



**Leading College Golf Programs Return to Reynolds Lake Oconee  
for 15th annual Linger Longer Invitational, March 20-22**

***Greensboro, GA (March 12, 2020)*** – Regarded as one of the top collegiate golf events in the nation, the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Linger Longer Invitational (LLI) at Reynolds Lake Oconee will take place at The Landing course, March 20-22, 2020.

The Linger Longer Invitational showcases leading collegiate players from around the country as they compete for the individual and team titles in a 54-hole stroke-play tournament.

Five-time LLI team champions, No. 16-ranked University of Georgia, will return to Reynolds to defend its title against a strong field of competitors, including No. 10-ranked SMU and four-time LLI champion University of Alabama.

Some of the most competitive college golf programs in the country will contend for the title, including: former two-time NCAA champion Augusta University, Austin Peay, co-hosts Kennesaw State University and Mercer University, Georgia Southern, Louisiana Tech, Marquette, Penn State, UAB, University of North Carolina-Charlotte, UNC Greensboro, University of South Alabama and University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

This year's individual field is also composed of some of the country's top-ranked collegiate players. Among them is Noah Goodwin, a junior at SMU, who is ranked 6<sup>th</sup> nationally; Trent Phillips, a sophomore at the University of Georgia, currently ranked 8<sup>th</sup>; and Jonathan Brightwell, a UNC Greensboro senior ranked 10<sup>th</sup>. Last year's individual winner, Georgia's Spencer Ralston, is currently ranked 13<sup>th</sup> in *Golfweek's* Men's Amateur Rankings and 36<sup>th</sup> in the World Amateur Golf Ranking, and his teammate, Davis Thompson, is No. 4 in the *Golfweek* rankings and No. 8 in the WAGR.

Linger Longer Invitational alumni include PGA TOUR players with combined earnings of close to \$250 million and 46 tour victories. Former LLI participants include four-time major champion Brooks Koepka (Florida State), 2017 PGA Championship winner Justin Thomas (Alabama), 2015 Players champion Rickie Fowler (Oklahoma State), Russell Henley, Brian Harman and Chris Kirk (Georgia), Beau Hossler (Texas) and Kyle Stanley (Clemson).

The Linger Longer Invitational has been held at three of the six golf courses at Reynolds Lake Oconee – twice at The Oconee (2006, 2007), followed by four years at The Landing (2008-2010, 2019) and eight years at Great Waters (2011-2018). This year's tournament returns to The Landing, a highly regarded Bob Cupp design.

Among the special experiences of the Linger Longer Invitational is player housing, provided by families throughout Reynolds Lake Oconee, ranked one of the "25 Best Golf Communities in North America" by GOLF Magazine. Each year host families personalize the experience and provide players with a "home away from home" during the competition. Tournament week has created lasting friendships, truly setting this event apart from others.

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### ***About Reynolds Lake Oconee***

*Surrounded by more than 350 miles of majestic shoreline on Georgia's historic Lake Oconee, the golf destination resort community of Reynolds Lake Oconee features six championship golf courses and is home to The Kingdom at Reynolds Lake Oconee, a world-class instructional and TaylorMade club fitting facility. Located between Atlanta and golf's legendary grounds in Augusta, Reynolds Lake Oconee is an outdoor recreation paradise that includes the Sandy Creek Sporting Grounds, award-winning tennis center, swimming pools, pedestrian trails, wellness campus, and full-service marinas to facilitate watersports. Guests can choose private accommodations that include luxury resort condominiums and cottages, or The Ritz-Carlton Reynolds, Lake Oconee, a 251-room lakefront resort and spa named a 2016 AAA Five Diamond Lodging and 2015 Forbes Four-Star resort. Dining is available at ten distinctive culinary venues. Reynolds Lake Oconee, originally established in 1988 is located roughly 90 miles from Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. For more information, visit [www.reynoldslakeoconee.com](http://www.reynoldslakeoconee.com).*

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