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International Field Set to Compete for St. Augustine Amateur Title: Seven Countries in Total Represented



ST. AUGUSTINE, Florida – (Oct 9, 2009) - The committee has selected the final field for the 2009 St. Augustine Amateur. A complete list is available at www.staugustineamateur.org. This year's amateur will take place on October 16-18 at the St. Johns Golf Club. The tournament is designed for better amateur players and is played at 54 holes, stroke play. Net proceeds will benefit the First Tee of St. Johns County.

Last year's Champion, Zach Sucher, has turned professional and will not be able to defend his title. Sucher won last year with a three under par score of 207, and was a finalist in the Walker Cup choices. His last amateur event was the 2009 Labor Day Invitational in Mobile, AL where he bested a strong national field.

Among the many players to watch this year at the St. Augustine Amateur are:

Duke Butler IV of Ponte Vedra Beach Florida- Age 27. Butler was a University of Florida team member from 2002-2005 and has played in 3 US Amateurs ('01,'03,'04). He has played in top amateur events nationwide including the Western, Sunnehanna, and Players Amateur. He is a member of the 2007 and 2008 North Florida Underwood Cup team, and this summer won the Jacksonville Amateur championship held at Palencia CC.

Jacobo Pastor of Madrid, Spain – Age 22. Currently attends Charleston Southern University. He has won events in Europe and the Caribbean, and is a member Spanish National team.

Blaine Woodruff of Atlanta, GA – Age 16. He represents the strong junior contingent; he is the Atlanta Junior Player of the Year, played in the USGA Amateur, and accumulated several AJGA top-ten finishes this year.

About the St. Augustine Amateur

The St. Augustine Amateur is a national event established in 2004 for better amateurs and collegiate players. Played over three days at stroke play, the field this year will be comprised of players from ten different states and seven countries. The winner will receive a replica of our trophy designed by Heritage Creations of Glens Falls, NY.

The St. Augustine Amateur is a walking only tournament. Playing in threesomes, it makes for an enjoyable round for the players. Our local First Tee chapter provides caddies for the field (or many players bring their own). Play is daily on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8am to 4 pm. Spectators are encouraged to attend. Admission is free. Refreshments are available at the course.

Net proceeds of the event will benefit the First Tee of St Johns County. The First Tee is an initiative of the World Golf Foundation, and is supported by (among others) its Founding Partners: the Augusta National Golf Club, PGA Tour, PGA, LPGA and USGA. The focus is to give young people of all backgrounds an opportunity to develop, through golf and character education, life enhancing values such as honesty, integrity, sportsmanship and responsibility.

Our Vision

"The best expression of the game lies in high level amateur competitions and the fellowship and sportsmanship attendant at such events. It is our vision to conduct an event which provides this experience for players, sponsors, volunteers, and all who come in contact with the St. Augustine Amateur."

Live scoring is available on the website during play (scores returned every 3 holes), and results will be posted on the website daily, and emailed to major golf media outlets.

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