



**KINGSMILL RESORT ANNOUNCES PLAYER
AS SPONSOR'S EXEMPTION TO
THE KINGSMILL CHAMPIONSHIP**
LPGA Players to Descend on River Course May 16-22, 2016

Williamsburg, VA. (April 19, 2016) – Kingsmill Resort, Williamsburg's premier destination, is proud to host the 12th staging of the renowned [Kingsmill Championship](#) presented by JTBC, from May 16-22, 2016. During this prestigious week-long event, the top women golfers from around the world will compete for the \$1.3 million purse in this 72-hole stroke play tournament. The Kingsmill Championship will take place on the property's River Course, a 6,326-yard, Par 71, Pete Dye-designed layout which has boasted victories from elite players on both the LPGA and PGA Tours.

The Kingsmill Championship is excited to announce one sponsor's exemption that will join the field for this year's event; Lauren Greenlief from Fairfax, VA.

Lauren Greenlief, a Virginia native, was the 2015 VSGA Women's Golfer of the Year and has had nothing short of a striking run as the Virginia Women's Stroke Play Champion; 2009, 2010, 2011. She became the first woman from Virginia to win a USGA Championship, as well as the youngest to claim the title at the U.S. Women's Mid-Amateur with a 2 and 1 victory over defending champion Margaret Shirley.

The 2015 defending champion of the Kingsmill Championship, Minjee Lee just recently added her second victory on the LPGA Tour at the 2016 Lotte Championship. She also represented Australia in the inaugural International Crown, was low amateur at the 2014 Kraft Nabisco Championship, and will likely represent her native country in this year's Olympic Games in Rio.

The Kingsmill Championship has also selected the amateurs to play in the Monday qualifier. The first is Kristin Hearp from Salem, Virginia, Winner of the 45th VSGA Junior Girls' Championship in 2014 and 2015 VSGA Junior Golfer of the Year. The second is Alessandra Liu from Cynwyd, Pennsylvania. She is a senior at the College of William & Mary and has played on the women's golf team all four years. She has played seven competitive rounds on Kingsmill's River Course and earned her first career medal at home at the 2015 Middleburg

Bank Intercollegiate. She was also the W&M Provost's Award winner for the fourth time (GPA over 3.5) and re-set the school record for best round three times, including a 65 (-7).

Spectators will also have the opportunity to rub shoulders with LPGA Tour players during the [Pro-Am Tournament](#) on Wednesday, May 18. Both individuals and groups are eligible to participate, they can enjoy exclusive perks, such as 9-hole playing privilege with each of two LPGA Tour players, admission to the clubhouse and grounds, and more. Packages start at \$3,000 per player and \$10,000 per team.

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