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Field Announced for The Golf Club of Georgia Collegiate Invitational Hosted by Georgia Tech
Venerable Alpharetta Club Set to Host Prestigious Collegiate Golf Event for 13th Year

ALPHARETTA, GA (June 6, 2018) – Defending Atlantic Coast Conference champion Georgia Tech will welcome 12 other teams who played in the 2018 NCAA Championship, including national runner-up Alabama and match play participants Duke and Texas A&M when the Yellow Jackets host the 13th Collegiate Invitational Hosted by Georgia Tech, Oct. 19-21 at The Golf Club of Georgia.

The 54-hole event, which annually attracts one of the strongest fields in college golf, will also include Clemson, Stanford and UCLA, each of whom advanced to the NCAA Championship finals this spring, and NCAA regional participants Florida State, Middle Tennessee State, Southern California, TCU, Virginia and Wake Forest. East Tennessee State, the only team besides the host Yellow Jackets to have participated in all 12 previous Golf Club of Georgia Collegiate Invitational events. New Mexico rounds out the 15-team field.

“We’re excited to host what has long been one of college golf’s best events,” said head coach Bruce Heppler. “The Golf Club of Georgia Collegiate Invitational has annually been ranked as one of the three of four best collegiate tournaments because of the venue, the strong field and the overall experience that the competitors and teams enjoy. We enjoy showing off The Golf Club of Georgia as well. It is a special place and a major part of our program. The winner will have earned a very special trophy.”

“The Collegiate Invitational is one of the highlights of the year at the club for our members and fans of golf,” said Jacqueline Welch, general manager at The Golf Club of Georgia. “These college players are enormously talented and we enjoy watching them play here, then seeing some progress to the professional ranks. Last year, the players included Doc Redman and Harry Ellis, the reigning U.S. and British Amateur champions, and the individual medalist, Doug Ghim, earned low amateur honors at this year’s Masters. We look forward to another great event this fall with some of the best college golf teams in the country.”

The event this year includes five former champions. Georgia Tech (2010, 2012) and Clemson (2006, 2009) have each won the tournament twice, while Southern California (2008), UCLA (2011) and Wake Forest (2015) have each won it once. The Crimson Tide, who played in the first five Golf Club of Georgia Collegiate Invitational events which were held during the spring season, return to compete again after an eight-year absence.

The roster of competitors throughout the history of the event is littered with current PGA TOUR professionals, including Georgia Tech's Ollie Schniederjans (2013 champion), Roberto Castro, Chesson Hadley, Cameron Tringale and Richy Werenski, Alabama's Bud Cauley and Michael Thompson, BYU's Daniel Summerhays, Clemson's Kyle Stanley, Florida's Matt Every and Billy Horschel, Florida State's Jonas Blixt and Brooks Koepka, Georgia's Brian Harman, Oklahoma State's Rickie Fowler, Southern California's Jamie Lovemark, Stanford's Patrick Rodgers (2012 champion), Texas' Beau Hossler, UCLA's Patrick Cantlay and Wake Forest's Webb Simpson (2007 champion).

The Golf Club of Georgia is home to a pair of the finest courses in the entire state of Georgia. Presently, the Lakeside and Creekside courses are listed among Golf Digest's "Top 20 Best Courses" in Georgia and have maintained this lofty ranking for many years. The Lakeside course (7,017 yards), on which The Golf Club of Georgia Collegiate Invitational has been contested each year, received immediate acclaim in 1991 when it was named Best New Private Course in the United States.

Over the years, The Golf Club of Georgia, located in Alpharetta, has hosted PGA Champions Tour events, the historic Georgia Cup which annually pits the reigning amateur champions from the United States and Great Britain prior to their participation at The Masters, U.S. Open qualifiers, the Georgia Amateur and other Georgia PGA sanctioned events.

Admission to The Golf Club of Georgia Collegiate Invitational Hosted by Georgia Tech is complimentary and open to the public. For more information, visit GolfClubofGeorgia.com.

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 Golf Club of Georgia 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.

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