

DURHAM, NC, September 22, 2013 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- Old Chatham Golf Club, a prestigious Triangle-based golf club, has announced that Michael Putnam, student of Old Chatham PGA golf instructor Patrick Kelley, finished first in the Web.com Tour money rankings, earning a total of \$450,184 in prize money. Kelley has served as Putnam's instructor since 2011, and he regularly travels with Putnam to tournaments. Putnam, a native of Seattle, frequently visits Old Chatham from the west coast to practice with Kelley and take advantage of Old Chatham's competitive course.

When Kelley and Putnam began working together, Putnam had made seven straight cuts for PGA Tour events, including the 2011 U.S. Open, before breaking his hand a couple weeks later. After being away from golf for eight months, Putnam returned to the sport in 2012 and finished the latter part of the 2012 season on the Web.com Tour while practicing with Kelley. Putnam is sponsored by Lonesource, a Cary-based company recently purchased by Staples, where Old Chatham member Bradley King formerly served as CEO.

This season is Putnam's first full season competing since his hand injury. He won back-to-back tournaments in late May and early June, including the Mexico Championship Presented by Banamex on May 26 and the Mid-Atlantic Championship in June. In addition, he has finished in the top 10 at seven different tournaments on the Web.com Tour.

Putnam is currently competing in the Web.com Tour finals, which will conclude at the Web.com Tour Championship Thursday, Sept. 26 through Sunday, Sept. 29 in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

The Web.com Tour serves as the developmental body for the PGA Tour. Professional golfers among the Web.com Tour's top 25 money list are invited as a member of the PGA Tour for the following season.

QUOTES:"I could not be more proud of Michael and his many accomplishments this season and for finishing at the top of the regular season money rankings," said Kelley. "He has worked extremely hard to get to where he is today, and to come as far as he has after being away from the game for eight months in 2011 is astonishing."

ABOUT OLD CHATHAM GOLF CLUB:Established in 2001 by area business leaders, the Old Chatham Golf Club is a Triangle-based club with the charm and character of the classics. A Rees Jones design, Old Chatham Golf Club is nestled just minutes from the I-40 corridor with 400 acres of rolling hills rich in native pines and oaks. In this secluded yet convenient location,

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members and their guests can escape to the tranquility of an uncrowded retreat, characterized by gracious hospitality with an emphasis on quality and comfort. For more information, visit <http://www.oldchathamgolf.org>.