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**PATRICK PETERSON, CC SABATHIA, ADAM THIELEN AND JARED GOFF
LATEST ADDITIONS TO PLAY IN ANNEXUS PRO-AM
AT THE 2022 WM PHOENIX OPEN PRESENTED BY TAYLOR MORRISON**

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – Former Arizona Cardinals All-Pro cornerback Patrick Peterson, future Hall-of-Fame pitcher CC Sabathia, Minnesota Vikings Pro-Bowl receiver Adam Thielen and current Detroit Lions quarterback Jared Goff are among the next crop of celebrities who will be playing in the Annexus Pro-Am at the WM Phoenix Open on Wednesday, Feb. 9, at TPC Scottsdale’s Stadium Course.

Peterson spent 10 of 11 career NFL seasons in the Valley of the Sun, making eight-straight Pro-Bowl appearances from 2011-2018 for the Cardinals. He was named First-Team All-Pro three times (2011, 2013, 2015) and also named to the NFL’s 2010s All Decade Team and Sporting News’ 2010s All Decade Team. In 2021, Peterson signed with the Minnesota Vikings in free agency and played 13 games recording 45 tackles and one interception. Peterson is an avid golfer and a regular attendee of “The People’s Open” and the Annexus Pro-Am.

One of the most accomplished starting pitchers of the 21st century, Sabathia played 19 seasons for three MLB teams (Cleveland Guardians, Milwaukee Brewers, New York Yankees). He was named to the All-Star team six times (2003, 2004, 2007, 2010-2012), won the AL Cy Young Award in 2007, was awarded the ALCS MVP en route to a World Series title in 2009 with the New York Yankees and twice led Major League Baseball in wins (2009, 2010). Sabathia’s career wins total of 251 is the most ever for a pitcher who made his debut after 2000, and his 3,093 career strikeouts are good for 16th most all time and third most for any lefthanded pitcher in history.

Minnesota native Adam Thielen is a two-time Pro Bowl wide receiver who has spent every year of his nine-year professional career with his home-state Minnesota Vikings. Thielen currently ranks 7th on the Vikings all-time receiving yards list (5,966), 5th in receptions (464) and 5th in receiving touchdowns (49). In 2018, Thielen tied the record for most consecutive 100-yard receiving games (8) and broke the record for most consecutive games with 100+ receiving yards to begin a season (8) while going on to lead the NFL in both receptions and receiving yards for the year. Thielen will make his first appearance at the 2022 Annexus Pro-Am.

Two-time Pro Bowl quarterback Jared Goff will make his first appearance in the Annexus Pro-Am in 2022. Goff was highly touted as one of the most polished young pocket passers coming out of college and was drafted No. 1 overall in the 2016 NFL Draft to the Los Angeles Rams, a team he helped lead to the Super Bowl in 2018. In 2021, Goff was traded to the Detroit Lions where he threw for 3,245 yards, 19 touchdowns, and eight interceptions in 14 games. Goff also holds the NFL record for most passing completions in a regular season game (45 tied with Drew Bledsoe).

Tee times for the Annexus Pro-Am will range from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Exact tee times for participants will be announced on Tuesday, Feb. 8 on WMPhoenixOpen.com, along with a complete list of celebrities and PGA TOUR players in the field.

The 2022 WM Phoenix Open Presented by Taylor Morrison will take place Feb. 7-13 at TPC Scottsdale. “The People’s Open” has been named the Tournament of the Year by the PGA TOUR four times in the past eight years (2014, 2015, 2018, 2019) to acknowledge the tournament’s legendary status as one the most unique events in golf. The 2022 edition will mark the 87th playing of the event (one of the five oldest events on the PGA TOUR) and the 13th with WM as title sponsor.

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 \$165 million in charitable giving since its inception in 1932 (through the 2021 tournament). For more information on The Thunderbirds or the 2022 WM Phoenix Open, visit www.wmphenixopen.com.

