

World Amateur Handicap Championship

(NAPS)—Golfers with a verified handicap won't find it hard to play in the DuPont CoolMax® World Amateur Handicap Championship. The four-day, 72-hold flighted tournament is open to any amateur golfer with a verified USGA handicap or equivalent 18-hole handicap. The tournament will be played on approximately 70 courses in the Myrtle Beach area. A fifth day play-off of all flight winners will be played on one of Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday's 96 championship courses.

Called the DuPont CoolMax® World Amateur Handicap Championship, it is the largest single-site golf event in the world.

The World Amateur Championship has attracted almost 55,000 players during the tournament's seventeen years. The tournament, which began with 680 golfers in 1984, grew to over 5,000 in 2000 with participants from all 50 states and 27 foreign countries. Last year's tournament was sold out with a waiting list, so golfers are advised to register early.

The 2001 tournament, which begins August 27th, will have six divisions: Men (49 and under), Senior Men (50-59), Mid Senior Men (60-69), Super Senior Men (70 and over), Women (49 and under), and Senior Women (50 and over). Players are required to send their August handicap index, upon which the Tournament Committee will verify for accuracy and place golfers in the appropriate division and flight.



2000 DuPont CoolMax® World Champion, John Pugni of Valhalla, N.Y., 26 Handicap.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$505 (\$465 if entered before July 1). This will include four rounds of net stroke tournament play, food, drinks, golf expo with games, contests, camaraderie and score viewing at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center, "The World's Largest 19th Hole" for player and guest. Also included are more than \$400,000 in prizes (including vacations, golf equipment and other prizes) awards, a goodie bag on arrival, trophies, and top-ten prizes in each flight. One lucky random-drawn winner will be taking home either the 2001 Toyota Highlander or a Camry Gallery Series Vehicle.

More information is available by visiting the Web site at www.worldamateur.com.