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Crouch Leads St. Augustine Amateur after Round 1

St. Augustine, Florida – (Oct 14, 2011) – Local High School Senior AJ Crouch leads the St. Augustine Amateur with 2 under par 68 today. Crouch, 18, of The Bolles School shot 35-33 for a 68-stroke to finish Friday's play. Crouch had 4 birdies and an eagle, to take a one stroke lead over Jim Liu.

Liu, 16, of Smithtown, NY shot 34-35 to finish with a 1 under par 69. Liu, the 2010 USGA Junior Amateur Champion had 3 birdies in his round to match Crouch as the only two players in the field under par.

The talented field features 14 players trailing Crouch by no more than 4 strokes. Prem Samritpricha of Bradenton, Florida finds himself currently in 3rd place at an even par 70. Samritpricha, came back from a double bogey on his 7th hole of the day with a 1 under par 34 on the back to match his 1 over par 36 on the front.

Live scoring is available on our web site, www.staugustineamateur.com, during play (scores returned every 3 holes), and results will be posted on the web site daily, and emailed to major golf media outlets. Updates and pictures will be posted on our St. Augustine Amateur Facebook Fan Page and Twitter @staugam.

Fans are encouraged to attend the event as admission is free. St. Johns Golf Club is located at 4900 Cypress Links Blvd. Elkton, FL 32033.

The winner of the tournament will receive the John C. Jennison III Tournament Cup. Jennison, founder of the Amateur and former First Tee Director, passed away earlier in the year and will be honored with the trophy in his name. Additionally Mid-Amateur Champion is also presented to the low Mid-Amateur (Above 25 years of age) at the conclusion of the 54 holes. Daily Low Rounds will receive a commemorative crystal as well.

The 2011 field includes:

William Anderson (Atlanta, GA), Michael Balzer (Bismark, ND), Alex Bennett (Detroit, MI) Kevin Benstead (Windermere, FL), Evan Berlin (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL), Chase Blaich (DeFuniak Springs, FL), Maxime Blandin (France), Mike Bodney (Jacksonville, FL), Michael

Boss (Lewiston, NY), Duke Butler IV (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL), Michael Chen (Bradenton, FL), Byoung Chung (Argentina), Jonathan Clark (Orchard Park, NY), Spencer Cole (Greenville, SC), A.J. Crouch (Jacksonville, FL), Keagan Cummings (Dublin, Ireland), Jacob Davidson (Jacksonville, FL), Robert De Biase (Venezuela), Cristobal Del Solar (Chile), Luis Enriquez (Mexico City, Mexico), Aaron Fitzpatrick (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL) James Fitzpatrick (Clearwater, FL), Joey Garber (Petoskey, MI), David Garratt (Cape Coral, FL), Anthony Gomez (St. Augustine, FL), Eric Graybeal (Neptune Beach, FL), Joey Greive (Jacksonville, FL), Daniel Hanania (Jacksonville, FL), Joseph Harrison (Las Vegas, NV), Jeffrey Heinicka Jr. (St. Petersburg, FL), Nac Huachai (Windermere, FL), Guang Dian Huang (Orlando, FL), Chipper Hughes (St. Augustine, FL), Jordan Jackson (Toronto, ON), Taylor Johnson (Jacksonville, FL), Scott Jones (Fleming Island, FL), Austin Kayworth (St. Augustine, FL), Pete Kellermann (Jacksonville, FL), Sean Kelly (Staten Island, NY), Garrett King (Charlotte, NC) Rigo Laborin (Mexico), Patrick Lamb (Lake Wales, FL), Elliott LaVercombe (St. Augustine, FL), Soobin Lee (Orlando, FL), Zheng Liang (Bradenton, FL), Jim Liu (Smithtown, NY), Jack Maguire (St. Petersburg, FL), Caleb Marsh (Strawberry Plains, TN), Kyle Martin (Plant City, FL), Peter Mathison (West Palm Beach, FL), Jace McCarron (Hopkinton, MA), Andrew McCracken (Virginia Beach, VA), George Miller II (St. Augustine, FL), Nate Mosby (Jacksonville, FL), Thomas Murtagh (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL), Adam Novakowski (Grande Prairie, AB), Tim O'Neal (St. Augustine, FL), Namsub Padungsiriset (Bradenton, FL), Meechai Padungsiriset (Bradenton, FL), Jeffrey Pearce Jr (Jacksonville, FL), Ben Perdue (ChIPLEY, FL), Marcus Plunkett (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL), Matthew Plunkett (Ponte Vedra Beach, FL), Brooks Price (Worthington, OH), Rohan Ramnath (Weston, FL), Kevin Rawding (Morristown, NJ), Craig Russell (Orlando, FL), Prem Samritpricha (Bradenton, FL), Patrick Sanchez (Mazatlan, Mexico), Robert Schiller (Jacksonville, FL), Spencer Schindler (St. Augustine, FL), Greg Schmaus (Blufton, SC), Joshua Seale (Pretoria, ZA), Cyril Suk (Bradenton, FL), Diego Tamayo (Venezuela), Grant Waggoner (North Charleston, SC), Zi Ting Wang (Orlando, FL) Woody Woodward (Bridgeport, WV), Motin Yeung (Orlando, FL),

For additional information, please visit the web site at www.staugustineamateur.com.

The St. Augustine Amateur Tournament's vision states "the best expression of the game lies in high level amateur competitions and the fellowship and sportsmanship attendant at such events. It is our vision to conduct an event which provides this experience for players, sponsors, volunteers, and all who comes in contact with the St. Augustine Amateur."

About the St. Augustine Amateur

The St. Augustine Amateur is a national event established in 2004 for better amateurs and collegiate players. Played over three days at stroke play, the field this year will be comprised of players from ten different states and seven countries. The winner will receive a replica of our trophy designed by Heritage Creations of Glens Falls, NY.

The St. Augustine Amateur is a walking only tournament. Playing in threesomes, it makes for an enjoyable round for the players. Our local First Tee chapter provides caddies for the field (or many players bring their own). Play is daily on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8am to 4 pm. Spectators are encouraged to attend. Admission is free. Refreshments are available at the course.

Net proceeds of the event will benefit the First Tee of St Johns County. The First Tee is an initiative of the World Golf Foundation, and is supported by (among others) its Founding Partners: the Augusta National Golf Club, PGA Tour, PGA, LPGA and USGA. The focus is to give young people of all backgrounds an opportunity to develop, through golf and character education, life enhancing values such as honesty, integrity, sportsmanship and responsibility.

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