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#### **SCHAUFFELE, BURNS AND YOUNG LATEST COMMITMENTS TO 2024 WM PHOENIX OPEN PRESENTED BY TAYLOR MORRISON**

**SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.** – PGA TOUR player commitments continue to come in for the 89<sup>th</sup> edition of “The People’s Open” as World No. 6 and Olympic Gold Medalist Xander Schauffele, World No. 21 Sam Burns, and 2022 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year Cameron Young are the latest to commit to the 2024 WM Phoenix Open presented by Taylor Morrison set to tee it up at “The People’s Open” February 5-11 at TPC Scottsdale.

“We’re thrilled to not only add three incredible players to the 2024 WM Phoenix Open field, but also three amazing ambassadors of the game of golf,” said 2024 WM Phoenix Open Tournament Chairman George Thimsen. “All three of these guys have had tremendous success at each part of their career and we can’t wait to see them compete at ‘The People’s Open’ this February.”

Schauffele continued his already impressive career with a strong 2023 season which ultimately led to a runner-up finish at the TOUR Championship and the season long FedExCup Standings, good enough for 10<sup>th</sup> place on the PGA TOUR money list (\$8,459,066). In 23 events last season, Schauffele finished in the Top-25 18 times, the Top-10 eleven times, carded a solo second-place finish at the Wells Fargo Championship and did not miss a single cut. Schauffele has seven PGA TOUR victories in his six-year professional career to go along with a 2021 Olympic Gold Medal, has been a member of two victorious U.S. Presidents Cup teams (2019, 2022) and two U.S. Ryder Cup teams (2021, 2023), and is currently ranked No. 6 in the Official World Golf Rankings. Schauffele will be making his seventh appearance at the WM Phoenix Open in 2024 where he has carded two T-10s, a third-place finish and a runner-up in 2021.

Burns is stacking together impressive seasons on the PGA TOUR with four victories in the last two years including a win at the 2023 World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play in Austin, Texas. During his four-year career, he has five total PGA TOUR victories including a title defense of his 2021 Valspar Championship victory. Burns was a member of the 2023 U.S. Ryder Cup team, will make his sixth appearance at “The People’s Open” in 2024 and is ranked No. 21 in the Official World Golf Rankings.

Rising PGA TOUR star and 2022 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year Cameron Young amassed five Top-10s during his 2023 campaign including a runner-up finish at the World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play and a T-8 finish at the 2023 Open Championship at Royal Liverpool on his way to a 42nd place finish in the FedEx Cup standings. Young is currently ranked No. 22 in the Official World Golf Rankings and will make his third WM Phoenix Open appearance.

PGA TOUR members have until 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb 2, to commit to play in the WM 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.

The 2024 WM Phoenix Open will take place Feb. 5-11 at TPC Scottsdale. “The People’s Open” has been named the Tournament of the Year by the PGA TOUR five times to acknowledge the tournament’s legendary status as one the most unique events in golf. The 2024 edition will mark the 89th playing of the event (one of the five oldest events on the PGA TOUR) and the 15<sup>th</sup> with WM as title sponsor. For more information visit [www.wmphoenixopen.com](http://www.wmphoenixopen.com).

The Thunderbirds were founded in 1937 with the mission of promoting the Valley of the Sun through sports. The Thunderbirds consist of 55 “active” members and more than 280 “life” members who have helped the tournament eclipse \$190 million in charitable giving since its inception in 1932 (through the 2023 tournament). For more information on The Thunderbirds or the 2024 WM Phoenix Open, visit [www.wmphoenixopen.com](http://www.wmphoenixopen.com).

