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JEFF QUINNEY RECEIVES SPONSOR EXEMPTION TO 2012 WASTE MANAGEMENT PHOENIX OPEN

PHOENIX, Ariz. – 2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open Tournament Chairman Alex Clark announced today that Scottsdale resident Jeff Quinney will receive the fourth of five sponsor exemptions for the 2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open, scheduled to be played January 30 – February 5 at the TPC Scottsdale.

“Jeff is one of the great guys on the PGA TOUR and someone who’s had some success playing in our tournament,” Clark said. “And while Jeff’s 2011 PGA TOUR season didn’t go as well as he’d hoped, we’re hoping this sponsor exemption will springboard him toward a fantastic 2012 season.”

In 2011, Quinney played in 14 PGA TOUR events, with his best finish a T13 at the Mayakoba Classic.

Quinney is a 2001 graduate of Arizona State University and is a former USGA US Amateur Champion. The 2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open will mark Quinney’s seventh tournament appearance and his third sponsor exemption (2001, 2011). His best tournament finish was third place at the 2007 FBR Open, when Quinney led most of the tournament only to succumb to the hotter putter of eventual champion Aaron Baddeley.

The Thunderbirds have a total of five exemptions to give out to the 2012 Waste Management Phoenix Open. The first exemption went to three-time tournament champion Mark Calcavecchia, the second went to PGA TOUR rookie Harris English and the third went to TOUR veteran Fred Couples. The remaining exemption will be announced in the coming days leading up to the tournament.

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 77th 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 or thinkgreen.com. For more information on the Waste Management Phoenix Open, visit wmphoenixopen.com.

