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## Exemptions Announced for New Tournament

The Inaugural Lethbridge Paradise Canyon Open awarded six exemptions today. The following group of players will be directly entered into the June 21 -24 tournament at Lethbridge's Paradise Canyon Golf Club

1. **Taylor Pendrith** from Richmond Hill, Ontario had a successful amateur and college career at Kent State after which he earned status on the Mackenzie Tour in 2015. Taylor finished the year in third place on the money list, acquiring status on the Web.com Tour which he held in both 2016 and 2017. Taylor represented Canada in the 2014 World Amateur and was the low amateur at the 2014 RBC Canadian Open. Taylor is known as Canada's new biggest hitter.
2. **Devin Carey** was born and raised in Langley, BC and plays as a professional. He has played over 50 events on the Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada and has reached the final stages of the Web.com Tour Q school twice. Devin has played on every tour in the Western Hemisphere. He has many connections in High River, Alberta.
3. **Blair Hamilton** is a former #1 Canadian Amateur from Burlington, Ontario, now residing in Phoenix, Arizona. He is a former member of the Canadian Men's National Amateur Team, which he was a part of from 2014-2016. He is currently playing on the PGA Tour Latinoamerica.
4. **Ethan Choi** is a 16-year-old member of the Lethbridge Country Club. Originally from Pincher Creek, Alberta, Choi plays on the Alberta Junior Team and is a rising star in Alberta. Ethan shot a 59 at the Alberta Bantam Championship in 2016.
5. **Max Sekulic** hails from Rycroft, Alberta. He is the current Alberta Junior Champion. After winning in 2017, Sekulic nearly claimed the amateur title as well, eventually losing in a playoff. Max represented Canada on the National Development Team and is now a freshman at Grand Canyon University.
6. **Ryan Hodgins** from Medicine Hat, Alberta competed in the IMG World Juniors in 2016. He competed in the Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour Nationals in 2016 and 2017, placing 4<sup>th</sup> in 2016 and 5<sup>th</sup> in 2017. Hodgins also competed in the Alberta/Montana Junior Ryder Cup in 2016 and scored all the points available to him. In 2018 he has won two of the three tournaments he has played.

The Lethbridge Paradise Canyon Open runs June 18 – 24 with tournament days June 21 – 24. Purchase a Pass for all four days of the tournament for only \$25 or a single Day Pass for only \$10 at <http://www.lethbridgepcopen.ca/>. Children 12 and under are admitted free of charge. Come out to Paradise Canyon to cheer on the next generation of professional golfers on their Trajectory to the PGA Tour.

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For more information on Paradise Canyon: <http://www.playinparadise.com/>