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## AJGA RETURNS TO SPRINGFIELD FOR BASS PRO SHOPS / PAYNE STEWART JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP *Rivercut Golf Course to host 96 junior golfers, Aug. 1-4*

BRASELTON, Ga. — The American Junior Golf Association will return to Rivercut Golf Course in Springfield, Mo., for the seventh-annual Bass Pro Shops / Payne Stewart Junior Championship, Aug. 1-4. The 96-player field will feature top junior golfers from Missouri and around the country during a 54-hole stroke play event.

In 2010, Noah West of Belden, Miss., posted an 5-under-par 31 in the rain-shortened, nine-hole final round to overcome a four-shot deficit and take the victory in the Boys Division. Patricia Lee of Lone Tree, Colo., led wire-to-wire en route to a 6-over-par 184, securing her second AJGA win. The rising senior went on to receive 2010 Rolex Junior All-America honors.

A shotgun practice round will be held Monday, Aug. 1, at 1:30 p.m. First-round play will begin Tuesday, Aug. 2 with tee times for all rounds running from 7:30 a.m. – 12:50 p.m. off the No. 1 tee at Rivercut Golf Course, Tuesday through Thursday. An awards ceremony will immediately follow Thursday's final round. Guests are welcome to attend and admission is free of charge.

During the tournament week, some of the top juniors participating in the Bass Pro Shops / Payne Stewart Junior Championship also will take part in the Junior-Am Fundraising Tournament Monday, Aug. 1. The Junior-Am will be an 8 a.m. shotgun start at Rivercut Golf Course.

An excellent opportunity to entertain clients, reward employees or enjoy a tournament round with friends, the Junior-Am allows amateurs to play alongside the future stars of the game. Tiger Woods, Charles Howell III, Lucas Glover, Paula Creamer and Morgan Pressel are just a few of the thousands of talented players who participated in AJGA Junior-Ams when they were teenagers.

Supporting golf at the grassroots level, Junior-Ams allow the AJGA to make contributions to local junior golf charities and programs in hosting communities. In 2011, the proceeds of the Bass Pro Shops / Payne Stewart Junior Championship Junior-Am will benefit the Ozarks Golf Hall of Fame, the Springfield-Greene County Parks and Recreation Department, and the AJGA Foundation. To participate, contact Tournament Chairman Steve King at (417) 891-1645.

Prior to the event, an 18-hole TaylorMade-adidas Golf Qualifier will be held Sunday, July 31, at Rivercut Golf Course with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. TaylorMade-adidas Golf Qualifiers give juniors the opportunity to "play their way in" to coinciding AJGA Open tournaments or build status for entry into a future event.

The TaylorMade-adidas Golf Qualifier Series offers opportunities for AJGA juniors at approximately 50 AJGA Open events.

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 12-18) of approximately 5,000 junior golfers from 49 states and more than 40 countries. To ensure scholarship opportunities for all junior golfers who have the skill, the AJGA created the Achieving Competitive Excellence (ACE) Grant program to provide financial assistance to young players in need.

Titleist, the AJGA's National Sponsor, has been the catalyst and driving force behind the Association's success since 1989. Rolex, which is in its third decade of AJGA support, became the inaugural AJGA Premier Partner in 2004. In 2007, after 12 years of support, Polo Ralph Lauren became the AJGA's second Premier Partner.

AJGA alumni have risen to the top of amateur, collegiate and professional golf. Former AJGA juniors have compiled more than 500 victories on the PGA and LPGA Tours. AJGA alumni include Stewart Cink, Matt Kuchar, Hunter Mahan, Phil Mickelson, Tiger Woods, Paula Creamer, Cristie Kerr, Inbee Park and Morgan Pressel. For more information on the Bass Pro Shops / Payne Stewart Junior Championship, please contact Hal Tift (htift@ajga.org) in the AJGA Communications department at (678) 425-1795, or visit [ajga.org](http://ajga.org).

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