



**2013 REES JONES COLLEGIATE INVITATIONAL FACT SHEET**

September 22-24, 2013  
 Haig Point Club (Signature Calibogue Course)  
 Daufuskie Island, South Carolina

**THE TEAMS** – Twelve teams are scheduled to compete in the sixth annual Rees Jones Collegiate Invitational on Sept. 22-24 at Haig Point. They are: defending champion Liberty University, host school University of South Carolina, Charleston Southern University, East Carolina University, Georgia State, Kennesaw State, Middle Tennessee State, University of South Florida, Troy University, UNC-Charlotte, UNC-Wilmington and Winthrop University.

**THE FORMAT** – Each team will count the four lowest scores each round from a five-man squad in a stroke play format.

**SCHEDULE OF PLAY** – Eighteen holes of stroke play are scheduled from Sunday, Sept. 22, through Tuesday, Sept. 24. The teams will play a practice round on Saturday, Sept. 21.

**ADMISSION AND FERRY TRANSPORTATION** – General spectators are invited to attend. Eighteen holes of play are scheduled from Sunday-Tuesday. Daily tickets are \$10 (without hospitality), or \$25 daily for an all-inclusive ticket that includes ferry transportation and food and beverage. Ferries will leave from the Haig Point Embarkation point located off Route 278 Bypass (Palmetto Parkway) on Hilton Head Island at 7:30, 8:30, 10:30 and 12:30 p.m. each day.

**PAR AND YARDAGE** – The Rees Jones Signature Golf Course at Haig Point will be set up at 7,380 yards and will play to a par of 36-36-72.

**HOLE BY HOLE –**

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out
Par	4	4	4	5	3	4	4	3	5	36
Yards	410	430	420	615	195	450	402	200	538	3,660

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In
Par	4	4	4	4	5	3	4	3	5	36
Yards	454	440	435	465	625	205	390	196	510	3,720

**WHO'S THE FAVORITE?** – Liberty University set a tournament scoring record and ran away with the team title last year, winning by 24 strokes (6-over-par 870 total). East Carolina finished

second (894) and host South Carolina was third (896). Kennesaw State, which had won the team title in 2011 and 2012, finished in eighth place.

"I am excited about how well the guys played, said ninth-year head coach Jeff Thomas at the time. "This team has a lot of potential. I think we can be even better if everyone starts playing well. If they start pushing each other, the sky's the limit."

**HAIG POINT** – Haig Point was brilliantly designed by Rees Jones. It was opened in 1986 and was immediately acclaimed as the 28<sup>th</sup> best course in the country by *Golf Digest* and 68<sup>th</sup> best in the world by *Golf Magazine*. The course was remodeled by Jones in 2007.

**ARCHITECT REES JONES** – Haig Point is one of many fine works by Rees Jones, known as the "Open Doctor" for his remodeling and toughening of many courses in preparation of holding a U.S. Open.

**REES JONES SAYS** – "I had never seen a property quite like Haig Point, with such a pristine setting and all the elements to create a great golf course," said architect Rees Jones. "It has the ocean, the sound, the marshes, fantastic vegetation – I knew when I first saw it we could build a world-class golf course."

**COURSE RATING AND SLOPE** – The Course Rating is 76.4, and the Slope Rating is 147.

**2012 REES JONES INVITATIONAL CHAMPION** – Liberty University won last year's Invitational in record fashion over the par 72, 7,380-yard layout at Haig Point. Senior Niklas Lindstrom of Sweden was the individual champion with a 3-under-par total of 213 for 54 holes. Liberty also had three others tied for second with a total of 3-over 219. They were Chase Marinell, Ian McConnell and Max McKay. Jimmy Beck of Kennesaw State also finished at 219. South Carolina was led by Dykes Harbin, who finished sixth at 221.

**2012 TEAM RESULTS** – 1. Liberty University, 870 (+6); East Carolina, 894 (+30); South Carolina, 896; UNC-Charlotte, 906; Winthrop, 909; UNC-Wilmington, 910; Iowa State, 915; Kennesaw State, 921; Charleston Southern, 936; Francis Marion, 939; Tennessee Tech, 950; Presbyterian College, 965.

**TOP RETURNING GOLFERS** – Senior Niklas Lindstrom was the individual medalist in 2012, with a 3-under-par total of 213. Three of his teammates were among the four golfers tied for second place at 3-over 219. Of that group, seniors Ian McConnell and Chase Marinell return.

Liberty will be challenged by host South Carolina, which returns four starters from a group that competed in the NCAA Championship. The top finishers from that group were sophomore Matthew NeSmith (T7 in 2012) and junior Caleb Sturgeon (T15).

**LOCATION** – Haig Point is a charming sea island community just off the coast of South Carolina, between Hilton Head, S.C., and Savannah, Ga. There is no bridge, so the island is accessible only by a private ferry system originating from Hilton Head Island.

**LIFESTYLE** – Residents of Haig Point and their guests drive electric carts in and around the community of about 120 year-round families. There are about 70 more residents who reside at Haig Point part-time.

In addition to its well-known golf course, the amenities also include a full-service tennis center, equestrian center, two restaurants and a community park. Historical structures include a beautiful 19<sup>th</sup> century lighthouse (built in 1873) and the Strachan Mansion. For more information about the island or for real estate opportunities, call (800) 686-3441 or visit [www.HaigPoint.com](http://www.HaigPoint.com).

**MEDIA CENTER** – A working media center will be available in the Haig Point clubhouse. Scores and stories will be distributed each day of the tournament in a timely manner so as to meet all deadlines.

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