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Welcome to the 64th NORTHEAST AMATEUR INVITATIONAL

RUMFORD, R.I. – Welcome to the 64th Northeast Amateur Invitational golf tournament which is scheduled for June 24-27 at Wannamoisett Country Club.

The Northeast Amateur once again welcomes an elite field of golfers from around the United States, and the world, with this year's field including many top ranked Collegiate, Junior and Mid-am players. The list of Northeast champions is an impressive one, featuring legends like Ben Crenshaw, Jay Sigel, Luke Donald, Dustin Johnson and Collin Morikawa. Last year's winner, Preston Stout/Oklahoma State, was crowned the NCAA Individual champion last week in California.

The Northeast is the second of seven tournaments in the Elite Amateur Series which awards points to players in the field based on their finishes. Points leaders will earn exemptions into PGA Tour and USGA events. Recently the Northeast was also added to the list of select events whose champion will receive 1 point towards the PGA Tour U Accelerated Program standings, as well as receiving an exemption to the U.S. Amateur.

Tournament Co-chairs Mick Hogan and Ben Tuthill have assembled one of the strongest fields that amateur golf will see all summer. The field features last year's Runner-up and top Junior in the world, 17-year old Floridian Miles Russell. Another top junior, Tyler Watts, finished T6th last year at the Northeast and went on to claim the Elite Amateur Cup earning himself a spot in the PGA Tours Bermuda Open. Russell has committed top play collegiately at Florida State, while Watts is headed to Tennessee.

Other top-10 finishers returning includes 1st Team All American from BYU Kihei Akina (T8), Auburn stand out Josiah Gilbert (T6), Virginia stand out Josh Duangmanee (T8), and top Mid-Am Stewart Hagestad (T8) who was last year's winner of Joseph Sprague Sr. Award as the top Mid-Am in the tournament.

Auburn defeated UCLA to win the NCAA championship last week and 7 of the 10 participants in the final match are coming to Rumford. They include Auburn's Logan Reilly, Jake Albert, Cayden Pope along with Gilbert and UCLA's Josh Kim, Baylor Larrabee and Tyler Loree.

The field also includes reigning U.S. Amateur Champion Mason Howell, U.S. Junior Am Champ Hamilton Coleman. Englands Luke Poulter, currently ranked #9 amateur in the world all making their first NEA appearance.

Ten players will participate in the Arnold Palmer Cup in July at Tralee (Ireland) Golf Club. That group includes 1st Team All-American William Jennings (Alabama), Jacob Modleski (Notre Dame), Ryder Cowan (Oklahoma), Max Herendeen (Illinois), Wheaton Ennis (Texas A&M), Cayden Pope (Auburn), Josiah Gilbert (Auburn), Willy Walsh (Pepperdine) and Connor Williams (ASU). Luke Poulter (England/U of Florida) will be play for the International side.

Other notables include Latin American Am champ Mateo Pulcini (Mid-Am), Terra Cotta champ Connor Doyle (Mid-Am) and top Mid-Am's Evan Beck (VA) and Bobby Massa (TX)

Locals in the field include 5x RI State Am Champ Bobby Leopold, RI Am champion and POY Mike Calef, MA standouts Matt Parziale and Ryan Downes (Vanderbilt), CT AM champ Adam Friedman, and New England Am champ Eli Spaulding.