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Addition Of International Winners Enhances World-Class Lineup of Tour Stars For 2016 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am

Monterey, California, Jan. 21, 2016 – Continuing to add more "world" and "class" to its lineup of world-class golf professionals, the 2016 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am field will include American rising star Brooks Koepka, ranked No. 15 in the world, as well as two reigning winners of the elite-field World Golf Championships, Ireland's Shane Lowry and Scotland's Russell Knox.

Reflecting the quality of a major championship, the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am is expecting many of the top 25 players in the Official World Golf Rankings – including No. 1 Jordan Spieth and No. 2 Jason Day – for the iconic PGA TOUR event to be played over three Monterey Peninsula golf courses the week of Feb. 8-14.

"We are so honored to have all these tremendous players from around the world join us for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am," said Steve John, Monterey Peninsula Foundation CEO and tournament director. "It almost feels like a major."

Koepka, 25, has won once on the PGA TOUR and once on the European PGA Tour (2015 Waste Management Open in Phoenix). In his career breakthrough season last year, he posted top-10s in the PGA Championship and British Open, as well as top 20s in the U.S. Open and The Players Championship. Since 2013, when he was ranked No. 433 in the world, Koepka has emerged from his worldwide pursuit of success on the European tours to a serious candidate to make the U.S. Ryder Cup team in 2016.

Knox, winner of the 2015 WGC event in Shanghai, has played in the AT&T Pro-Am every year since 2012. Knox also came into this week No. 2 on the FedEx points list. Lowry, who made his debut at Pebble Beach last year, won the WGC Bridgestone Championship in Ohio. Both are aiming to be on the European Team for the 2016 Ryder Cup.

Another of the reigning WGC champions coming to Pebble Beach is Dustin Johnson, the twotime AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am winner who is No. 8 the world. Johnson, winner of the 2015 WGC Cadillac Championship at Doral, is returning to the AT&T Pro-Am for the ninth time. They will have plenty of elite competition for the 2016 title at Pebble Beach, including No. 4 Bubba Watson, No. 7 Justin Rose, and No. 10 Patrick Reed. There could be more from the top-10, if No. 9-ranked Jim Furyk, a regular in the AT&T Pro-Am in recent years, recovers from a wrist injury. And looming will be Lowry, ranked No. 21, and Knox, No. 31 in the rankings.

Each tour pro will be paired with an amateur partner for the world's premier pro-am, played annually at Pebble Beach Golf Links, Spyglass Hill Golf Course and the Monterey Peninsula Country Club's Shore Course. The competition rotates around the three courses, with the final round at Pebble Beach.

"The incredibly strong field is a big reason ticket sales are booming," John said. "That is the most important part to us at the foundation, to raise more money for our community."

One of the most exciting events on the PGA TOUR, the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am is contested annually in front of more than 150,000 spectators and millions of television viewers. Monterey Peninsula Foundation is the tournament host. In 2014-2015, the foundation awarded \$9.1 million to nonprofits, supporting hundreds of organizations in the communities we serve.

Daily tickets, packages and sponsorships are now available. For more information and to view the tournament week schedule, visit <u>www.attpbgolf.com</u>. Tickets may also be purchased through the tournament box office, 800-541-9091 (toll free) or 831-644-0333 (local) weekdays during business hours. All active reserve and retired military, veterans and National Guard may register for up to four complimentary Single Day Tickets.

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