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*FIELD INCLUDES 10 OF TOP-25 IN OFFICIAL WORLD GOLF RANKINGS; 22 OF TOP-30 IN 2020 FEDEXCUP STANDINGS*

**WORLD-CLASS FIELD IS NEARLY SET FOR 2020 WASTE MANAGEMENT PHOENIX OPEN  
PRESENTED BY THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY**

**SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.** - Top-ranked players Tony Finau (16th) and Matt Kuchar (20th) are among the final players to commit to play in the 2020 Waste Management Phoenix Open Presented by The AK-Chin Indian Community, set to tee it up January 27-February 2 at TPC Scottsdale.

Additionally, 2011 PGA Championship winner Keegan Bradley and 12-time PGA TOUR winner Steve Stricker committed to the field; while PGA TOUR veteran and two-time TOUR winner Harris English, former Air Force Captain Kyle Westmoreland and 29-year-old PGA TOUR rookie Sebastian Cappelen received the last of five available sponsor exemptions for the 2020 tournament. The first two exemptions were awarded to Scott Harrington and Viktor Hovland.

Tony Finau's 2019 season was rock solid, recording six Top-10 finishes in 25 events including three runner-up finishes at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions in China, the Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas and the Charles Schwab Challenge. Finau also took home a solo third-place finish at the 2019 Open Championship and two Top-10 finishes in the FedExCup Playoffs, placing fourth at the BMW Championship and seventh at the TOUR Championship to finish seventh in the final FedExCup standings.

Kuchar is coming off a stellar 2019 campaign in which he carded wins at the Mayakoba Golf Classic and the Sony Open in Hawaii, earned two runner-ups and finished with a total of eight

Top-10's on his way to a 16<sup>th</sup> place standing in the FedExCup final. Kuchar has four Top-10 finishes in 10 WM Phoenix Open appearances and he finished T9, T5 and T4 in the last three years.

“The Waste Management Phoenix Open prides itself on always having a top-notch field and the 2020 group is no exception. We're thrilled to welcome this collection of past champions, Major winners and the next crop of PGA TOUR superstars to play in The People's Open,” said Tournament Chairman Tim Woods.

The 2020 field includes 19 of the Top-50 players in the Official World Golf Ranking (OWGR). Jon Rahm (3) is the highest-ranked player currently in the field. Other ranked players in the field include Justin Thomas (4), Xander Schauffele (9), Webb Simpson (11), Gary Woodland (15), Finau (16), Bryson DeChambeau (17), Matt Kuchar (20), Hideki Matsuyama (23), Rickie Fowler (25), Kevin Na (27), Cameron Smith (33), Sungjae Im (34), Billy Horschel (39), Chez Reavie (40), Jordan Spieth (45), Byeong Hun An (47), Brant Snedeker (48) and Andrew Putnam (49).

The field includes nine players who have combined to win 13 Major championships including Spieth (3) , Zach Johnson (2), Bubba Watson (2), Bradley (1), Woodland (1), Thomas (1), Charl Schwartzel (1), Webb Simpson (1) and Jimmy Walker (1).

The 2020 field also has seven former WM Phoenix Open champions including Fowler (2019), Woodland (2018), Matsuyama (2016, 2017), Kyle Stanley (2012), J.B. Holmes (2006, 2008) and Aaron Baddeley (2007).

The field for next week's tournament is nearly set as three qualifying spots are still up for grabs. A field of 132 players will vie for the \$7.3 million purse, the \$1,314,000 first-place check and 500 FedExCup points.

PGA TOUR members had until 5 p.m. ET today 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 in TOUR.

Non-committed players participating in the Farmers Insurance Open have a half-hour from the end of second round play to commit. In addition, any previously uncommitted players placing in the Top-10 at the Farmers Insurance Open also can commit to play Sunday evening.

The 2020 Waste Management Phoenix Open Presented by The Ak-Chin Indian Community will be held at TPC Scottsdale January 27 - February 2, 2020. “The People's Open” was recently named the Tournament of the Year by the PGA TOUR for 2019, an honor that has

been awarded four times in the last six years (2014, 2015, 2018, 2019) to help the tournament gain legendary status for being one the most unique events in golf. The 2020 edition will mark the 85th playing of the event (one of the five oldest events on the PGA TOUR) and the 11th as the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

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. The Thunderbirds raised a record \$13.2 million for charity from proceeds from the 2019 WM Phoenix Open and have eclipsed \$147 million in charitable giving since its inception in 1932. For more information on The Thunderbirds or the 2020 Waste Management Phoenix Open, visit [www.wmphoenixopen.com](http://www.wmphoenixopen.com).



