



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

Williamsburg, VA. (May 13, 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 our final sponsor's exemption that will join the field for this year's event; Natalie Gulbis.

Natalie is a current resident of Las Vegas and a 15 year LPGA Tour veteran. She also is a three-time Solheim Cup Team Member (2005, 2007, 2009) and winner of the 2007 Evian Championship. Natalie is excited to be an ambassador for the Kingsmill Championship and will be a guest speaker at this year's Women's Day – themed "Perfect Pairings".

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).

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