

# The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holly Ridge Charity Classic

2021 Tournament Dates – August 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>  
(Par-3 Kickoff – Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>)







## Our Tournament

The signature event at *The Ridge* continues to be the biggest individual-amateur championship in The Triad. In 2020, The Classic once again peaked in Field Size with 160 players & fundraising (over \$20,000 to Hospice - Piedmont).

The 22nd Annual Charity Classic had arguably the strongest field in tournament history. Despite the huge field and a number of low rounds, the 2020 tournament was largely owned by 2 players from start to finish. Justin Emmons (Asheboro, NC) and Ryan Sharpe (Greensboro, NC) fired 7-under 65's in Saturday's Opening Round to pad 3-shot leads over eventual 3rd place finisher Forrest Blevins.

The final round was a tale of two nines...On the front, UNCG's Emmons appeared poised to run away with the tournament, shooting 3-under 33 in comparison to Sharpe's 1-over 37. In fact, it was now Blevins who had become Emmons' nearest challenger, having also fired a front nine 33. As the leaders were making the turn, Guilford College standout Sam Davidson was making a move in the group ahead...After rolling in for birdie on the 10th green, Sam had it to 4 under for the day and had joined Blevins in the tie for second at 3 shots back...Davidson would go on to finish T-3 70/68 (-6). At this point, the entire Championship Flight was on the Back 9, and as many of the regulars know, leads going to the back 9 on Sunday are never safe in this event...

Although it was already deep into the afternoon, there was a direct connection to the final group of the tournament and a group that had actually teed off shortly after 8am the same morning...Steve Sharpe 72/68 (-4) had just completed running away with the 2020 Senior Classic by 7 shots over runner-up Buck Hall 74/73 (+3). With pops already in the clubhouse holding his 3rd straight Senior Title, Ryan had plenty of motivation to fight his way back into the Overall Tournament. He did so right away with a birdie on #10 to join Blevins & Davidson in the tie for second, 3 back with 8 to play. However, the ups and downs of the round were not quite over as both Emmons and Sharpe bogied the Par 3 11th.

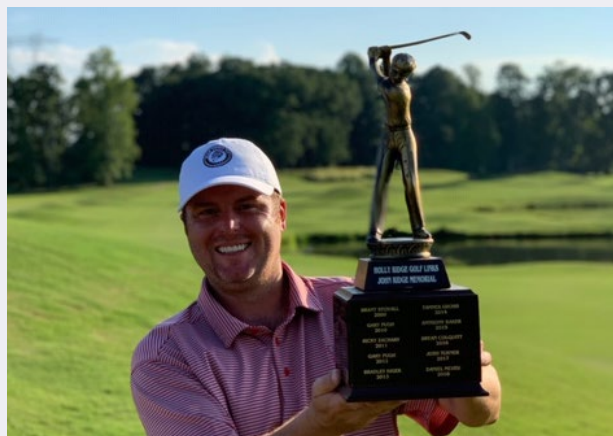
A par by Blevins now had him solo 2nd and only 2 back of Justin. Things remained status quo within the final group on the 12th will all players carding pars. Then the two-hole stretch of numbers 13 & 14 would eliminate Blevins from serious contention as he went bogey-bogey, simultaneously watching Emmons and Sharpe play the holes at 1 under and 3 under respectively...

Standing on the 15th tee, Ryan was now just 1 back following his huge eagle at the 14th...Yet again however, another bogey (his 5th of the round) put Sharpe 2 back, & Emmons just 3-holes away from victory. The twists and turns of Sunday's final round were in full effect as Emmons gave the shot earned on 15 right back with a bogey of his own at the Par 3 16th. This was followed by a "Sharpie" birdie on 17, which suddenly had the two players tied at 9 under for the tournament standing on the Final Tee. Three birdies and an eagle in a span of 8 holes had brought Ryan from 4 down to having a chance to win the 22nd Annual Championship. On the other hand, an incredible performance by Justin was not finished as he birdied the final hole to finish at 10 under, thus tying the 2-day scoring record set by Anthony Baker & Tanner Gross in 2015. Ryan would match, and like 2015, the Overall Championship was heading to a sudden death playoff. After replaying the 18th hole, the players remained tied, once again posting a pair of birdies.

## Our Champions

2020 - Ryan Sharpe  
 2019 - Garrett Smith  
 2018 - Daniel Nuveu  
 2017 - Josh Turner  
 2016 - Bryan Colquitt  
 2015 - Anthony Baker  
 2014 - Tanner Gross  
 2013 - Brad Kiger  
 2012 - Gary Pugh  
 2011 - Ricky Zachary  
 2010 - Gary Pugh  
 2009 - Brant Stovall  
 2008 - Rocky Manning  
 2007 - Chris Brown  
 2006 - Trip Gentry  
 2005 - Kevin Atkins  
 2004 - Chris Evans  
 2003 - Kim Mansfield  
 2002 - Garland Yates  
 2001 - Gary Zachary  
 2000 - Josh Turner  
 1998 - Wayne Clodfelter

Play then continued to hole #1, where both players easily found the green in 2. In front of the traditional Sunday gallery of spectators, Emmons watched his birdie putt end with a wild horseshoe lip-out, resulting in a par. Sharpie then stepped into his mid-range look at birdie, drilled the putt, and gave an emphatic fist pump to officially close out the 2021 Tournament.





## Our Mission

Above providing an incredibly competitive and enjoyable amateur golf tournament, the Charity Classic's ultimate purpose is to consistently provide charitable donations to our local HOSPICE. Since becoming the beneficiary, HOSPICE Hospice of the Piedmont has received over \$175,000.00 from the sponsorship and fundraising efforts of our event. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have interest in providing to this great event in 2021!

# 2021 Charity Classic Sponsorship Information

(Proceeds benefit HOSPICE of the Piedmont)

### Gold Level - \$2,000

- Banner / flag displayed entire week of tournament  
+ 5 individual hole sponsor signs Friday through Sunday
- Fully comped entry fees for up to 4 players
  - Logo at tournament scoreboard
- + significant pre-tournament marketing exposure
- Significant charitable donation to Hospice of the Piedmont

### Silver Level - \$1,500

- Banner / flag displayed entire week of tournament
- Fully comped entry fees for up to 2 players
  - Logo at tournament scoreboard
- + significant pre-tournament marketing exposure
- Significant charitable donation to Hospice of the Piedmont

### Bronze Level - \$1,000

- 5 individual hole sponsor signs displayed Friday through Sunday
  - Fully comped entry fee for 1 player
- Significant charitable donation to Hospice of the Piedmont

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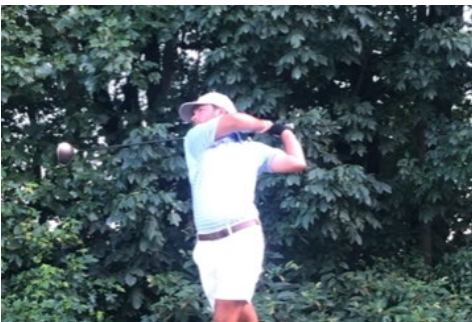
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