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60th NORTHEAST AMATEUR INVITATIONAL TO SHOWCASE LARGEST FIELD IN HISTORY ON RESTORED GROUNDS OF WANNAMOISSETT

RUMFORD, R.I. – Welcome to the 60th Northeast Amateur Invitational golf tournament.

We are excited to welcome the very best amateur players in the country to Wannamoisett Country Club from June 22-25. Once again we will feature a formidable field and we're anxiously anticipating seeing those players and our fans enjoy the major renovation to our golf course that has taken place over the last year.

Tournament chairman Ben Tuthill has assembled the largest field in event history and the list of contestants already includes many of the top mid-ams, juniors and collegiate players in the world. The field will feature players from 10 countries and 49 different colleges and universities. Of the collegiate players set to tee it up, 40 were recently named to Division I PING All-Region Teams and includes three First Team All-Americans.

This year's field features our defending Champion Dylan Menante of Pepperdine, who had a great season adding two other collegiate victories to his resume this spring. First Team All American and the NCAA Individual National Champion Gordon Sargent (Vanderbilt) will return and is currently the #3 ranked player in the world. Cole Sherwood (Vanderbilt) was also named First Team All American, as was Fred Biondi (Florida). Both Southeastern Conference stars will be making their first NEA appearance. The NCAA National Championship team Texas Longhorns will be represented by Mason Nome and Travis Vick, who is returning for a fourth visit to Rumford.

We also have several past USGA champions in the field this year. They include two former U.S. Junior Am champs in Preston Summerhays from NCAA runnerup Arizona State and Michael Thorbjornsen (Stanford) of Wellesley, Mass. Also returning to the Northeast is current US Mid-Am Champion Stewart Hagestad and former U.S. Mid-Am champ Matt Parziale.

The field also features a strong group of New England and Rhode Island area talent. Wannamoisett's own Davis Chatfield, a recent graduate of Notre Dame, looks to improve on his 5th place finish from last year. Also representing Wannamoisett is Rhode Island Player of Year and State Amateur Champ Bobby Leopold, while players with local connections to note include former RIGA Am champ and Notre Dame standout Andrew O'Leary, four time RI Junior champ and Oklahoma standout Patrick Welch and Connecticut Am champ and Virginia standout Chris Fosdick are also in the field.

The Northeast Amateur is also pleased to welcome back John Cook, our Champion in both 1978 and '79. Those victories helped launch the Ohio State star to 11 PGA Tour wins, a Ryder Cup berth (1993) and great success on the Champions Tour. Cook will be with us for the Sponsor/Contestant Tournament on Tuesday, June 21. The tournament proper begins the next morning at 8 a.m. Please follow scoring updates on our web site NortheastAmateur.com and find daily video updates from Don Coyne and daily news articles by Dalton Balthaser at the site as well.