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Special Olympics New Mexico and supporters return to Paa-ko Ridge Golf Club

Sandia Park, NM – On July 15th, 2013 Special Olympics New Mexico (SONM) will return to the beautiful Paa-ko Ridge Golf Club for the annual SONM Golf Classic presented by Century Link. The tournament will bring together Special Olympics athletes, supporters and representatives from Lobo Athletics, including Coach Craig Neal, as they support Special Olympics programs all over the state.

“This Golf Classic essentially boils down to this – every person playing is helping to bring the game of golf to over 200 Special Olympics athletes living in New Mexico,” said SONM Executive Director Randy Mascorella. “When our athletes are welcomed onto golf courses and have the opportunity to demonstrate their ability, knowledge of the game, etiquette, and spirit of sportsmanship – perceptions are changed and our communities become healthier places to live.”

The 2013 Golf Classic will begin at 9:00 am with a shotgun start. The tournament will span 27 holes of the picturesque Paa-ko Ridge Golf Course in Sandia Park, NM. Following tournament play, participants will be presented with prizes and awards for Closest to the Pin and Hole-in-One achievements, presented by Executive Director Randy Mascorella.

The Golf Classic is one of four fundraisers hosted by SONM, and all of the proceeds from the event go directly back to the sports programs that provide Special Olympics New Mexico athletes the opportunity to compete year-round. The Golf Classic is made possible by Century Link, New Mexico Chevrolet Dealers, Mark’s Casa Chevrolet, Mark Mitsubishi, Mark’s Casa Chrysler Jeep Mitsubishi and McDonald’s.

SONM provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in a sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. Today, Special Olympics New Mexico serves over 2,600 athletes, offering training and competition in 14 sports. Across the world, more than 3.5 million children and adults with intellectual disabilities participate in more than 200 programs in 180 countries. SONM is sponsored year-round and statewide by New Mexico Knights of Columbus, New Mexico Law Enforcement Torch Run, Dex Media, French Funerals Cremations, Wells Fargo, Daniels Fund, The Payroll Company and ConocoPhillips.

For more detailed information and a schedule for the 2013 SONM State Summer Games visit www.sonm.org, or call (505) 856-0342.

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