



LUCKY WINNER WILL TAKE HOME CHOPPER VALUED AT \$50,000

**CACTUS AND PINE GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION
TO RAFFLE OFF CUSTOM CHOPPER BENEFITING THE FIRST TEE OF PHOENIX**

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. – The Cactus and Pine Golf Course Superintendents Association recently unveiled a new custom-built chopper (motorcycle) which will be raffled off to the general public, with all proceeds of the ticket sales benefiting The First Tee of Phoenix. The custom chopper, built by Evolution Custom Cycles in Tempe, Ariz., features a unique golf theme and has an estimated value of \$50,000.

The chopper will be on display at a number of special events and venues throughout the Valley from November 2007 through April 2008, including the 2008 FBR Open and the 2008 Super Bowl. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$20, and will be available for purchase anywhere the chopper is being displayed. Tickets also can be purchased directly through the Cactus and Pine GCSA by calling 480.609.6778 or by logging on to their website at www.cactusandpine.org. The drawing for the chopper will take place on Friday, April 19, 2008, at The First Tee of Phoenix South Mountain facility.

“We wanted to create a program that would help educate the public on the economic and environmental benefits of the golf industry, while at the same time giving something back to the community,” said Carmella Ruggiero, executive director of the Cactus and Pine GCSA. “The First Tee of Phoenix does a fantastic job teaching Valley children valuable life skills through the game of golf, so this was a natural fit.”

Incorporated into the design of the chopper were several golf course superintendent “tools of the trade”. Many of the tools utilized in the bike are very noticeable; however, some require a more detailed eye.

First and most easily identifiable is the lever inject cup cutter which makes up the entire handle bar assembly and headlight. The rims are USGA Stimpmeters (used to measure green speed) custom made by Platinum Machine, while the foot pegs and foot controls are 1¼-inch side-eject aerification tines and ¾-inch solid aerification tines, respectively. The air cleaner is a regulation cup setting tool and lastly, the exhaust is modeled after a leaf blower discharge chute (custom made by Wicked Brothers Exhaust).

The chopper also boasts a Rev Tech 100 cubic-inch (100hp) engine with a Rev Tech six-speed transmission, and it sits on a Redneck soft tail frame.

To purchase raffle tickets or to see an updated list of the venues where the chopper will be appearing, log on to www.cactusandpine.org or call 480.609.6778.

The First Tee of Phoenix is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization created for the purpose of providing affordable access to golf and golf learning facilities for young people in Maricopa County from all walks of life - particularly those who otherwise might not have an opportunity to play. It was designed to serve as a place for participants to learn valuable life skills and character lessons through creative activities and instructional programs that incorporate the fundamental teachings of golf. For more information on The First Tee of Phoenix call 602.305.7655 or log on to their website at www.thefirsttee phoenix.org.

Cactus and Pine GCSA members are leading the way as environmental stewards to address such timely issues as water conservation, ground water protection, pesticide use and safety, and environmental protection. The Cactus and Pine GCSA works in conjunction with the Club Managers Association, the Southwest Section PGA, the Arizona Golf Association and the Women's Golf Association to promote the game of golf in Arizona. For more information on the Cactus and Pine GCSA call 480.609.6778 or go to their website at www.cactusandpine.org.