



# CITY OF TUCSON

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### *TRINI ALVAREZ-EL RIO GOLF COURSE DEDICATION SET FOR JAN. 13*

Renovations have been completed at the City of Tucson's Trini Alvarez-El Rio Golf Course, 1400 W. Speedway, and a dedication event is planned for Thursday, Jan. 13 at 9 a.m.

The course has been closed since May 2004 and re-opens for public play Friday, Jan. 14.

The \$2.9 million renovation effort is the result of a partnership between the City, Tucson Conquistadores, Professional Golf Association (PGA) and The First Tee Program™ of the World Golf Foundation, Inc.

Project funding sources include: \$1.24 million in City monies from the sale of excess land at the Silverbell Golf Course; \$841,000 from the Tucson Conquistadores; and in-kind contributions of \$650,000 from The First Tee Program and \$150,000 from PGA TOUR Design Services.

Improvements to the facility include a new irrigation system, re-grassing of the entire course and the addition of approximately 100 yards in length of play.

Through the efforts of the Conquistadores and The First Tee Program, improvements also include making the facility more accessible for youth play and creating The First Tee of Tucson site.

Additions with youth in mind include (1) adding junior tees to each hole; (2) adding three junior training holes on the driving range; and (3) a junior practice area on the course.

Established in 1962, the Tucson Conquistadores is a civic, fundraising organization which supports youth athletic programs throughout Southern Arizona and sponsors the annual Chrysler Classic of Tucson.

The First Tee, a division of the World Golf Foundation, promotes the value of golf as a positive influence on youth and encourages accessibility for youth and development of life skills through golf.

For information contact Tucson City Golf at 791-5853 or the Tucson Conquistadores at 571-0400.