



## **DATE ANNOUNCED FOR THE 2012 SOUTH GEORGIA CLASSIC**

The South Georgia Classic presented by First State Bank and Trust Company and the Hospital Authority of Valdosta and Lowndes County, Georgia, dba South Georgia Medical Center are pleased to announce the dates for the 2012 tournament. The South Georgia Classic, a Nationwide Tour event, will be held April 23 — April 29, 2012 at the Kinderlou Forest Golf Club.

The Hospital Authority of Valdosta and Lowndes County, a 501(c) 3 organization whose purpose is providing support to or for the benefit of the South Georgia Medical Center, will continue to serve as the host organization and charitable recipient of the event. The six-annual event will bring 156 Nationwide Tour Professionals to the area to compete for a purse of \$625,000 with \$112,500 going to the winner.

Through the first five years of the tournament current PGA TOUR stars Jason Day, Ricky Barnes and 2011 PGA Champion Keegan Bradley have all made a stop in Valdosta. Seven players that participated in the 2010 South Georgia Classic earned their first PGA TOUR victory this year including: Jhonattan Vegas, Gary Woodland, Brendan Steele, Chris Kirk, Scott Sterling, and Keegan Bradley.

Ted Potter, followed up his victory at the 2011 South Georgia Classic with a second victory at the Soboba Classic in September. His strong play during the year earned him his PGA TOUR card in 2012 with a second place finish on the money list. In total 22 of the 25 2011 graduates played in the South Georgia Classic.

For more information on sponsorship or volunteer opportunities for the South Georgia Classic, call (229) 242-8455 or visit the tournament's website at [www.southgeorgiaclassic.com](http://www.southgeorgiaclassic.com). Volunteer Registration will be open starting Monday, January 2.