



LINCOLN LAND CHARITY CHAMPIONSHIP

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Two Central Illinois Golfers Will Join the Field

SPRINGFIELD--May 11, 2017--The Lincoln Land Charity Championship is delighted to announce that Jake Marriott, a Springfield native, and Dylan Meyer, a University of Illinois golf standout, have been awarded sponsor exemptions for the tournament. "Both golfers demonstrate tremendous talent and we're looking forward to seeing them compete," said Lincoln Land Charity Championship Executive Director Kate Peters. "It is an honor to have two young Central Illinois golfers, who are on the cusp of a future in professional golf, involved in this tournament."

Marriott grew up on the 15th hole of Panther Creek Golf Course. He attended Christ the King School, and attended Sacred Heart-Griffin High School for one year before moving to Florida. He was awarded an exemption in 2016. "My favorite part of last year's tournament occurred during the junior clinic I was participating in," said Marriott. "It took me back to about 10 years ago when I attended a similar junior clinic at Panther Creek for an LPGA event. My hope is that these experiences will have as large of an impact on today's juniors as it did on me."

Marriott recently graduated from Augusta University in Augusta, Georgia, where he was a two-time Academic All-American, and had three top 10s: He won the 2016 Invitational at Kiawah Ocean Course, tied for 8th in the East Bay Deli Classic at Kiawah, and placed 3rd at the MEAC Championship (Mid-Eastern Atlantic Conference).

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Meyer, from Evansville, Indiana, is making his mark as part of the U of I men's golf team. He is one of three finalists for the prestigious Ben Hogan Award, is a semifinalist for the Jack Nicklaus Player of the Year Award, and is ranked No. 5 on the World Amateur Golf Rankings. "It's exciting to get to play in my first [Web.com](#) event in the state of Illinois," said Meyer. "It's going to be great to be surrounded by Illini fans and the community of Springfield. Being able not only to play, but also be a part of the community for the week is going to be exciting."

Meyer also garnered Big Ten Golfer of the Week honors in consecutive weeks after earning back-to-back tournament titles at the 3M Augusta Invitational and the Robert Kepler Intercollegiate. He was named Big Ten Player of the Year and was given All-Big Ten First Team recognition.

Every dollar from tournament ticket sales goes to area charities. The tournament raised more than \$20,000 for charities last year. This year, the Lincoln Land Charity Championship launched Chip In for Charity, in which any qualified area charity can sign up and benefit from ticket sales.

As an added incentive, the tournament is offering a golf getaway package that is generously sponsored by the Springfield Airport Authority. When someone scans a Lincoln Land tourney ticket at the gate, he or she will be entered to win a golf getaway weekend trip for two to the [Web.Com](#) Tour Championship at Atlantic Beach Country Club in Florida Sept. 28-Oct. 1. In addition to airfare, hotel accommodations, and championship tickets, the winner will also receive two rounds of golf at TPC Sawgrass, Valley Course.

About the [Lincoln Land Charity Championship](#)

The Lincoln Land Charity Championship will consist of a 156-player field, competing for a purse of \$550,000 at Panther Creek Country Club in Springfield. The 7,244-yard golf course was designed by World Golf Hall of Fame Member Hale Irwin in 1992. The course has hosted several notable tournaments including the LPGA's State Farm Classic from 2007-2011 and last year hosted the NCAA Division II Super Regionals and the Great Lakes Valley Conference Golf Championship.

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