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State of the Golf Union:

Reno-Area PGA Professionals Weigh In on Wildcreek and Local Golf Market

Public Forum Set for Oct. 25 at Reno Elks Club

(RENO, NV. Oct. 19, 2017) -- Comprising more than 100 years of local golf knowledge, PGA Professionals Mike Mazzaferri, Fred Elliot and Ward Sutton along with Chris Dewar, LPGA and Executive Director of The First Tee of Northern Nevada, will present the State of the Union for local golf at a public forum from 6:45-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at the Reno Elks Club at [597 Kumle Lane, Reno, NV.](#)

"It is important to understand the current golf market conditions and the context of the Wildcreek Golf Course decision being contemplated by the school district, county and convention authority," said Mike Mazzaferri, president of Mazzaferri Golf Management and manager of Sierra Sage Golf Course.

The "Save Wildcreek" Association will present over the second hour from 7:45-8:30 p.m. with an open forum from 8:30-9:00pm. "Save Wildcreek" is a group of concerned citizens from Reno, Sparks and Washoe County that oppose the location of the proposed high school on the current Wildcreek Golf Course property. They will discuss their concerns regarding the location, traffic, FAA, flood control and various other problems they see.

Earlier this year, the Washoe County School District chose the Wildcreek Golf Course, currently operated by the Reno-Sparks Convention and Tourism Authority, as the site of its first new high school built with revenue from WC-1, a voter-approved sales tax increase to fund school construction and maintenance. The new high school will allow for the renovation of Hug High School into a 1,400-seat career and technical academy, alleviate overcrowding at Spanish Springs High School and expand the district's capacity for career and technical education.

"If we lose Wildcreek for golf it means that Reno-Sparks golfers will have lost 99 holes in the past 10 years. Plus, the loss of those facilities to teach and nurture golf for the next generation," Mazzaferri said.

Golf Speakers include: Ward Sutton, President of the Sierra Nevada Chapter and PGA Manager at Hidden Valley CC who will open the meeting and discuss current golf market conditions.

Chris Dewar, LPGA, Executive Director of The First Tee of Northern Nevada who will talk about Programs of The First Tee of Northern Nevada and other junior golf initiatives in the region.

Fred Elliot, PGA is a former Director of Golf and General Manager at Wildcreek. Fred will talk about Wildcreek's history and mission and it's storied past.

Mazzaferri will share the history of golf in Washoe County since the late 1970's until now. Where Golf has been, where it is now and what may lie ahead.