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## **Legends Tour Opens 2017 Season In Sun City West, Ariz.**

**BOSTON, Nov. 23, 2016** – The Legends Tour will open its 2017 season March 2-5, in Arizona at the Walgreens Charity Classic. The sixth annual tournament will return to Grandview Golf Course in Sun City West, Ariz., bringing the legends of women's golf back to the Grand Canyon state.

"We love starting off our season with the fans in Sun City West," said Jane Blalock, Legends Tour CEO. "The enthusiasm for our players in this golf-savvy community is inspiring and we are so grateful to Walgreens for continuing this season-opening tradition at Grandview Golf Course."

Defending champion Juli Inkster, who won the 2016 tournament by three shots, will return to Arizona, hoping to defend her title. Inkster will once again serve as the U.S. Solheim Cup Team Captain in 2017, after leading the U.S. team to a 2015 win in Europe.



**Juli Inkster teeing off**



**Judy Dickinson and Jan Stephenson**

The Legends Tour event will feature a field of 50 veteran LPGA players age 45-over competing for a purse of \$250,000. Past champions of the event are: Rosie Jones, Michele Redman, Liselotte Neumann, Kris Tschetter and Inkster.

"Hosting the event in March is a nice way to showcase the Sun City West community, Grandview Golf Course, the great weather in the West Valley and of course, the golf talents of these women professionals," said Patrick O'Hara, golf operations manager at Sun City West. "We hope everyone who enjoys golf comes out to follow their favorite Legends Tour player."

Tournament week will begin with player practice rounds on Tuesday, Feb. 28, followed by the "Women's Amateur Desert Scramble" event on Wednesday, March 1. The low-gross scoring and low-net teams in the event will win spots in the next day's tournament pro-am. The professional tournament's Official Pro-Am will be held on Thursday, March 2, with an awards dinner following play. Professional practice rounds will continue on Friday, March 3, with the first round of the tournament set for Saturday, March 4. The tournament's final round will be played on Sunday, March 5. The champion's check and trophy presentation will follow play.

Tournament volunteer registration will be made available to Sun City West residents starting on December 1, 2016. Non-residents will have access to volunteer registration starting on January 1, 2017. Deadline for volunteer registration will be February 1, 2017.

A volunteer registration fee of \$50 includes a volunteer shirt, hat, meal voucher, parking and event tickets.

Amateur golfers wishing to purchase spots for individuals or teams in the pro-am, as well as local businesses interested in purchasing sponsorship packages should contact Sue Fracker: [sfracker@jbcgolf.com](mailto:sfracker@jbcgolf.com) and 617-513-4716.

For more information about The Legends Tour, the official senior tour of the LPGA, visit [www.thelegendstour.com](http://www.thelegendstour.com).