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MENANTE TO RETURN FOR 61ST NORTHEAST AMATEUR INVITATIONAL LOOKING TO BECOME FIRST PLAYER TO WIN THREE IN A ROW FOLLOWING UP HIS HISTORIC VICTORY FROM A YEAR AGO

RUMFORD, R.I. – Welcome to the 61st Northeast Amateur Invitational golf tournament set for June 21-24 at Wannamoisett Country Club. The Northeast Amateur once again expects an elite field of golfers from around the United States, and the world. The Northeast is the second of seven tournaments in the Elite Amateur Series, a series which awards points to players in the field based on their finishes. Points leaders can earn exemptions into PGA Tour and USGA events.

Tournament chairman Ben Tuthill has assembled the largest field in event history which includes many of the top Mid-Ams, juniors and collegiate players in the world. The field features players representing 12 different countries and 50 different colleges and universities. Of the collegiate players set to tee it up, 32 were recently named to Division I PING All-Region Teams and feature three First Team All-Americans.

This year's field includes our back-to-back defending Champion Dylan Menante of the University of North Carolina. He lapped the field and shattered records by posting a 72-hole total of 19-under par, breaking the tournament record by four strokes. Menante became the fifth player to win consecutive Northeast crowns, joining Rhode Islander Ronnie Quinn (1964-65) and PGA Tour stars John Cook (1978-79), Jay Sigel (1984-85) and Luke Donald (2000-2001).

Caleb Surratt (Tennessee) won the Elite Amateur Cup last summer by competing in all seven events of the series. He went on to be named First Team All-American in his Freshman year for the Vols and is looking to improve on his 3rd place finish in Rumford last year. The other First Team All-American set to return to the Northeast Amateur includes reigning Southern Amateur Champion David Ford (North Carolina) and former U.S. Junior and Sunnehanna Champ Preston Summerhays (Arizona State).

We have a few players joining that recently participated in the Palmer Cup which was held June 8-10 at Laurel Valley Golf Club, PA. The victorious US squad included Cole Anderson (Florida State), Derek Hitchner (Pepperdine), Nick Gabrelcik (North Florida) along with Surratt and Summerhays and on the International side, recent US Four-Ball Co-Champ Sampson Zheng (Cal).

The Northeast Amateur begins with a Sponsor/Contestant Tournament on Tuesday, June 20. 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, daily news articles by Joe McDonald, and be sure to follow along our social media on Twitter and Instagram.