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250 Mesa Public Schools Students Travel to Longbow Golf Club

**THE FIRST TEE OF PHOENIX TO HOLD FREE
JUNIOR GOLF CLINIC FOR MESA PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENTS**

MESA, Ariz.— Longbow Golf Club announced today they will hold a free junior golf clinic for 250 students from Mesa Public Schools (MPS) 5th and 6th graders on December 9. Participating in the clinic are 5th grade students attending Eisenhower Center for Innovation and Irving Elementary school, as well as 6th grade students from Lowell Elementary School.

The schools participating in the free clinic are also schools participating in The First Tee National School Board Program as part of their elementary school curriculum. Clinic instructors are part of The First Tee of Phoenix programming location at Longbow Golf Club. The clinic is its tenth year and more than 2,000 MPS students have attended since the first clinic in 2005.

The clinic will begin at approximately 9:30 am with a short presentation and trick-shot golf show from The First Tee national ambassador, Ennis Walters, before students break into groups for the clinic. Dennis' dream was always to play successfully on the PGA TOUR until he had an accident in 1974 that left him paralyzed from the waist down. He learned to play golf again while sitting in a wheelchair and since has made over 3,000 appearances using his own personal example to inspire adults and children to achieve success in life.

"I am grateful to Dennis Walters and Jersey Mike's for their commitment to junior golf," said Bob McNichols of Longbow Golf Club. "With their help, we continue to educate and inspire the students of Mesa Public Schools in life lessons that can help prepare them for their future."

In addition, the clinic will feature a free lunch from Jersey Mike's Subs for the students in attendance. During the lunch portion, former Arizona Diamondbacks pitcher, Russ Ortiz, will give a short presentation followed by a question and answer session.

"This is an excellent opportunity to showcase the game of golf and the life lessons it teaches," said Kevin Terry, Executive Director The First Tee of Phoenix. "We're also thankful to Dennis for sharing his amazing story and the perseverance that can be learned from his battle."

The MPS students will return to school after the conclusion of the event at noon. All transportation will be provided by MPS.

About The First Tee of Phoenix

The First Tee of Phoenix is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created by The Thunderbirds for the purpose of providing affordable access to golf and golf learning facilities for young people in Maricopa County from all walks of life, particularly those who otherwise might not have an opportunity to play. As one of the largest chapters in The First Tee Network impacting more than 100,000 youth annually, The First Tee of Phoenix offers classes, special monthly family events and tournaments as part of its programming. Now with 13 locations in the Valley – Talking Stick, Legacy, Desert Mirage, Papago, Falcon Dunes, Longbow, Lone Tree, Cave Creek, Encanto, Maryvale, Augila, Palm Valley and Augusta Ranch – The First Tee of Phoenix programming sites serve as conveniently located places for participants to learn valuable life skills and character-building lessons through creative activities and instructional programs that incorporate the fundamental teachings of golf. For more information on The First Tee of Phoenix call 602-305-7655, or visit www.thefirsttee phoenix.org.

About The Thunderbirds

The Thunderbirds were founded in 1937 with the mission of promoting the Valley of the Sun through sports. Consisting of 55 “active” members and more than 250 “life” members, The Thunderbirds host the Waste Management Phoenix Open; the best-attended golf tournament in the world, which to date has raised more than \$100 million for Valley charities, including The First Tee of Phoenix. With its unmatched fan participation and rich history dating back more than 80 years, the Waste Management Phoenix Open has gained legendary status for being a unique stop on the PGA TOUR. For more information on The Thunderbirds or the Waste Management Phoenix Open visit www.wm phoenixopen.com.

About Longbow Golf Club

Longbow Golf Club and Business Park is a 330-acre, mixed-use commercial development that incorporates office, light industrial, retail and hotel uses surrounded by desert vegetation and a main street transportation design and features the award-winning Longbow Golf Club. Longbow Golf Club features a 7,003-yard Ken Kavanaugh-designed golf course that was recently ranked as one of the “Top 100 Resort Courses in The Country” by *Golfweek* magazine for 2009. Daedalus Real Estate Advisors, LLC is a Phoenix-based commercial real estate services company that provides investment, development and communications consulting to corporate real estate clients in Arizona and the Southwest. For more information about Longbow Golf Club visit www.longbowgolf.com, call 480.807.5400 or become a fan of Longbow on Facebook at www.facebook.com/longbowgolfclub, or follow Longbow on Twitter at www.twitter.com/longbowgolfclub.

About Dennis Walters

The Dennis Walters Golf Show is a one hour combination of “Golf Lessons and Life Lessons.” Dennis’ dream was always to play successfully on the PGA TOUR, but he had an accident in 1974 which left him paralyzed from the waist down. Although Dennis found there were many things he couldn’t do anymore, he never gave up his dream of playing golf. Dennis uses his own personal experience as an example to challenge each person in the audience to do something in their life that perhaps they thought was impossible, for with hard work, dedication, and perseverance, you can achieve success at anything. To learn more about Dennis, visit www.denniswalters.com.