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River Cup Foundation to host Qualifier into AJGA

Local golf charity will conduct a 1-day qualifier for the D.A. Points Junior Championship

Peoria, IL – The River Cup Foundation is pleased to host a one day qualifier into the D.A. Points Junior Championship. This qualifier will be on June 13, 2018 at Lick Creek GC. Exactly 2 players will be exempted into the AJGA event on July 9-12, 2018 at Pekin Country Club via lowest score for one round. The qualifier is open to all boys ages 12-19, who have not attended a college class. Entry forms and more information about the qualifier can be found at www.rivercup.com/index.php?RCQ.

The host of the AJGA event is D.A. Points. He is a professional golfer, from Pekin, Illinois, who has recorded three wins on the PGA TOUR, including most recently at the 2017 Puerto Rico Open. Points competed in six AJGA tournaments during his junior career and was named a Rolex Junior All-American in three straight years from 1992-94. Points is a former River Cup Alumni who has played on multiple Tazewell teams before attending college at LSU and University of Illinois. Growing up he lived on the 17th hole at Pekin Country Club and is very excited to host this event at his childhood home course.

“The AJGA provided me an opportunity to test my abilities against the best junior golfers across the country,” said Points. “It helped shape me into a PGA TOUR winner. It gives me great pleasure to host an amazing tournament at my home course, Pekin Country Club. My dream to have my name associated with an AJGA event is made possible by my oldest sponsor, Pekin Insurance. Along with UnityPoint Health, Pekin Insurance will put on a great tournament. Pekin Insurance has helped me achieve my life long dreams of playing on the PGA TOUR. Now, sponsoring this event, they will help juniors gain experience towards one day playing on the PGA TOUR.”

The River Cup Foundation would like to thank Pekin Insurance and UnityPoint Health for their title sponsorship of the AJGA event. Their involvement allows the River Cup Foundation to not only showcase local junior golf talent but also bring in golfers from all over the Midwest and possibly the nation for this one event.

Pekin Insurance is a super-regional insurance provider domiciled in Pekin, Illinois, offering a variety of products in 21 states. UnityPoint Health provides comprehensive, coordinated care to patients throughout Central Illinois through its clinics, hospitals and home care services. Pekin Insurance and UnityPoint Health value supporting the community and are pleased to partner together to bring this important event to central Illinois.

About the River Cup Foundation

The River Cup Foundation is an outgrowth of the River Cup competition, a Ryder Cup style format showcasing the area's top amateur golfers. First played in 1993, the players developed the idea of forming a foundation to not only showcase the competitions but to also support charitable activities in the community.

The Foundation is a federally and state approved 501 (c)3 not for profit corporation, whose mission statement is to benefit youth and worthy charities in the tri-county area through the game of golf. We also provide college scholarships to central Illinois residents, promote golf competitions, and serve the game by increasing awareness of important issues facing the game through our annual benefit dinner. This is accomplished with an all-volunteer Board of Directors and no paid staff.

About the AJGA

The American Junior Golf Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the overall growth and development of young men and women who aspire to earn college golf scholarships through competitive junior golf. The AJGA provides valuable exposure for college golf scholarships, and has an annual junior membership (boys and girls, ages 12-19) of more than 6,900 members from 50 states and 55 foreign countries. Through initiatives like the Achieving Competitive Excellence (ACE) Grant, a financial assistance program, and Leadership Links, a service-oriented platform that teaches juniors charitable-giving skills, the AJGA fosters the growth of golf's next generation.

AJGA alumni have risen to the top of amateur, collegiate and professional golf. Former AJGA juniors have compiled more than 830 victories on the PGA and LPGA Tours. AJGA alumni include Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Jordan Spieth, Rickie Fowler, Bubba Watson, Webb Simpson, Sergio Garcia, D.A. Points, Hunter Mahan, Dustin Johnson, Patrick Reed, Zach Johnson, Justin Thomas, Stacy Lewis, Ariya Jutanugarn, Alison Lee, Lexi Thompson, Inbee Park, Paula Creamer, Brittany Lincicome, Cristie Kerr and Morgan Pressel.