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Club Car Championship at The Landings Club to award 2022 tournament exemption to male division winner of new AJGA event – Sam Burns Classic at The Landings Club

*Local exemptions into AJGA tournament made possible by
Club Car and Club Car Championship support*

SAVANNAH, Georgia – Officials of the Club Car Championship at The Landings Club announced today that the male division winner of the Sam Burns Classic at The Landings Club, a new AJGA event hosted by the championship's inaugural winner and contested on the tournament's home course, will receive an exemption into the fifth playing of the official Korn Ferry Tour event the week of March 28 – April 3, 2022, in Savannah, Georgia.

The Sam Burns Classic at The Landings Club is scheduled for July 19 - 22, 2021.

"We are excited to formally be a part of the Sam Burn Classic this year," said Mark Rickell, Vice President of Sales at Club Car. "The Sam Burns Classic allows us to deepen our relationship with The Landings Club and continue to showcase our vehicles to the local community. Awarding the male division winner entry into the second Club Car Championship will provide some thrilling storylines during the Sam Burns Classic."

In related news, Club Car and the Club Car Championship at The Landings Club are committed to growing the game of golf, including sponsorship of the AJGA. As a result of their support, Club Car and the tournament receive one exemption each into the Sam Burns Classic. Both partners have identified local-area youth as their selections.

Mark Greene, Jr., 18, who recently graduated from Woodville-Tompkins High School in April, was selected by the Club Car Championship. Mark is headed to Savannah State University on a golf scholarship in the Fall. He was also one of only two athletes to play golf in the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System during the 2020-2021 school year and was a former member of First Tee Savannah. The Woodville-Tompkins product is a two-time SJGA All-Star and two-time SJGA first place flight winner.

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“We’re thrilled for Mark to tee it up in his backyard and have an opportunity to compete during the Summer before he begins his collegiate career at Savannah State University,” said Club Car Championship at The Landings Club Tournament Director Cheyenne Overby. “Supporting the greater Savannah community is an important mission for the tournament, including the chance to deepen our relationship with both Savannah Chatham County Public Schools and the Savannah State University golf program.”

Club Car’s exemption into the Sam Burns Classic was awarded to Madilyn Saxton of Guyton, GA. The 14-year-old plays out of Crosswinds Golf Club and her resume includes a High School MVP award, All-State recognition, and High School Regional Low Medalist honors. Madilyn currently plays on the Peggy Kirk Bell Golf Tour and in GSGA tournaments, where in her last 11 events she has recorded an impressive six solo victories.

Burns, 24, was the Rolex Junior Player of the Year in 2014. His junior golf career included two Invitational victories and three years of Rolex Junior All-America honors. The Louisiana native went on to play college golf at Louisiana State University before turning professional in 2017. Burns broke through on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2018 with his win at The Landings Club and recorded his first PGA TOUR victory at this year’s Valspar Championship.

“For Club Car to offer this exemption for an AJGA junior to play in a Korn Ferry Tour event is such a great opportunity,” Burns said. “I would not be where I am today without the Club Car Championship at The Landings Club. It is great to see their support and dedication to the growth of junior golf and this chance will offer them an experience they will remember for the rest of their lives.”

For more information about the Club Car Championship at The Landings Club, including tickets, sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, please visit the tournament’s website at clubcarchampionshipattlc.com.

To stay connected with the Club Car Championship at The Landings Club on social media, follow the tournament on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook at @clubcarchamp.

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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 7,000 members from 50 states and 60 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.

TaylorMade and adidas are the AJGA's National Sponsors, supporting the AJGA for more than 25 years. TaylorMade has served as the Official Ball of the AJGA since 2016. adidas has been the Official Apparel and Footwear of the AJGA since 2017. Rolex, in its fourth decade of AJGA sponsorship, became the inaugural AJGA Premier Partner in 2004.

AJGA alumni have risen to the top of amateur, collegiate and professional golf. Former AJGA juniors have compiled more than 900 victories on the PGA and LPGA Tours. AJGA alumni include Sam Burns, Rickie Fowler, Sergio Garcia, Dustin Johnson, Phil Mickelson, Patrick Reed, Jordan Spieth, Justin Thomas, Tiger Woods, Paula Creamer, Ariya Jutanugarn, Cristie Kerr, Nelly, Korda, Stacy Lewis, Brittany Lincicome, Anna Nordqvist, Inbee Park and Lexi Thompson. www.ajga.org

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