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**Red Deer College Athletics to present MJT’s Riverbend event**

**Vancouver, BC – (May 16, 2017) –** The Maple Leaf Junior Tour (MJT), Canada’s number one-played Junior Golf Tour and the ‘Road to College Golf,’ is pleased to announce that Red Deer College (RDC), in Red Deer, Alberta, is now a Presenting Sponsor of the MJT’s Riverbend Golf Club event - the **MJT Alberta Series presented by Red Deer College Athletics** in Red Deer on June 10 and 11.

The tournament features players competing for trophies and prizes in eight divisions and is also a qualifier to represent MJT Team Western Provinces in the third annual International Team Challenge (ITC) at Royal Niagara in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, this September. MJT members will also receive Order of Merit points for qualification towards the MJT National Championship at Reunion Golf Resort in Florida this November.

“The MJT is excited to have Red Deer College Athletics, home of the RDC Kings and Queens golf teams, on board as a Presenting Sponsor of the event at Riverbend Golf Club,” said Trent Matson, National Operations Manager of the Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour. “This is a great opportunity for our players, not only in our new Collegiate division but Juveniles and Juniors, to meet with the Athletic Director and learn about the programs offered and the future post-secondary possibility of attending Red Deer College.”

“I am excited as the Head Coach of the RDC men's and ladies golf team to be involved with the number one junior tour in Canada,” said Scott Bergdahl. “The Maple Leaf Junior Tour goes above and beyond to promote the game of golf and provide an avenue for junior and collegiate golfers around Canada an opportunity to develop their skills.  Our values mirror each other, continually striving to develop our young athletes, and I look forward to working with the MJT for years to come.”

Specially selected MJT players will also be invited to register for a one day, intensive Combine High Performance Identification camp on June 12 at Lakewood Golf Resort in Sylvan Lake, Alberta, which is the home course for the RDC Kings and Queens golf teams. The camp is designed to identify prospects, rate various aspects of their game, develop individual skill-sets with each athlete and build a relationship assisting the transition into college life easy. Scott Bergdahl, named Coach of the Year for the 2010-11 and 2013-14 seasons by the Alberta Colleges Athletic Conference, is also the Head Golf Professional at Lakewood Golf Resort and will be overseeing the camp.

Registration in the MJT Alberta Series presented by Red Deer College Athletics at Riverbend Golf Clubin Red Deer on June 10 and 11 is now open. Juniors can enter online at [www.maplejt.com](http://www.maplejt.com) or call 1-877-859-4653.

**About the MJT:** The non-profit Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour presented by Boston Pizza is Canada’s number one-played Junior Golf Tour as well as the only national junior tour run exclusively by PGA of Canada Professionals and the ‘Road to College Golf’ in Canada. The organization is presented nationally by Boston Pizza and supported by valued Premier, Tournament and Product Partners. The MJT hosts more than 70 events across Canada, including free Ford Go Golf Junior Clinics, the MJT Mini Tour for 7-12 year olds, the Collegiate Tour for 19-23 year olds, and multi-day events for competitive players aged 11 to 18 which are also qualifiers for international competitions. The program offers annual awards, scholarships, and frequent player incentives to help reward player's performance and participation throughout each season. MJT alumni include many Professional Tour players and PGA of Canada Professionals, as well as Canadian Amateur, National and Provincial Junior Champions. The MJT aims to develop champions, in golf and in life, promoting the game from grassroots through to provincial, national, university and professional level. For more information on the Maple Leaf Junior Golf Tour, please visit [www.maplejt.com](http://www.maplejt.com)

**About Red Deer College:** For over 50 years RDC has been proudly serving our learners and our communities. RDC offers more than 100 different programs (including full degrees, certificates, diplomas and skilled trades programs) to 8,000 full- and part-time credit students and more than 36,000 youth and adult learners in the School of Continuing Education each year. Named by Alberta Venture magazine as one of Alberta’s most innovative organizations for the Centre for Innovation in Manufacturing, RDC is a key location for applied and industry-led research. Our main campus is strategically situated on 290 acres of Alberta’s natural landscape along Queen Elizabeth II Highway. We have also expanded our learning and performing arts space into the heart of downtown Red Deer through our Welikoklad Event Centre and the Donald School of Business.

For more information on RDC, please visit: rdc.ab.ca

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