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PAUL MCGINLEY BECOMES PATRON OF THE IRISH AMERICAN PARTNERSHIP GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Boston, MA—The Irish American Partnership has announced that Paul McGinley will serve as the Patron of its annual Golf Championship Series, which hosts golf tournaments throughout the United States and Ireland.

McGinley first captivated the golf community when he holed the winning putt during the 2002 Ryder Cup, securing a European victory. He successfully returned to the Ryder Cup in 2004 and 2006, and served as a vice-captain for the European team in 2010 and 2012. In 2014, he once again made headlines as the first Irishman to serve as Captain of the European Ryder Cup team, where his leadership clenched a European victory. While he has won four European tour titles, his true passion lies in the team format. He has been on victorious teams during the Ryder Cup, Seve Trophy, World Cup, and Royal Trophy, and will hopefully continue his success for years to come.

The Partnership started coordinating golf tournaments in 1990 with tournaments in the United States and Ireland, and has continued the Golf Championship Series ever since. The series currently includes tournaments at Newport Country Club in Rhode Island, Beverly Country Club in Illinois, and Schuyler Meadows Club in New York, as well the Irish Invitational Tournament with rounds at Royal Dublin, Portmarnock, and The Island.

Golf Championship Series Chairman Aidan Browne, Esq. said “Paul McGinley’s storied career and inspirational leadership during the 2014 Ryder Cup make him the ideal Patron for the Golf Championship Series. Ever since the historic putt during his 2002 Ryder Cup debut, McGinley has embodied the best of Irish golf. His patronage honors a long legacy of cooperation and competitiveness between Ireland and the United States, and I could not be prouder of his support.”

Partnership Executive Director Mary Sugrue added “The Partnership has a long history of supporting golf and promoting Irish golf to our American supporters. These tournaments are a wonderful opportunity for participants to connect with one another, enjoy a competitive round of golf, and give back to a great cause. Paul McGinley’s support of the Partnership’s mission and enthusiasm for the Golf Championship Series are greatly appreciated and will undoubtedly contribute to the future success of the Series.”

The mission of The Irish American Partnership is to empower the next generation of Irish leaders by supporting educational initiatives through direct grants to primary schools, science teacher training, university access scholarships, and employment learning programs. The Partnership provides forums for visiting leaders from Ireland to speak in the U.S., connecting Irish-Americans with their heritage and promoting economic development through tourism, trade, and mutual exchange.

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