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Jones named 2011 U.S. Solheim Cup team captain *Seven-time Solheim Cup member "honored" at selection*

DAYTONA BEACH, Florida, February 24, 2010 – Rosie Jones, a 13-time winner on the LPGA Tour who played on seven different Solheim Cup teams during her storied career spanning nearly three decades, has been selected captain of the 2011 U.S. Solheim Cup Team. The 2011 Solheim Cup will be played at Killeen Castle in County Meath, Ireland from Sept. 23-25.

"I am honored and absolutely ecstatic to be chosen as the 2011 Solheim Cup captain," said Jones, a playing member of the first U.S. Solheim Cup team in 1990 who also sank the putt to clinch the 2002 Solheim Cup event (photo). "The Solheim Cup has been a huge part of my career as a player, and now it will be even more exciting as I prepare for what promises to be another great Solheim Cup in Ireland. I couldn't be more proud to represent the United States and have the opportunity to lead our players across the pond to Killeen Castle to retain the Cup."

The 2011 Solheim Cup will be the 12th staging of the biennial, trans-Atlantic team match-play competition featuring the best 12 U.S.-born players from the LPGA and the best 12 European-born players representing the Ladies European Tour (LET). The U.S. leads the series 8-3. Jones faces a challenge in Ireland, however, as the European Team has won all of its three Solheim Cup events on European soil. The 2009 European Solheim Cup Captain Alison Nicholas will once again lead her team, which last year featured such prominent players as Helen Alfredsson, Sophie Gustafson, Catriona Matthew, Anna Nordqvist and Suzann Pettersen.

In her days as a member of the U.S. squad, Jones recorded 12 points over seven Solheim Cups, including an overall singles record of 3-3-1. Her most recent appearance came at the 2005 competition played at the Crooked Stick Golf Club in Carmel, Indiana, where her U.S. team beat the Europeans by three points, tying the closest match in the history of the event.

The most recent Solheim Cup last season drew fans from across the country as they watched a talented Team USA win at Rich Harvest Farms in Sugar Grove, Illinois last August. The U.S. Team kept its undefeated record on home soil alive in front of a record crowd of 120,000. The winning point came in the 11th singles match on the final day when Morgan Pressel defeated Nordqvist to retain the Cup. Record web, attendance and merchandise sales were recorded throughout the week as spectators poured through the gates and fans logged onto LPGA.com to track their favorite players. Providing real-time coverage of the event throughout the week, LPGA.com had nearly 6.9 million page views to the site.

"Rosie Jones is a terrific choice to lead the American team at the 2011 Solheim Cup in Ireland," said John Solheim, PING Chairman & CEO. "As a seven-time participant in the event, including the very first one in 1990, her Solheim Cup experience provides her tremendous insight into team dynamics and what it takes to get the most out of every player. I expect the tenacity Rosie is known for on the golf course will translate to the team and create a competitive and enjoyable environment for the players and fans."

In her career on the LPGA Tour, Jones recorded 13 victories and more than \$8 million in career earnings. Her best year on Tour came in 1988 where she picked up three victories and finished third on the season-ending LPGA Official Money List. In addition to her 13 wins, highlights of her career include 187 top-10 finishes, five holes-in-ones and a 5-4 playoff record. Last October, Jones shot 7-under-par to win the Kinoshita Pearl Classic on The Legends Tour, the Official Legends Tour of the LPGA. She previously won two Legends Tour events in 2007.

Jones was chosen by a selection committee comprised of the past three U.S. team captains, the LPGA Board Chairman, President of the LPGA Executive Committee, and the LPGA Commissioner.

What They're Saying About... Rosie Jones

Beth Daniel, 2009 U.S. Solheim Cup captain and former player:

"I am happy and thrilled at the choice of Rosie Jones for the U.S. Solheim Cup captain in 2011. Rosie understands the spirit of the competition. She has always been a fiery competitor and I am sure she will carry that same attitude to her team as a captain."

Nancy Lopez, former Solheim Cup captain and player:

"Rosie will be a great captain. She has put her heart and soul into every Solheim Cup she has played in. She has the experience and enthusiasm to bring her team to victory. I wish her the best."

Betsy King, former Solheim Cup captain and player:

"I am very happy that Rosie is our next Solheim Cup captain. Rosie was always such a fighter and great competitor during Solheim Cup competition, and I am sure that she will take that fighting spirit to Ireland as she leads the U.S. team in 2011. She will do a tremendous job for the team and representing the United States."

Dawn Hudson, LPGA Board of Directors:

"Rosie's infectious enthusiasm alone makes her a strong candidate, but when you combine her spirit with her years of Solheim experience, demonstrated leadership among players and unwavering dedication to the LPGA, you have an ideal Solheim Cup captain. We had a strong field of candidates, so the future looks strong not only in 2011 with Rosie but for many years to come—a sentiment applicable to both the Solheim Cup and the LPGA. I join the countless women's golf fans from around the world in anticipation of watching the U.S. and European teams compete head-to-head in Ireland next year."

Michelle Ellis, President, LPGA Executive Committee:

"Rosie is a wonderful choice who will be a very popular and well-supported captain. She will embrace this position not only with her arms but also with her heart."

Mike Whan, LPGA Commissioner:

"Rosie's energy, passion and personal Solheim Cup success makes her the perfect fit. She'll bring a great combination of coach, motivator and experience to this role. Rosie Jones embodies everything that's great about the Solheim Cup, and as an LPGA fan, it will be exciting to watch the U.S. and European squads compete next year. I'd also like to thank John Solheim and all Solheim Cup Global Partners for their on-going support of this unique event in women's golf."

Highlights of Rosie Jones' LPGA Tour / Solheim Cup Careers

Rookie LPGA Tour year: 1982

Career LPGA Tour victories (last): 13 (2003)

Career-low round: 62

Career earnings (rank): \$8,355,068 (7)

Solheim Cup Competitions (7) – 2005, 2003, 2002, 2000, 1998, 1996, 1990

2005, Crooked Stick Golf Club, Carmel, Indiana, U.S.

Singles – 0-0-1 (halved with Suzann Pettersen)

Doubles – 1-0-1 (partnered with Meg Mallon)

2003, Barseback Golf & Country Club, Malmo, Sweden

Singles – 0-1-0 (lost to Catriona Matthew, 3&1)

Doubles – 1-2-0 (partnered with Meg Mallon/Michele Redman/Wendy Ward)

2002, Interlachen Country Club, Edina, Minnesota, U.S.

Singles – 1-0-0 (defeated Karine Icher, 3&2)

Doubles – 1-1-0 (partnered with Cristie Kerr)

2000, Loch Lomond Golf Club, Luss, Scotland

Singles – 0-1-0 (lost to Catrin Nilsmark, 1 down)

Doubles – 1-1-0 (partnered with Becky Iverson)

1998, Muirfield Village Golf Club, Dublin, Ohio, U.S.
Singles – 1-0-0 (defeated Catrin Nilsmark, 6&4)
Doubles – 1-1-0 (partnered with Pat Hurst/Betsy King)

1996, Marriott St. Pierre Hotel Golf & Country Club, St. Pierre, Wales
Singles – 1-0-0 (defeated Joanne Morley, 5&4)
Doubles – 1-1-0 (partnered with Patty Sheehan)

1990, Lake Nona Country Club, Orlando, Fla.
Singles – 0-1-0 (lost to Laura Davies, 3&2)
Doubles – 2-0-0 (partnered with Patty Sheehan)

About The Solheim Cup

The Solheim Cup is named in honor of Karsten Solheim, and his family, the makers of PING golf equipment. The Solheim Cup is the most prestigious international team event in women's professional golf. It is a biennial, trans-Atlantic team match-play competition featuring the best U.S.-born players from the LPGA and the best European-born players representing the Ladies European Tour (LET). The U.S. Team leads the competition, 8-3. The 2011 Solheim Cup will be played at Killeen Castle in County Meath, Ireland, Sept. 23-25. The 2013 Solheim Cup will be contested at Colorado Golf Club in Parker, Colorado. In addition to founding sponsor PING, Global Partners of The Solheim Cup include AIB Group and Rolex. For information, log on to www.SolheimCup.com.

About the LPGA (Ladies Professional Golf Association)

The LPGA is the world's leading professional golf organization for women. Founded in 1950, the association celebrates a diverse and storied membership with more than 1,700 members representing 29 different countries. With a Vision to inspire, empower, educate and entertain by showcasing the very best of women's golf, LPGA Tour Professionals compete across the globe, while dedicated LPGA Teaching and Club Professionals (T&CP) directly impact the game through teaching, coaching and management. The Duramed FUTURES Tour serves as the official developmental tour of the LPGA, consistently producing a pipeline of talent ready for the world stage. The LPGA is headquartered in Daytona Beach, Florida. Follow the LPGA on its television home, Golf Channel, and on the web via: www.LPGA.com, www.facebook.com/lpga.official, www.twitter.com/lpga, and www.youtube.com/lpgavideo.

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