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### **TPC Scottsdale Desert Course Closed, New Course to Be Built**

**Scottsdale, AZ (January 1, 2007)** – Named by Golf Digest “One of the Best Places To Play In America” for its superb golf and variety of upscale amenities, the TPC Scottsdale Desert Course will be officially closed on January 3, 2007. In its place, a brand new 18-hole championship golf course will be built in partnership with the City of Scottsdale for over \$10 million in capital.

“Plans for the new course are designed to provide local residents, guests, PGA TOUR players and FBR Open spectators with a memorable golf experience as well as enable us to increase charitable contributions to the community through The Thunderbirds,” said TPC Scottsdale General Manager Bill Grove. “From significant competitive enhancements and design elements to clubhouse and banquet space improvements, we are confident the new 18-hole facility will be an even bigger asset to this fantastic resort destination.”

Set in the Sonoran Desert surrounded by the majestic McDowell Mountains, the TPC Scottsdale opened in 1987 and quickly earned acclaim as one of the best golf resorts in America. The Club features two world-class championship layouts: the par-71, 7,216-yard Stadium Course, which serves as home to the largest spectator event on the PGA TOUR, the FBR Open (formerly the Phoenix Open); and the new par-71, 7,100-yard Champions Course, formerly known as the Desert Course, will be a great addition to the TPC Scottsdale family.

Plans, which will be conducted under the direction of golf course designer Randy Heckenkamper, will have the course measure from the championship tees at 7,100 yards and a par of 71. Every hole will be designed with the emphasis on the enjoyment of the rich landscape of the Sonoran Desert and being playable for all levels of golfers. The course will also benefit from significantly improved drainage and irrigation systems, which will facilitate greater consistency in playing conditions year-round, and it will use the natural elevation changes of the property to offer greater visual character as well as a challenging golf experience.

Construction will begin in January 2007 prior to the FBR Open and reopen in November 2007. For more information, visit [www.tpc.com](http://www.tpc.com) or call (888) 211-6593. For media information only, please contact Tiffany Nelson or e-mail at [tiffanynelson@pgatourtpc.com](mailto:tiffanynelson@pgatourtpc.com) or (480) 585-4334.

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### **About the TPC Network**

Managed by PGA TOUR subsidiary PGA TOUR Golf Course Properties, Inc., the Tournament Players Club (TPC) Network is comprised of 23 premier private, resort and daily fee golf properties designed by some of golf's most notable architects. Each TPC has hosted or has been designed to host TOUR-sanctioned events.

Since the TPC at Sawgrass first opened its world-renowned Stadium Course in the fall of 1980, TPCs have provided rent-free venues for PGA TOUR, Champions Tour and Nationwide Tour tournaments, helping to boost purses and increase charitable donations to grass roots non-profit organizations. At the same time, TPCs have provided recreational golfers with the unique opportunity to test their skills on the same layouts where the world's best golfers compete.

Distinctive in character but consistent in quality, TPCs are known for their outstanding conditioning, amenities and commitment to environmental excellence. To date, 21 of the 23 TPCs are certified as Audubon International Cooperative Sanctuary Systems. The TPC Network also is distinguished by its commitment to give back to local communities through support of charitable and community-based programs. For more information, visit [www.tpc.com](http://www.tpc.com).

### **About the PGA TOUR**

The PGA TOUR is a tax-exempt membership organization of professional golfers. Its primary purpose is to provide competitive opportunities for past, current and future members of the PGA TOUR, Champions Tour and Nationwide Tour; to protect the integrity of the game; and to help grow the reach of the game in the U.S. and around the world.

Nearly 120 events will be contested on the three Tours in 2006, for approximately \$325 million in prize money. In addition to providing competitive opportunities for its membership, TOUR events have raised more than \$1 billion for charity since 1988, the first year such records were kept. The PGA TOUR's Web site address is [www.pgatour.com](http://www.pgatour.com).

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