# *Mountain Lakes Classic rolls into Seneca*

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SENECA — After a successful inaugural run last year at Cross Creek Plantation, the National Golf Association Tour is back in Seneca for the second edition of the Mountain Lakes Classic, which will get under way this morning at 7:30 a.m.

A host of NGA Tour standouts, Web.com Tour members and former PGA Tour members will be competing in the four-day event as they chase after the lion's share of the $150,000 purse.

Among the competitors with local ties is Seneca High School and Coastal Carolina alum Drew Ernst — the son of Cross Creek PGA professional and Director of Golf Operations Mark Ernst and the sister of LPGA Tour member Austin Ernst — who made his pro series debut at last year's Mountain Lakes Classic.

Former Clemson golfers Brent Delahoussaye and Matt Hendrix, a member of the Tigers' 2003 national championship team, will also be on hand for the event, which is free to the public.

The NGA Tour is the third-ranked men's professional golf tour in the United States after the PGA Tour and Web.com Tour and is the top recommended developmental tour by PGA Tour and Web.com Tour professionals.

On average, more than 60 percent of every Web.com Tour field and more than 40 percent of every PGA Tour field have spent time on the NGA Tour, with notable alumni including Bubba Watson, Stewart Cink and Lucas Glover among many others.