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**SUNRIDGE CANYON GOLF CLUB CHOSEN AS  
NEW SITE FOR JIM MCLEAN GOLF SCHOOL**

**FOUNTAIN HILLS, ARIZ.** – SunRidge Canyon Golf Club announced today that it will be home to a new Jim McLean Golf School, with a full complement of game-improving instruction programs and packages available to students beginning in mid November 2011.

“Jim McLean certainly has built an impressive resume over the years as a player, instructor and author,” said Jeff Lessig, General Manager of SunRidge Canyon Golf Club. “We look forward to building a strong relationship between our organizations to provide a solid venue for golfers to learn the game at the best school available.”

The instruction facility will be located on SunRidge Canyon’s practice facility with a permanent structure to be built in 2012 to house the school. McLean’s stable of Lead Master, Master and Certified Instructors will begin accommodating students sometime mid November with frequent visits from McLean as his calendar permits.

“We’re anxious to get started at SunRidge Canyon,” said Jim McLean. “We have been meaning to establish a school in the Scottsdale area for some time now. After a number of site visits by our team, SunRidge Canyon quickly made its way to the top of the list. The combination of great facilities located in a uniquely beautiful setting ultimately swayed our decision in their favor.”

Much like its counterparts throughout the world, the Jim McLean Golf School at SunRidge Canyon will draw students from across the U.S. and the world, a perfect match given that the Scottsdale/Fountain Hills area is already a popular destination for golf vacationers. To accommodate travelers, CopperWynd Resort and Club, located adjacent to SunRidge Canyon, will serve as the preferred lodging partner, with many other lodging options available as well.

“We graciously welcome the opportunity to host Jim McLean Golf School students,” said Neil Ginsberg, Manager, CopperWynd Resort and Club. “The participants will find their stay at CopperWynd to be a unique and intimate Sonoran desert experience. We’re happy to provide

them with a comfortable home base where they can relax, refuel and get a good night's sleep after great day at the golf school.”

## **ABOUT JIM MCLEAN**

Jim McLean has long been recognized as one of the top golf instructors in the world, named 1994 PGA Teacher of The Year, and currently ranked No.4 by *Golf Digest*, among many other distinctions. Along with the world's best database of golf swing clips and video content, Jim McLean has completed more than 35 years of research on the golf swing. Using corridors of success and safety zones, Jim McLean's teaching system can accommodate a variety of golf swings. Every student that attends a Jim McLean golf school or lesson will improve their game and leave with an organized plan for improvement. On average students improve their handicap by 4.6 strokes after taking a golf school program. Golf Schools feature The 8-Step Swing®, The Slot Swing™, X-Factor®, Y-Factor™, and Powerline.

Other Jim McLean Golf School locations include: Doral Golf Resort & Spa in Miami, Fla.; PGA West in La Quinta, Calif.; La Quinta Resort in La Quinta, Calif.; Texas Golf Center in Ft. Worth, Tex.; Mayakoba Resort in Playa Del Carmen, Mex.; Golf Santander in Madrid, Spain; Red Ledges in Heber City, Utah; JW Marriot Marquis in Miami, Fla. and Miami Beach Golf Club in Miami Beach, Fla.

McLean has also authored more than a dozen golf books, including *8 Step Swing, X Factor, Book of Drills, Ultimate Book of Drills, The Slot Swing, 3 Scoring Clubs*. And McLean has produced more than a dozen videos and DVDs, including “*Building Block Approach to Golf*.”

Current professional golfers under McLean's tutelage include: Keegan Bradley, 2011 PGA Champion and Byron Nelson winner; Alexis Thompson, 2011 Navistar LPGA Classic winner, youngest in LPGA Tour history; Cristie Kerr, #1 Ranked US player and #3 ranked player in the world; and Erik Compton, 2011 winner of Nationwide Tour Mexico Open. Learn more about Jim McLean and his golf schools by calling 800-723-6725 or visit [www.jimmclean.com](http://www.jimmclean.com).

## **About SunRidge Canyon Golf Club**

SunRidge Canyon Golf Club features an 18-hole, Keith Foster-designed golf course located on the eastern slope of the McDowell Mountains in Fountain Hills, Arizona. Open since 1995, SunRidge Canyon has been recognized as one of Arizona's finest golf facilities by numerous golf publications as well as local golfers. The 6,823-yard, par-71 golf course works its way down a large canyon that defines the property, descending subtly during the front nine before bending around to climb up the canyon on the back nine. Along the way, golfers discover that the course wasn't so much built by a bulldozer as it was created over eons by the relentless pressure of wind and water. Foster had the good sense to follow Mother Nature's lead to instill SunRidge Canyon with a measure of beauty and challenge unlike any other desert golf course in

the Valley. In fact, many have called out its finishing holes – called the Wicked 6 – as the toughest in the state.

The club's Spanish hacienda-style clubhouse features a well-appointed golf shop and retail experience, a restaurant and grill serving breakfast and lunch as well as a sprawling patio ideally suited for Arizona's indoor/outdoor lifestyle. The club specializes in hosting group gatherings such as awards banquets, weddings, receptions or other special events. Among other things, guests are treated to stunning mountain views as well as the property's shimmering water features and lush Sonoran Desert landscape. For more information visit [www.SunRidgeCanyonGolf.com](http://www.SunRidgeCanyonGolf.com) call 480-837-5100 or "like" [SunRidge Canyon](#) on facebook.

### **About CopperWynd Resort & Club**

CopperWynd Resort and Club is an intimate luxury boutique-style resort perched on a steep desert ridge overlooking SunRidge Canyon Golf Club, providing a distinctive measure of convenience and comfort for students of the McLean Golf School. The resort is punctuated by spectacular views from the entire property including each of its 32 rooms. Alchemy Restaurant & Wine Bar, located at CopperWynd, offers an Inspired American dining experience with dishes created by Chef Paul O'Connor. CopperWynd is home to a number of other amenities including a full-service spa, swimming pools, whirlpool spa, lighted tennis courts and a complete Fitness Center outfitted with cardiovascular and resistance-training equipment. CopperWynd also features venues for meetings and private events for groups of 5 to 50. For more information visit CopperWynd, [www.copperwynd.com](http://www.copperwynd.com), call 480-333-1900, or "like" [CopperWynd](#) on facebook.