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## For Immediate Release

### **British Amateur Champion Harry Ellis Dominates Match to Win The Georgia Cup** *Ellis Wins 6 and 5 on Lakeside Course at The Golf Club of Georgia*

**ALPHARETTA, GA (March 25, 2018)** – Despite wet conditions due to heavy overnight rains and temperatures hovering just below 50 degrees all day, British Amateur champion, Harry Ellis defeated United States Amateur champion, Doc Redman 6 and 5 to win The Georgia Cup at The Golf Club of Georgia today. The annual event pits the reigning amateur champions in a head-to-head match before making their debut at the Masters. The match was played on the club's Lakeside Course, ranked number 13 in Georgia by Golf Digest. This was the 21<sup>st</sup> edition of The Georgia Cup which has now been won by the British Amateur champion six of the last seven years. The British Amateur champion leads the overall series, 12-9.

Ellis recorded four birdies on the afternoon and staged a consistent performance on the 7,012-yard Arthur Hills designed course. Redman fell behind early and could never find a way to get back into contention. Both players now head to Augusta where they will make their respective debuts at the Masters.

“I’m really happy with the way I played today and hit a lot of good shots,” said Ellis, 2017 British Amateur champion. “Winning the Georgia Cup is special and I wanted to keep the run going as I know a lot of British Amateurs have won it. Hopefully, this gives me some momentum as I prepare to head to Augusta for the Masters.”

“It was a fun match and Harry played really well,” said Redman, 2017 United States Amateur champion. “I just didn’t have it today, but it’s time to refocus and get ready to make my debut at the Masters. Thanks to the club and to the fans for coming out to support this historic event.”

Ellis, 22, a senior at Florida State University, from Southampton, England, won the British Amateur title last June with a similar comeback to Redman’s to claim victory. Ellis was down three holes with three to play. He managed to force a playoff and eventually won the title on the 38<sup>th</sup> hole at Royal St. George’s Golf Club in England. By winning the British Amateur, Ellis not only will

play in this year's Masters, but also earned a spot later this summer to compete in The Open at Royal Birkdale and the U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills.

Redman, 20, a sophomore at Clemson University, won the 117<sup>th</sup> U.S. Amateur championship in dramatic fashion as he overcame a two-hole deficit with two holes to play, then added a conceded birdie on the 37<sup>th</sup> hole to defeat Doug Ghim and claim the title at famed Riviera Country Club in California last August. By winning the U.S. Amateur, Redman has been invited to play in this year's Masters and has earned exemptions to appear in the 2018 U.S. Open and 2018 Open Championship.

This year, The Golf Club of Georgia moved the match to a weekend date for the first time in the history of the event and added a charity component as well. While admission was complimentary, all proceeds from concession sales, sponsorships and contributions made by members of the club raised close to \$100,000 to support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

At St. Jude, donations from events like this help fuel the pioneering research and lifesaving care for children with cancer and other life-threatening diseases. St. Jude freely shares the discoveries it makes, so every child saved at St. Jude means doctors and scientists in Georgia and beyond can use that knowledge to save thousands more children.

Amateur competitors in the Georgia Cup are filled with players who advanced to careers on the PGA TOUR including Matt Kuchar who defeated Craig Watson in the inaugural edition of the 1998 event. The following year, present Masters champion Sergio Garcia topped American, Hank Kuehne for the right to claim the Georgia Cup. Since then, familiar names like Ricky Barnes, Ryan Moore, Danny Lee and Bryson DeChambeau and other notable players have competed for the Georgia Cup.

The Golf Club of Georgia is home to the Lakeside and Creekside courses, both ranked among the Top 20 Best Courses in the state by Golf Digest. After a recent \$40 million renovation, The Golf Club of Georgia is recognized as one of the premier private golf clubs in the Atlanta area. The courses were originally designed by Arthur Hills with refinements made in recent years by Bob Cupp. This spring, The Golf Club of Georgia will debut the Cupp Golf Academy, a state-of-the-art golf instructional facility featuring the latest technology to improve golf performance.

The 2019 Georgia Cup is set for Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at The Golf Club of Georgia. For more information about the club, visit [www.GolfClubofGeorgia.com](http://www.GolfClubofGeorgia.com).

### **All-Time Georgia Cup Results**

- 1998** Matt Kuchar (U.S.) def. Craig Watson (British)
- 1999** Sergio Garcia (British) def. Hank Kuehne (U.S.)
- 2000** David Gossett (U.S.) def. Graeme Storm (British)
- 2001** Mikko Ilonen (British) def. Jeff Quinney (U.S.)
- 2002** Michael Hoey (British) def. Bubba Dickerson (U.S.)
- 2003** Ricky Barnes (U.S.) def. Alejandro Larrazabal (British)

- 2004** Gary Wolstenholme (British) def. Nick Flanagan (U.S.)
- 2005** Ryan Moore (U.S.) def. Stuart Wilson (British)
- 2006** Brian McElhinney (British) def. Edoardo Molinari (U.S.)
- 2007** Richie Ramsay (U.S.) def. Julien Guerrier (British)
- 2008** Colt Knost (U.S.) def. Drew Weaver (British)
- 2009** Danny Lee (U.S.) def. Reinier Saxton (British)
- 2010** Matteo Manassero (British) def. Byeong-Hun An (U.S.)
- 2011** Peter Uihlein (U.S.) def. Jin Jeong (British)
- 2012** Bryden Macpherson (British) def. Kelly Kraft (U.S.)
- 2013** Alan Dunbar (British) def. Steven Fox (U.S.)
- 2014** Garrick Porteous (British) def. Matt Fitzpatrick (U.S.)
- 2015** Gunn Yang (U.S.) def. Bradley Neil (British)
- 2016** Romain Langasque (British) def. Bryson DeChambeau (U.S.)
- 2017** Scott Gregory (British) def. Curtis Luck (U.S.)
- 2018** Harry Ellis (British) def. Doc Redman (U.S.)

#### **About The Golf Club of Georgia**

The Golf Club of Georgia is a private golf club located in Alpharetta, GA, just off the expanding 400 Corridor. The club opened in 1991 and features the Lakeside and Creekside courses, both consistently ranked annually by Golf Digest as two of the Top 20 Courses to Play in Georgia. In 2016, the club unveiled a \$40 million renovation with improvements throughout the entire property, including additions to the 53,000 square foot clubhouse. The Golf Club of Georgia is home to the prestigious Georgia Cup, an annual golf match pitting the reigning United States and British Amateur champions prior to their appearance at the Masters. The club is also home to the Collegiate Invitational hosted by Georgia Tech which annually brings 15 of the nation's top college teams to the club for a three-day, 54-hole tournament that has been called "the Masters of college golf." For more information, visit: [www.GolfClubofGeorgia.com](http://www.GolfClubofGeorgia.com).

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