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Bill Haas, Stuart Appleby, Russell Knox and Aaron Wise Book Their Tickets for Bermuda's First PGA TOUR event

Local Bermudian Receives First Sponsor Exemption into Inaugural Bermuda Championship

HAMILTON, Bermuda (October 11, 2019) – Four past winners on the PGA TOUR lead player commitments for the inaugural Bermuda Championship. They will join Bermuda's own Dwayne Pearman who has received the tournament's first sponsor exemption. With just over three weeks until the island's first official PGA TOUR event debuts, the field begins to shape up. Tournament play takes place from October 31 to November 3 at Port Royal Golf Course in Southampton.

"We're very excited about this year's initial commitments and know that fans have been eager to hear who will be in our field," said tournament director Sean Sovacool. "With next week's local qualifier that guarantees three more Bermudians will compete in the Bermuda Championship, this is sure to be a thrilling competition to come out and watch."



Bill Haas, a six-time PGA TOUR winner and 2011 FedExCup champion, represented the United States on three Presidents Cup teams; in 2011, 2013 and 2015.

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Stuart Appleby has won nine times on the PGA TOUR. The Australian was a member of the International Team in the Presidents Cup five times and has made two appearances at the World Cup.



Russell Knox, a two-time winner on the PGA TOUR, represented Scotland in the World Cup in 2016 and 2018.

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Aaron Wise was named the 2018 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year after earning his first win at the AT&T Byron Nelson. The victory came in only his 26th start on TOUR. As an amateur, Wise won the NCAA individual championship in 2016 and helped the University of Oregon claim the team title the same year.



Bermuda's own Dwayne Pearman turned Pro in 1986. The 13-time Bermuda PGA champion and four-time Bermuda PGA Matchplay champion also has two Bermuda Open wins; in 1988 and 2002. Pearman represented Bermuda at three World Cups.

"I want to thank the sponsors for giving me the opportunity to play in the Bermuda Championship. I think it is going to be a classic event and great for our island. We are well

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overdue for an event like this to be held in Bermuda and at Port Royal Golf Course. Well done to Minister DeSilva, PH Horgan, the Bermuda Tourism Authority and the PGA TOUR.”

Players have until the Friday before tournament week to commit to the event.

The inaugural Bermuda Championship is a four-round 72-stroke play tournament with a \$US 3 million purse. The field will consist of 120 PGA TOUR professionals, and the winner will receive 300 FedEx Cup points. Fans can easily purchase tickets online through the tournament’s website. Youth 17 years and under are admitted free with a ticketed adult, courtesy of Butterfield and Vallis. For more information on the Bermuda Championship, visit www.bermudachampionship.com.

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About Bermuda

Out here is closer than you think. Located in the Atlantic Ocean off North Carolina’s coast, the island of Bermuda is just a two-hour nonstop flight from most eastern U.S. airports. Attracting adventure seekers, explorers, romantics and originals, Bermuda is where people, cultures and an alluring mystique swirl together, connecting visitors to a place far from everyday life. The island’s legendary pink-sand beaches, frozen-in-time historic towns and pastel-coloured buildings stand out at first. But it’s Bermuda’s original, ever evolving take on island life that brings travellers out here again and again. The Bermuda experience is elegant, relaxed and genuinely warm, celebrating cultures, reveling in nature and staying open to whatever is around the bend. The 35th America’s Cup, held in Bermuda in 2017, brought a fresh energy to the destination with new and redeveloped hotels, must-visit attractions and restaurants adding to the island spirit. Visit www.gotobermuda.com, www.facebook.com/bermudatourism, and www.twitter.com/bermuda.

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