom have gone on to the professional level of the game and achieved golf fame.

In the past decade the golf course at Druid Hills has enjoyed many refinements and enhancements, providing an ever more challenging site for the Dogwood Invitational. The Dogwood is ranked as having one of the best fields among amateur tournaments in the world. In hosting the Dogwood Invitational, Druid Hills' members extend their support for amateur golf by opening their homes and refrigerators to approximately 90 players during the week of preparation and the tournament. As a result of all these volunteer efforts, The Dogwood consistently ranks as having one of the best amateur tournament fields in the world and Druid Hills Golf Club is proud to continue the tradition of championship golf on our storied links.

Recognized as an elite event out of over 300 tracked by [Scratch Players World Amateur Golf Rankings](#), the Dogwood seeks to perpetuate the tradition of competition, celebrate the game of golf and encourage participation among amateur golfers, volunteers, club membership and sponsors.