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D.A. Points to host AJGA tournament in Pekin, Illinois

Three-time PGA TOUR champion brings junior golf event to Pekin Country Club

PEKIN, Ill. – The American Junior Golf Association (AJGA) is pleased to announce that three-time PGA TOUR champion D.A. Points will host the inaugural D.A. Points Junior Championship sponsored by Pekin Insurance / UnityPoint Health in 2018. The 54-hole stroke play event will be held July 9-12 at Pekin Country Club in Pekin, Illinois, where 96 boys and girls from around the world will compete for the title.

“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.”

D.A. Points is a professional golfer 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.

Joining Points in supporting the event is Pekin Insurance and UnityPoint Health. 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.

The tournament will be played at Pekin Country Club, D.A. Points’ home course. Points grew up on No. 17 at the championship golf course and won a state title at nearby Pekin Community High School in 1994.

For more information about the D.A. Points Junior Championship sponsored by Pekin Insurance / UnityPoint Health, please contact Ryan Flanagan (rflanagan@ajga.org) at 678-425-1763.

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.