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*DEFENDING CHAMP MARK WILSON, BUBBA WATSON, AND RICKIE FOWLER AMONG EARLY COMMITMENTS*  
**2012 WASTE MANAGEMENT PHOENIX OPEN FIELD BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE**

**PHOENIX, Ariz.** – Defending tournament champion Mark Wilson, Rickie Fowler and three-time PGA TOUR winner and Scottsdale resident Bubba Watson are among the first commitments to the 2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open. The 2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open will be played the week of January 30 – February 5 at the TPC Scottsdale.

To date, 11 of the top-30 and 75 of the top-125 money leaders from the 2011 season have committed. A field of 132 players will vie for the \$6.1 million purse, the \$1,098,000 first-place check and FedEx Cup points.

Webb Simpson (No. 10), Nick Watney (No. 12), Watson (No. 21), Sang-Moon Bae (No. 30) and Fowler (No. 32) are the highest ranked players on the Official World Golf Ranking currently in the field. Other top-ranked players who have committed include Jason Dufner (No. 33), Brandt Snedeker (No. 38), Fredrik Jacobson, (No. 40), Martin Laird (No. 47), Ben Crane (No. 54) and Jonathan Byrd (No. 65).

PGA TOUR members have until 5 p.m. on Friday, January 27, to commit to play in the Waste Management Phoenix Open. Eligible players are assigned one of 34 PGA TOUR priority ranking categories based on their past performance on TOUR. The field will continue to change as players with higher priority rankings commit to play in the Open.

Three-time Phoenix Open Champion Mark Calcavecchia is also in the field thanks to a sponsor exemption. The Thunderbirds have a total of five exemptions to give out to the 2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open. The remaining four exemptions will be announced in the coming weeks leading up to the tournament.

Other notables to commit include 12-time PGA TOUR winner Justin Leonard, 2007 U.S. Open and 2009 Masters Champion Angel Cabrera, 2009 U.S. Open Champion Lucas Glover, 2009 tournament champion Kenny Perry, two-time Phoenix Open Champion Vijay Singh, as well as a host of 2011 first-

time winners including Jhonattan Vegas, Scott Stallings, Brendon Steele, Bryce Molder, Chris Kirk, D.A. Points, Jacobson, Harrison Frazar, Kevin Na and Scott Piercy.

A number of local golfers also have committed including Ricky Barnes, Laird, Billy Mayfair, Pat Perez, Chez Reavie, Mathew Goggin and Kevin Streelman.

The Waste Management Phoenix Open will be played January 30 – February 5, 2012, at the TPC Scottsdale. The tournament host Thunderbirds have raised more than \$75 million for charities, with more than \$45 million generated since 2004. The 2012 edition will mark the 77<sup>th</sup> playing of the event, making it one of the five oldest events on the PGA TOUR (not including the major championships). Title sponsor Waste Management, Inc., based in Houston, Texas, is the leading provider of comprehensive waste management services in North America. Through its subsidiaries, the company provides collection, transfer, recycling and resource recovery, and disposal services. It is also a leading developer, operator and owner of waste-to-energy and landfill gas-to-energy facilities in the United States. The company's customers include residential, commercial, industrial, and municipal customers throughout North America. For more information on Waste Management visit [wm.com](http://wm.com) or [thinkgreen.com](http://thinkgreen.com). For more information on the Waste Management Phoenix Open, visit [wmphoenixopen.com](http://wmphoenixopen.com).



### Alpha Field List 2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open

Blake Adams	Jason Dufner	Spencer Levin	Andres Romero
Robert Allenby	Ken Duke	Jamie Lovemark	Webb Simpson
Stephen Ames	Harris English	Bill Lunde	Vijay Singh
Stuart Appleby	Matt Every	Jarrold Lyle	Heath Slocum
Arjun Atwal	Rickie Fowler	Jeff Maggert	Brandt Snedeker
Sang-Moon Bae	Harrison Frazar	John Mallinger	Scott Stallings
Briny Baird	Tommy Gainey	Steve Marino	Kyle Stanley
Ricky Barnes	Stephen Gangluff	David Mathis	Brendan Steele
Cameron Beckman	Bobby Gates	Troy Matteson	Kevin Streelman
Charlie Beljan	Brian Gay	Billy Mayfair	Chris Stroud
Matt Bettencourt	Tom Gillis	William McGirt	Kevin Sutherland
Tommy Biershenk	Lucas Glover	George McNeill	Vaughn Taylor
Kris Blanks	Mathew Goggin	Rocco Mediate	Josh Teater
Jonas Blixt	Hunter Haas	Bryce Molder	Kyle Thompson
Jason Bohn	Brian Harman	Kevin Na	Michael Thompson
Scott Brown	David Hearn	Seung-yul Noh	Brendon Todd
Jonathan Byrd	J.J. Henry	Sean O'Hair	Cameron Tringale
Angel Cabrera	Tim Herron	Nick O'Hern	Jhonattan Vegas
Mark Calcavecchia	Charley Hoffman	Arron Oberholser	Camilo Villegas
Miguel Angel Carballo	Ryuji Imada	Joe Ogilvie	Johnson Wagner
Roberto Castro	Fredrik Jacobson	Jeff Overton	Jimmy Walker
Bud Cauley	Sunghoon Kang	Ryan Palmer	Nick Watney
Alex Cejka	Troy Kelly	Rod Pampling	Bubba Watson
Kevin Chappell	J.J. Killeen	Pat Perez	Charlie Wi
Gary Christian	Chris Kirk	Tom Pernice Jr.	

Stewart Cink  
Gavin Coles  
Chad Collins  
Chris Couch  
Ben Crane  
Brian Davis  
Marco Dawson  
Brendon de Jonge

Kevin Kisner  
Russell Knox  
Jason Kokrak  
Martin Laird  
Derek Lamely  
Danny Lee  
Marc Leishman  
Justin Leonard

Kenny Perry  
Carl Pettersson  
Scott Piercy  
D.A. Points  
Ted Potter, Jr.  
Chez Reavie  
Kyle Reifers  
John Rollins

Mark Wilson