



Jimmy Brandt (Auburn, Ala.) and Toph Peterson (Logan, Utah) Advance to Compete in *Big Break Myrtle Beach* Finale, Airing Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 9 p.m. ET

More than \$100,000 in Cash and Prizes on the Line for Winner of Golf Channel's Reality Competition Series

Champion to Receive Exemption to Compete on the PGA TOUR in the 2015 Valspar Championship

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ORLANDO, Fla. (Dec. 11, 2014) – In a season that started with 12 competitors, Golf Channel's *Big Break Myrtle Beach* reality competition series has narrowed the field to the final two – Jimmy Brandt (Auburn, Ala.) and Toph Peterson (Gilbert, Ariz. / Logan, Utah) – who will face off in an 18-hole singles match on the season finale, Tuesday, Dec. 16 at 9 p.m. ET.

Brandt and Peterson will compete for the opportunity to make their lifelong dreams of playing alongside the world's top professional golfers a reality. The winner of *Big Break Myrtle Beach* will earn a sponsor's exemption to the PGA TOUR's Valspar Championship (March 12-15, 2015) and more than \$100,000 in cash and prizes.

In addition to the tournament exemption, the winner will receive:

- \$75,000 in cash, including \$5,000 courtesy of Dick's Sporting Goods, \$10,000 courtesy of Macanudo and \$10,000 courtesy of Adams Golf.
- Full, exempt status to the 2015 Swingthought.com Tour with all entry fees paid.
- An endorsement contract from Adams Golf.
- \$10,000 in car rental credit courtesy of Avis Car Rental.
- \$10,000 in travel credit courtesy of Travelocity.
- A seven-day, six-night all-expenses paid return trip to Myrtle Beach with accommodations provided by North Beach Plantation and six rounds of golf that can be played at any of Myrtle Beach's 100 premiere golf courses.

THE FINALISTS:

Jimmy Brandt (31, Auburn, Ala.) – Competing full time on the mini tour circuit, Brandt accumulated six victories and 16 top-10 finishes on the Hopkins Tour in 2012 and 2013. Brandt earned conditional status on the Web.com Tour in 2011 and 2012 via PGA TOUR Q School, and is looking to return to golf's biggest stages. His father, who introduced him to the game, is his full-time caddie.

Toph Peterson (28, Gilbert, Ariz. / Logan, Utah) – A graduate of Utah State University, Peterson is giving professional golf another push after stepping away from the game to start up a designer walking bag company. He currently is competing full time on various mini tours.

Tuesday's finale takes place at Barefoot Resort and Golf's Fazio Course in North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

SERIES FORMAT: Produced in partnership with Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday and South Carolina Tourism and filmed at Barefoot Resort and Golf in Myrtle Beach, S.C. in June, *Big Break Myrtle Beach* features a cast of 12 (six men and six women) who are at different stages in their professional golf careers. Contestants are eliminated each week, with the last player standing being awarded his or her *Big Break*.

Golf Channel's *Big Break* show concept pits highly skilled golfers against each other in a variety of challenges that test their physical skills and mental toughness. For the past 21 seasons, Golf Channel's *Big Break* competition series has proven to be the launching pad for many aspiring professional golfers looking to take that next step in their golf careers, including PGA TOUR winners Tommy "Two Gloves" Gainey and Matt Every, and U.S. Solheim Cup participants Kristy McPherson, Gerina Piller and Ryann O'Toole, all playing full time on the PGA TOUR and LPGA Tour, respectively. Several other past *Big Break* competitors will be competing on the world's top tours in 2015, including Tony Finau (PGA TOUR), Mallory Blackwelder, Katy Harris, Sadena Parks and Jackie Stoelting (LPGA Tour) and Hugo Leon, James Nitties and Mark Silvers (Web.com Tour.)

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About Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday

[Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday](#) is a non-profit trade association comprised of 79 championship golf courses and 99 golf package providers in the Myrtle Beach, South Carolina area. Founded in 1967, the organization continues to be the driving force behind the growth of the region's thriving golf market. The originator of the "Stay and Play Package," Golf Holiday provides non-biased information about accommodations and golf courses to assist golfers in making the most informed decisions when planning for their next vacation.

Golf Holiday also hosts seven events and tournaments annually to help to foster continued growth of the game. In addition to hosting the Hootie & the Blowfish Monday After The Masters Celebrity Pro-Am Golf Tournament each spring, MBGH manages the World Amateur Handicap Championship – the world's largest single-site amateur golf tournament, the Palmetto High School Golf Championships, the Veterans Golf Classic, and the Myrtle Beach Never Forgets Memorial Golf Outing.

About South Carolina Tourism

Tourism is a top industry in South Carolina, with a total economic impact of more than \$17 billion annually and employing one of every 10 people. SCPRT's primary mission is to market the state as a preferred destination for vacations and travel. For more information, visit www.DiscoverSouthCarolina.com.

About Barefoot Resort & Golf

Barefoot Resort & Golf is a 2,300 acre residential golf community of uncompromised excellence. Located across the Intracoastal Waterway, it is connected to North Myrtle Beach by a historic swing bridge. Designed

with a vastly different approach than most resort developments, Barefoot Resort & Golf strives to preserve the natural integrity of its coastal lands.

In one of the most ambitious golf course projects ever to hit the “Grand Strand”, Barefoot successfully opened four championship courses simultaneously, making it the only time a developer has opened four new courses at the same time in the United States. Our venue was designed by golf’s most inspired architects; Greg Norman, Davis Love III, Tom Fazio and Pete Dye. Each one fulfilled their goal in creating distinctive, visually striking and fun to play courses. Rated as the ‘Golf Course of the Year’ of the Myrtle Beach area and South Carolina state, Golf Digest’s Best Places to Play and Top 100 Courses in America, it’s no secret why Barefoot Resort & Golf is one of the most sought after golf destinations in the country.

Centrally located in the “Seaside Golf Capital of the World,” Barefoot Golf Vacations at Barefoot Resort offers an endless assortment of possibilities. Everything you need can be found at the resort or just a short drive away. The most requested golf package is the “Buy 3 and get 4th round free” on the Barefoot Resort Courses. There is no need to drive all over town with this all inclusive package. The package includes three nights lodging at a three diamond rated resort, four rounds of golf on four championship courses, all cart fees, taxes and daily breakfast at the Resort Clubhouse. For information on how to book your next golf vacation head on over to www.barefootgolfvacations.com and fill out a no obligation custom golf quote.

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