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Roswell, GA --- Paul Claxton, PGA life member from Claxton fired a final round 4-under par 68 to defend his title at the E-Z-GO/L&J Acquisitions Georgia PGA Championship presented by adidas, Srixon-Cleveland Golf-XXIO, Tagmarshal, Precise Yardage and the PGA Tour, conducted at Sea Island Golf Club's Retreat course on St. Simons Island.

Claxton finished at 9-under par 207 for the three-round event. He opened with a round of 67, followed by an even par 72 second round. In a tie for second, two strokes behind Claxton were three-time Georgia PGA champion Tim Weinhart Heritage Golf Links and four-time Georgia PGA champion Stephen Keppler from Marietta Country Club. Claxton started the day three shots behind second round leader Jacob Tilton from Ansley Golf Club but was able to surpass him after Tilton made back-to-back bogeys on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> holes while Claxton made an early birdie. Tilton finished in 4th place after carding a final round of 2-over par 74. With the victory, Claxton moved to fourth place in the Omega Georgia PGA Player of the Year standings.

The Retreat Course at Sea Island is a par 72 and played at 6,897 yards for the championship. Brannen Veal is the PGA Director of Golf and Patrick Richardson is the PGA head golf professional. The E-Z-GO/L&J Acquisitions Georgia PGA Championship is the only 54-hole event conducted by the Georgia PGA.

E-Z-GO, a division of Textron, is the world's leading manufacturer of golf carts and based in Augusta, GA. L&J Acquisitions primary goal is to help clients select the right golf property for their investment objectives and to effectively manage those golf properties.

**About the Georgia PGA**

The Georgia PGA is one of the 41 Sections of the PGA of America. Its membership includes nearly 890 PGA professionals working at over 260 golf courses, clubs, and ranges throughout the state. Additionally, more than 35 Georgia PGA members compete on one of the PGA Tours. In keeping with the fundamental objectives laid down by its founders, one of the Georgia PGA's primary goals is promoting the game of golf through clinics, junior and minority golf programs, consumer programs, and print, radio and television media.