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Dixie Amateur announces Bob Toski as honorary chairman and Brian Quinn as tournament committee chairman

CORAL SPRINGS, Florida (Sept. 30, 2011)—The Dixie Amateur announced today that Bob Toski, famed golf instructor and broadcast personality, is the honorary chairman of this year's tournament and Brian Quinn, the highly regarded golf coach at Temple University, will chair the tournament committee.

"These two gentlemen are renowned in the golf world and reflect the caliber and class of the Dixie Amateur," Tournament Director David Salerno said in making the announcement.

"This is a real honor," said Toski. "I am proud to be associated with the Dixie Amateur which is truly one of the majors of amateur golf. I know many of the past champions and understand the impact this championship had on their careers."

The Dixie Amateur, first played in 1924, is ranked 12th worldwide among amateur tournaments by scratchplayers.org. Early winners included Frank Stafaci, Earl Christianson, Frank Perpich, Al Besselink, Bill Hyndman III and future Masters champion Doug Ford. More recently, Hal Sutton, Ryuji Imada, Brandt Snedeker, Andy Bean, Bruce Fleisher, Lanny Wadkins, Nolan Henke, Len Mattiace and Jesper Parnevik took home the trophy. Peter Uihlein, the 2010 U.S. Amateur winner, is the reigning two-time champion. The women's division has produced great champions such as Angela Park, Vicky Hurst, Meaghan Francella, and Alexis (Lexi) Thompson, who became the youngest winner of an LPGA tournament when she claimed the Navistar Classic in August at the age of 16.

The Dixie Amateur was acquired earlier this year by ClubLink, which also owns Heron Bay Golf Club and Woodlands Country Club, where the tournament will be played in December. ClubLink has enhanced not only the playing conditions on both courses but also is ensuring that the competitors' experience will be second to none.

"As chair of the tournament committee and as a college coach, I can assure you that the 81st Dixie Amateur promises to be the best one in the long and prestigious history of the tournament," said Quinn.

For more information, please visit www.dixieamateur.com. To learn more about ClubLink, visit www.clublink.ca.

About Bob Toski

The legendary Bob Toski has been called the dean of golf instruction. He was the PGA Tour's leading money-winner in 1954, winning four times, and won a total of 11 professional tournaments during his playing career. After retirement, Bob went on to write numerous instruction books, design several golf courses, provide analysis on NBC's golf telecasts, launch the Golf Digest Schools, create instructional videos, work with touring pros such as Tom Kite, Judy Rankin, Bruce Crampton, and 2006 U.S. Women's Open champion Birdie Kim. Toski, who has instructed more than 100,000 golfers during his career, still teaches at the Toski-Battersby Golf Learning Center in Coconut Creek, Fla. He was the first living person to be inducted into the World Golf Teachers Hall of Fame.

About Brian Quinn

Brian Quinn, a four-year letter winner at Temple University in Philadelphia (1987-90) and a professional golfer for 16 years, is in his fifth season as head golf coach at TU. He is the director of instruction at the BQ Golf Academy in Conshohocken, Pa. In addition, Quinn, tournament director of the Big 5 Invitational, teaches a number of professional and top amateur players. Quinn earned All-Atlantic 10 honors as a senior in 1990. He helped the Owls to the NCAA tournament in 1987 and to a pair of NCAA East Regionals in 1989 and 1990. The team also won the ECAC Championship and was second at A-10s in 1990. He won 17 professional tournaments, including the 2003 Massachusetts Open Championship. Quinn also won the Greater Portland Open with a course-record 11-under par 61, a record that still stands today at the Riverside Golf Course. He was forced to retire from playing after a back injury in 2004. Quinn is on the board of directors for the AM8 Foundation of fellow Temple Owl Aaron McKie and the First Tee of Philadelphia. To contact Quinn, please email bqgolffacademy@yahoo.com or call 610-941-9646.

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