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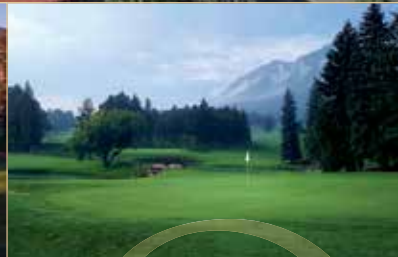
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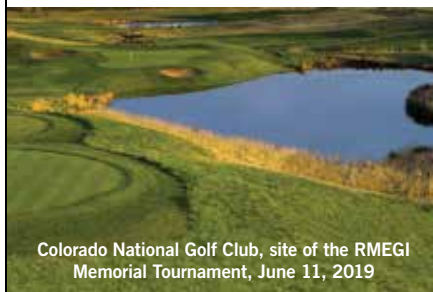
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# Teeing Off on the 18th



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**A FEW YEARS AGO**, we unintentionally published an issue of *Colorado AvidGolfer* without any text on the spine. Nobody outside our office noticed. If anybody had, they kept quiet.

Of course, who reads the spines of magazines? Probably the same people who pore over credit-card privacy statements, instructions on toothpaste tubes and indicia like the one that appears in agate at the bottom of page 6 in this issue.

But, for me, two words and two numbers on this issue's spine resonate with particular significance: "Volume 18, Number 1." They also appear on page 6 as well—twice, in fact.

In addition to being the "official" number of holes on a golf course since 1858, 18 is the "age of majority" in most states. Legal adulthood means you can vote, enlist in the military and do adult things—except consume alcohol, rent a car

and purchase a hotel room (which I don't recommend anyone at any age do in that order).

You can also apparently play golf like a grown-up. "So, what do you say we play for your inheritance on the back nine?" my trust-funder friend remembers his father joking when he turned 18.

*Colorado AvidGolfer* started 18 Aprils ago. We got off the first tee without much trouble and have kept a clean scorecard ever since. We mostly made pars and birdies the following years—avoiding hazards and scrambling when we had to.

So here we are, teeing off on the 18th, and I believe we've split the fairway. Evocative of the Masters, we bring you green-jacketed cover subject George Solich, the new president and chairman of Castle Pines Golf Club, who has the unenviable job of replacing Jack Vickers, the club's late founder and benevolent ruler, who brought a regular PGA TOUR event to Colorado for 21 consecutive years.

"When you're in my position, assuming a very important role and following a legend, you think long and hard about how you should change this or change that," Solich told me for the story that begins on page 64. "It took a lot of soul-searching to make sure we were doing the right things."

The "right things" for Solich include continuing the capital improvements begun before his predecessor's passing—mainly major renovations of the golf course and clubhouse, both nearly 40 years old. "Jack wanted everything to be the best, and we're guided by his vision," Solich explained. "Today to be the best, you have to update things."

To Vickers, being the best also meant hosting a PGA TOUR event, something the club hasn't done since 2006, the last year of The International's two-decade run. Solich has every intention of again welcoming the world's best players back to Castle Pines Golf Club. Talking to him, you get the distinct sense it's just a question of when, not if, it will happen. His track record—from Broadmoor caddie to Evans Scholar to prosperous businessman and visionary philanthropist—suggests nothing less.

With the weather nothing less than crazy this year, we thought it would be a good idea for this issue to provide some balmy options for your early-season rounds. We introduce you to Champions Retreat, home of the first two rounds of this month's inaugural Augusta National Women's Amateur (page 76), and Twin Dolphin, Fred Couples' new course design in Cabo San Lucas (page 32). Closer to home, don't forget Pueblo (page 74) greens up before other Colorado courses do.

We may be on 18, but we're far from finished. This month also marks the debut of our new publication, *AvidLifestyle*. Smart and stylish, it celebrates the good life in Cherry Hills, Greenwood Village, Castle Pines and Denver's south suburbs. It's out now and, like the issue you're holding, it shows we still have plenty of game. — JON RIZZI



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**SWEET WIN:** It took California's Yealimi Noh 49 holes on the final day to win last year's Girls' Junior at Poppy Hills.



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# 2020 Vision

The Junior Golf Alliance of Colorado seizes a huge opportunity by hosting the U.S. Girls' Junior Championship.

**YOU COULD SAY THAT** one USGA championship led directly to another.

During last summer's U.S. Senior Open at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, the USGA Senior Director of Competitions Mark Hill asked Colorado Golf Association Executive Director Ed Mate if Colorado would be interested in hosting the U.S. Girls' Junior, arguably the top golf championship for female amateurs 18 and under.

"I said, 'Of course we'd be,'" Mate recalls. And after some discussions with Colorado PGA Executive Director Eddie Ainsworth, a plan quickly took shape.

By February, the USGA was at Eisenhower Golf Club announcing that the 2020 U.S. Girls' Junior would take place July 13-18 at the Blue Course at the Air Force Academy—and that the Junior Golf Alliance (JGAC) of Colorado would be the "host group for the championship."

Following the announcement, Ainsworth left no doubt that the JGAC—an organization founded by the CGA and the Colorado PGA and launched in 2016—"was the reason why we're here."

He also took particular pleasure in the announcement that Eisenhower would become the first U.S. military-affiliated course to host a USGA championship.

"I'd be lying if I said it wasn't a special mo-

ment," he said. "I still bleed Air Force blue. I'm the son of a retired Air Force chief master sergeant. I managed this place (Eisenhower Golf Club) for 10 years. When we were looking at sites, I was adamant that this should be where we do this. To do it here, in my hometown, at the foot of America's mountain—all those things give me special pride."

"It's an honor to be part of a national championship," said JGAC President Mike Schultz. "This is the next logical step for the Junior Golf Alliance of Colorado. We've hosted many championships (including) AJGA championships. Now we have a phenomenal opportunity with the USGA and the Air Force Academy to host the 2020 U.S. Girls' Junior Championship."

It's a significant opportunity, with the potential for a big payoff in terms of major exposure—the event is expected to be televised nationally by the family of Fox networks—and helping grow the game.

It's also a significant responsibility. The Alliance will be responsible for raising \$400,000 for the event.

"The USGA's business model for all its amateur championships is to depend on the local community to raise the money needed to put on a one-of-a-kind, world-class championship," Mate explains.

"A lot of people scratch their heads and say, 'Where does that money go?' The short answer is that it makes the experience really special for the players, and brings a world-class event to a world-class city like Colorado Springs. So, we have to raise the money to make sure that experience is delivered."

Already, the Alliance has announced "partnership opportunities" for the event. Despite the fundraising challenges ahead, Mate and Ainsworth see this U.S. Girls' Junior "host group" status for the Junior Golf Alliance as a major big-picture win for the organization.

"When we started down this path several months ago, we looked at this as an opportunity to really solidify what we're doing through the Junior Golf Alliance in hosting a major championship," Ainsworth said. "So, it's extremely important. Once again, it shows how committed we—the Colorado Golf Association, the Colorado PGA—are to the Junior Golf Alliance of Colorado." 🏌️

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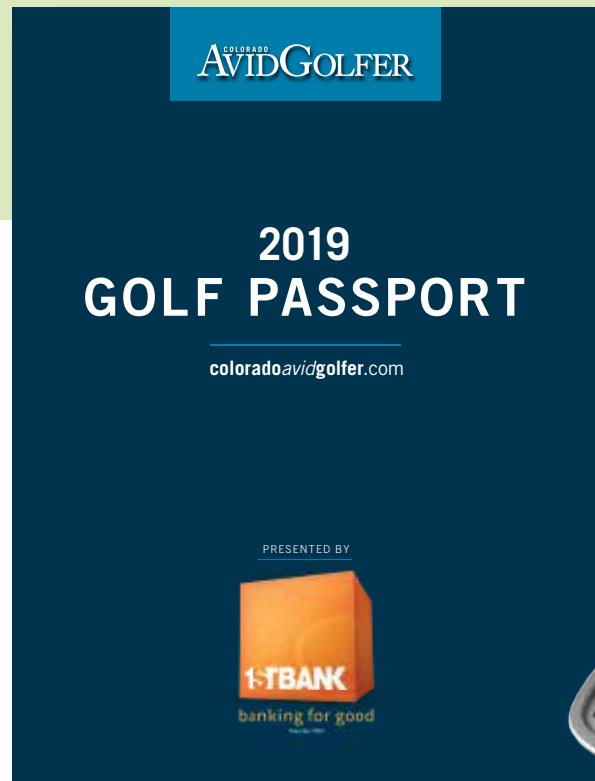
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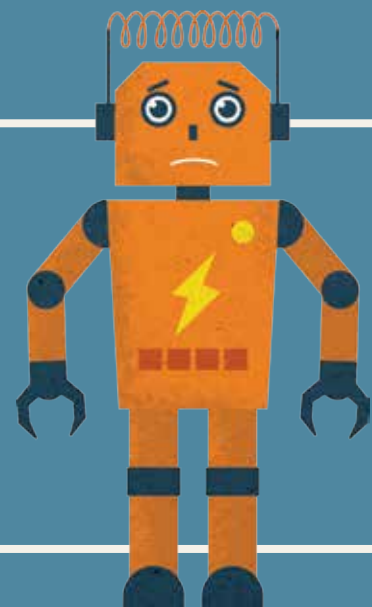


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HOWE NOW? The former major leaguer goes "all in" for Fanconi anemia research.

# Art Howe Touches Home

THERE ARE MORE charity golf tournaments every year in Colorado than there are Americans suffering with Fanconi anemia (FA), a rare genetic disease that affects roughly one in every 130,000 people. Yet since 2006, the KATA Foundation has raised nearly \$3 million to fund FA research through events such as the **8th Annual Art Howe Celebrity Scramble for KATA**, which will take place June 20 at West Woods Golf Club in Arvada.

To understand KATA's phenomenal success, you only have to hear the story behind it.

KATA stands for Kendall And Taylor Atkinson, the youngest of Centennial residents **Jeanne and Ken Atkinson's** four children. Kendall and her brother both suffered from FA—which leads to bone marrow failure and vulnerability to early-onset cancer—and died before their 21st birthdays after complications from bone-marrow transplants.

In 2006, shortly after Taylor passed, Jeanne and Ken founded KATA with the volunteer support of their vast network of friends

and started the successful Hoot 'n' Holler, a "come-in-your-jeans, foot-stompin' good time" fundraiser. Last year's event at CU South Denver (formerly the Wildlife Experience) netted a profit of \$265,000.

Ten years after that first hoedown, however, tragedy struck again. Ken, a beloved family physician in private practice in Centennial, came home for lunch and attempted to intervene in a domestic altercation between the couple next door. After shooting his wife, the neighbor killed Ken.

"I can't think of him without shedding a tear," says Steve Rice, Ken's best friend and KATA Foundation president. "And I wouldn't have it any other way." Rice, who met Ken as a patient, recalls the "stacks and stacks of cards and letters, flowers and cookies" that arrived at the practice, as well as the parade of friends, fellow churchgoers and patients who spoke at his murderer's sentencing.

In their friend's honor, Rice and fellow KATA volunteer Dave Kummer bicycled 4,068 miles from Oregon to Maine, raising \$80,000 and FA

awareness. "In Wyoming," Rice remembers, "we met a guy from Texas who only found out his daughter had Fanconi when she got cancer...and the chemo killed her."

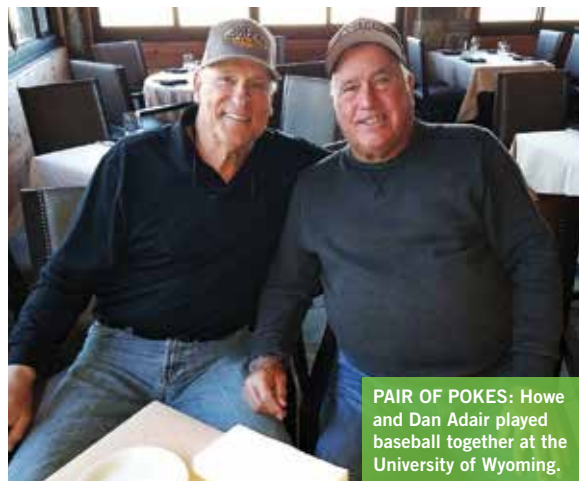
The golf tournament had its beginnings in 2010, when Ken's lifelong friend Dan Adair invited his old teammate from the University of Wyoming baseball team, Art Howe, to the Hoot 'n' Holler. The next year they auctioned off a golf foursome with Howe—a player, coach and manager in the Major Leagues for 30 seasons (including one as the Rockies' bench coach)—to a guy from Howe's hometown of Pittsburgh. "He brought pictures from when Art was on the Pirates," Adair remembers.

"Art and his wife Betty met Ken and Jean and fell in love with the whole scenario," says Adair. "We're all in," adds Howe, who enthusiastically began hosting the charity tournament in 2012. Former Rockies Ryan Spilborghs and Corey Sullivan, as well as local media talents Tracy Ringolsby and Jenny Cavnar, have attended. So do "guys from the Wyoming baseball team—Billy Stearns, Rick Corbin, Bobby Sporrer. If you listen to us talk, you'd wonder why we hadn't won the national championship," Howe says with a laugh. "Or why we kept losing to BYU."

The laughs at the tournament are as plentiful as the food. The event features a "speed hole" in which the four players on a team space themselves out from tee to green on a par 4 and try to hole out in the shortest amount of time (36 seconds is the record). There's a longest marshmallow drive contest, a \$50,000 hole-in-one and other fun contests.

"The tournament nets about \$30,000," Jeanne Atkinson reports. She, her children and friends have seen to it that others have adopted what the FDA classifies as an "orphan disease." Enormous progress has followed, including a dramatic rise in the success rates of bone marrow transplants, longer life expectancy among FA patients and the identification of 21 FA genes—five of which also indicate breast and ovarian cancer susceptibility.

Although the advancements have come too late for Kendall and Taylor, Jeanne takes solace in helping families who receive the FA diagnosis. She remains the KATA Foundation's heart and soul and credits her strength in the face of tragedy to "believing in a sovereign God and the hope of eternal life. Without that, I'm not sure how people manage." [katafoundation.org](http://katafoundation.org)



PAIR OF POKES: Howe and Dan Adair played baseball together at the University of Wyoming.



THE FACES OF FA: The Hoot 'n' Holler salutes those suffering with Fanconi anemia.





**MAJORS EXEMPTION:**  
2018 U.S. Mid-Am  
winner, Kevin O'Connell  
of North Carolina.

# Mid-Am Jam

**THE 39TH U.S. MID-AMATEUR** Championship—the most coveted title among amateurs aged 25 and older—takes place September 14-19 at Colorado Golf Club in Parker. Staging a championship of this caliber requires a significant amount of support from the local community. That's why **Colorado Golf Club will hold a fundraising golf tournament May 28.** "We hope to attract 100 or more players at \$500 apiece," says fundraising co-chair **Bruce Holder**, who also hopes the appeal of experiencing the private Coore/Crenshaw-designed layout—which has also hosted the 2010 Senior PGA Championship and 2013 Solheim Cup—will appeal to those who have yet to play it.

In addition to proceeds from the May 28 event, Colorado Golf Club is looking for financial and in-kind contributions at levels between \$5,000 and \$50,000 from businesses and corporations, which will receive the concomitant benefits of unparalleled exposure and access prior to and during the Mid-Am.

While the U.S. Mid-Amateur champion will receive an exemption into the U.S. Open and an invitation to the Masters, the ultimate winner will be the Colorado golf community. Your tax-deductible hospitality donation will forward the Colorado Golf Association's grow-the-game initiatives and also pave the way for future national championships in Colorado.

To play in the May event or to be a sponsor, visit [coloradogolfclub.com](http://coloradogolfclub.com) or call 720-317-2455.

**RARE OPPORTUNITY:** If you haven't yet played Colorado Golf Club, May 28 could be your chance.



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## Do the Logo Motion

**BACK IN 2015**, in honor of its centennial, the Colorado Golf Association (CGA) proudly unveiled a new logo.

Three years later, that logo shared the marque with that of the Colorado Women's Association (CWGA), reflecting the partnership that had resulted from the 2018 unification of the two organizations. But binary logos did not reflect the shared sense of mission, vision and values of a forward-thinking, collaborative organization, so the CGA engaged Buffalo.Agency to create a new versatile, modern logo representative of all Colorado golf.

The CGA revealed it at this February's Denver Golf Expo. According to the organization's website (which also underwent a major overhaul), the new logo "incorporates welcoming shades of blue and green representing sky, water and grass—inescapable elements of golf and Colorado's natural beauty. The red flag shares a connection with the CWGA, the Junior Golf Alliance of Colorado and the USGA, which recognizes the CGA as its 'Allied Golf Association' for the State of Colorado."

"The logo serves as a constant reminder that we have a different, broader, more inclusive organization than we did a year ago," says CGA Executive Director Ed Mate. That organization serves as a leading resource for its more than 60,000 members, 220 facilities and peer organizations. [coloradogolf.org](http://coloradogolf.org)



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# Scholars and Sense

ALL SMILES: Cherry Hills caddies (l-r) Carmen Garcia, Amelia Moenster, Chloe Bowden, Eliannah Angel-Lucero and Quinn Hiatt pose with WGA/ESF reps Jim Wolan, "Duffy" Solich, Clayton Cole, Rob Link and Cherry Hills PGA Pro John Ogden.

**THIRTEEN FINALISTS FOR the Evans Caddie Scholarship** successfully interviewed January 29 at Lakewood Country Club. The seven women (a record) and six men each earned a full, four-year tuition and housing college scholarship at the University of Colorado in Boulder, where they will live among fellow students in the Evans Scholars House. This year's scholars (and their sponsoring clubs) are: **Brenna Sullivan** (Ballyneal Golf & Hunt Club); **Aneka Van Hansen** (Boulder Country Club); **Joe Martinez** (Broadmoor Golf Club); **Anthony Digilarmo** (Cherry Creek Country Club); **Samuel Dahm** (Colorado Golf Club); **Michael Corrigan** (Denver Country Club); **Ashby Baker** (Roaring Fork Club); **Grant Gorman** (The Club at Rolling Hills); and **Amelia Moenster, Carmen Garcia, Chloe Bowden, Eliannah Angel-Lucero and Quinn Hiatt** (Cherry Hills Country Club). In addition to caddying at Cherry Hills, Angel-Lucero, Garcia and Hiatt all participated in the Solich Caddie & Leadership Academy at CommonGround Golf Course. Administered by the Chicago-based Western Golf Association (WGA), the Evans Scholars Foundation currently serves students at the Eisenhower Chapter in Boulder and more than 460 CU alumni. Locally, the Colorado Golf Association and the Colorado Golf Foundation work to support caddie programs that put more young men and women on the path to an Evans Scholarship. [coloradogolf.org](http://coloradogolf.org)

## MULLIGAN



"THE YEAR IN PREVIEW" feature in our Spring issue incorrectly announced the reopening date of **City Park Golf Course**. While construction will be complete at the end of May, the grass will need the summer to grow in, which means the official reopening will take place in the spring of 2020. We apologize for the misinformation. For the latest on the project, visit [CPGCreDesign.org](http://CPGCreDesign.org).

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## Golf by Numbers



**6** years since his last professional victory, former Colorado Junior Player of the Year **Mark Hubbard** earned his first Web.com Tour win at February's inaugural LECOM Suncoast Classic in Lakewood, Fla. The 29-year-old graduate of Colorado Academy and San Jose State withstood a final round charge by former Stanford phenom Maverick McNealy to capture the event with a 26-under 262 total. The victory vaulted Hubbard 74 spots to fourth on the 2019 Web.com Tour points list. With a Top-25 regular-season finish, he'll regain the PGA TOUR status he held from 2015 to 2017. Root for him and other Web.com Tour players July 11-14 in the inaugural TPC Colorado Championship at Heron Lakes at TPC Colorado in Berthoud. [pgatour.com/webcom](http://pgatour.com/webcom)



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players finished ahead of Basalt native **Jim Knous** in January's Farmers Insurance Open at Torrey Pines in La Jolla. However, the PGA TOUR rookie was the only player in the field to post a "1" on his scorecard. Using an 8-iron, Knous aced the 193-yard par-3 third on Torrey's South Course en route to a final-round 69. It marked the event's first hole-in-one since Chad Campbell jarred the same hole in 2015. [jimknous.com](http://jimknous.com)

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milligrams of natural caffeine spurts from each piece of **Golf Gum**, a new product from Denver's Apollo Brands. Reminiscent of Freshen-up Gum ("the gum that goes squirt"), the spearmint-flavored product also features enamel-strengthening Xylitol, B Vitamins and, thanks to the caffeine, the potential for lowering your scores, according to studies conducted by the National Institutes of Health and Auburn University. A pack of Golf Gum retails for \$5. [GolfersGum.com](http://GolfersGum.com)



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years after hosting the 2012 U.S. Amateur Championship, Cherry Hills Country Club will again welcome the USGA's oldest event. Taking place one year after the club's centenary, the 2023 U.S. Amateur will mark the tenth USGA championship held at Cherry Hills and the third U.S. Am. Phil Mickelson won the first in 1990 and Steven Fox took the second in 2012. [usga.org](http://usga.org)

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holes into The Honda Classic, Denver native **Wyndham Clark** found himself atop the leaderboard, fending off Rickie Fowler and multiple-majors winners Vijay Singh and Brooks Koepka on the tough PGA National course in Palm Beach Gardens. But going two-over par on the last eight holes—including a bogey on 18—dropped the former Valor Christian star into a tie for seventh place, four shots behind winner Keith Mitchell. What could have been Clark's first victory in 19 PGA TOUR starts became Mitchell's first in 40. Still, it marked the rookie's ninth cut in 11 starts this season, his second Top 10, his highest finish and his biggest payday (\$219,300).



Wyndham Clark

Cherry Hills Country Club

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# GEAR GUIDE

By Ted Johnson

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO CELEBRATE** Chinese New Year to know this is the Year of the Big Dog. Never have so many manufacturers simultaneously come out with as many high-end, high-performance drivers. Titleist, Mizuno, Srixon, PXG, PING and standard bearers Callaway and TaylorMade all have products that require a long look. So do Wilson and Tour Edge.

The common denominator is better performance off the face. Some use refined internal weighting combined with multi-materials, such as a carbon composite crown and a titanium face. Others use unique shape to improve aerodynamics and thus speed at impact. Some require a bit self-fitting for peak performance while others are grab-and-go.

There is, however, a caveat: To get the most out of these high-tech clubs, you need to match shaft type with swing speed to go along with face loft and lie angle. This applies not only to the drivers, fairway irons and hybrids, but also to new multi-material irons; to wedges with different grooves for different lofts; and to putters with unique weighting properties and inserts. In other words, game, GET FITTED!





**Cobra King F9 Speedback \$450**

**Why you'll love it:** Distance-seekers über-satisfied

**Why you should buy it:** Aerodynamic head for high-speed impact = distance

**Insider's Insight:** You'll get used to the look; love the distance



**Mizuno ST190G \$500**

**Why you'll love it:** Great feel & distance & look

**Why you should buy it:** Beta titanium alloy in unique head design with carbon-fiber crown

**Insider's Insight:** Best driver from Mizuno in years



**Srixon Z785 \$400**

**Why you'll love it:** Super-strong Ti alloy face

**Why you should buy it:** Thin edges in face allow for more flexing and greater ball speed

**Insider's Insight:** Best driver from Srixon in years



**Wilson D7 \$300**

**Why you'll love it:** Faster swing speeds for boomers

**Why you should buy it:** Kevlar-crown & no adjustable hosel means 20 grams lighter

**Insider's Insight:** Hard to find such performance for the price



**Tour Edge Exotics EXS \$300**

**Why you'll love it:** Adjustable performance

**Why you should buy it:** Carbon crown, thin face, moveable weights, adjustable hosel

**Insider's Insight:** Hard to find that much self-fitting for the price



**Callaway Epic Flash \$500**

**Why you'll love it:** Hot face puts jets on drives

**Why you should buy it:** Face's internal ripples from heel to toe boost COR in sweetspot

**Insider's Insight:** Solid contact = significant distance





**Callaway Epic Flash** \$300

**Why you'll love it:** Epic driver A-I features in fairway woods

**Why you should buy it:** "Jailbreak" tech in face for great speed; lofts from 13.5 to 25

**Insider's Insight:** Easy to round out your bag as needed



**Cobra King F9 Speedback** \$270

**Why you'll love it:** Sole rails from old Baffler days

**Why you should buy it:** Hot steel face with bulge-and-roll for shot shaping

**Insider's Insight:** Draws and cuts easily on demand



**TaylorMade M5** \$400

**Why you'll love it:** Pricey but lots of performance here

**Why you should buy it:** Small head, composite crown, titanium face and body for high launch

**Insider's Insight:** Adjustable face for fade or draw



**Titleist TS3** \$300

**Why you'll love it:** High-tech driver performance

**Why you should buy it:** Weight-saving head, low Cg\*, draw or fade adjust

**Insider's Insight:** Better players will love the control



**Srixon Z F85** \$250

**Why you'll love it:** Piercing ball flight fights wind

**Why you should buy it:** Thinner crown, wrap-around steel face = higher launch

**Insider's Insight:** Good feel and control for price



**Callaway Big Bertha** \$270

**Why you'll love it:** Hot face for booming distance

**Why you should buy it:** Wraparound steel and "Jailbreak" bars in face produce high speed

**Insider's Insight:** The only hybrid good enough to make list



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**Srixon Z785/ZU85** \$1,085

**Why you'll love it:** A combo set for playability

**Why you should buy it:** 1-piece carbon heads in scoring clubs, hollow-heads in 3-6 irons

**Insider's Insight:** Feel for approach, speed for long irons



**PXG 0311 T GEN2** \$3,200

**Why you'll love it:** v2 of high-performance set

**Why you should buy it:** New polymer behind face, less weights on toe

**Insider's Insight:** High-priced but for a reason



**PING i210** \$875

**Why you'll love it:** A pro-style iron for the aspiring

**Why you should buy it:** Carbon steel for softer feel, polymer face = distance

**Insider's Insight:** 20-handicappers can trust it without fear



**TaylorMade P760** \$1,400

**Why you'll love it:** PGA TOUR quality for you

**Why you should buy it:** Each iron has specific blade length, foam in face & other specs

**Insider's Insight:** Better players will love when dialed in



**Tommy Armour Atomic** \$800

**Why you'll love it:** Lovers of the Armour 845s of old

**Why you should buy it:** Titanium & forging & L-face design & brazing for hot faces

**Insider's Insight:** And strong lofts for eye-opening distance



**Cleveland Launcher CBX** \$700

**Why you'll love it:** Novices will find it easy to learn

**Why you should buy it:** Long irons have low profile for high shots, shorter irons more compact

**Insider's Insight:** Easy to control shots into the green





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**Cobra King MIM** \$160

**Why you'll love it:** Softer than a baby's bottom

**Why you should buy it:** Metal powder injection molded into head softer than cast or forged

**Insider's Insight:** Spiral grooves produce high spin



**Callaway Mack Daddy 4** \$150

**Why you'll love it:** To outfit entire wedge set

**Why you should buy it:** 21 options include 9 lofts, 4 different sole grinds and max spin

**Insider's Insight:** Unique groove-cutting boosts friction



**Cleveland CBX** \$130

**Why you'll love it:** New for low and high handicaps

**Why you should buy it:** Cavity-back design widens sweet spot, thicker sole fights chunky shots

**Insider's Insight:** Lofts from 46 to 60 degrees



**Hogan Equalizer** \$100

**Why you'll love it:** To honor Ben's need in wedges

**Why you should buy it:** Center of gravity changes; high in low lofts to prevent ballooning

**Insider's Insight:** Low in lower lofts for high shots



**Titleist Vokey Design SM-7** \$150

**Why you'll love it:** Vokeys feel so consistent

**Why you should buy it:** New grooves matched to lofts and 6 sole grinds enable pinpoint fitting

**Insider's Insight:** 23 lofts, 48-64, new slate blue color



**Mizuno S18** \$150

**Why you'll love it:** Distinctive color and honeyed feel

**Why you should buy it:** Weighting and grooves to match lofts, boron-carbon steel for feel

**Insider's Insight:** Lofts range from 46 to 62 degrees



## Carbon Holliday \$340

**Why you'll love it:** Milled just south of Denver

**Why you should buy it:** Made to appeal to how you hear impact, sound being feel

**Insider's Insight:** Feel ensures confidence on fast greens



## Cleveland Huntington Beach \$130

**Why you'll love it:** A steal of technology for price

**Why you should buy it:** Milled face is deeper, resulting in cushioned sensation at impact

**Insider's Insight:** Perhaps too soft on fuzzy/grainy greens



## Bettinardi Queen B \$400

**Why you'll love it:** Honeycomb milled face

**Why you should buy it:** Face eliminates "dish" effect on edges for perfectly flat strike

**Insider's Insight:** Put it in your bag or frame it on a wall?



## Odyssey Toulon Design mallet \$450

**Why you'll love it:** Repeatable putt-making machine

**Why you should buy it:** Feel and easy alignment puts fertilizer on your confidence

**Insider's Insight:** Not boxy but sleek and easy on the eye



## Odyssey Stroke Lab mallet \$250

**Why you'll love it:** Graphite-like shaft for control

**Why you should buy it:** Face insert made of polymer with small ridges for feel and roll

**Insider's Insight:** An oval but with enough rear weighting



## Cleveland TFi 2135 Satin \$150

**Why you'll love it:** Unique alignment on head

**Why you should buy it:** Markings mark exact measurement of ball for square-face strikes

**Insider's Insight:** Satin face matched to head for consistency

## Snell MTB Black \$32

**Why you'll love it:** Dean Snell helped design ProV1

**Why you should buy it:**

Black model very similar to original ProV1, high spin, soft feel

**Insider's Insight:** High speed hitters will look for MTB-X



## TaylorMade TP5 \$45

**Why you'll love it:** High-performance on every shot

**Why you should buy it:**

Pros love high-speed core for distance; dual-cover for stop-on-ice spin

**Insider's Insight:** Ricky Fowler switched, so take a look



## Vice Pro Soft \$25

**Why you'll love it:** Matched for medium swing speed

**Why you should buy it:**

3-piece urethane ball has high-tech features, comes in colors

**Insider's Insight:** Order online, easy to personalize, too



## Bridgestone Tour B XS \$45

**Why you'll love it:** Soft feel, high spin, good distance

**Why you should buy it:**

Gradation core construction yields distance for 95-105 mph swings

**Insider's Insight:** Softer cover & more durable. Wow.



## Srixon Q Star \$75

**Why you'll love it:** Great value = to performance

**Why you should buy it:**

2-piece construction, low-compression for slower swing speeds

**Insider's Insight:** Go to [srixon.com](http://srixon.com) to get 4 dozen deal



## Bridgestone e6 Soft \$22

**Why you'll love it:** High spin at low price

**Why you should buy it:**

First-rate ball for feel and distance as well as control into greens

**Insider's Insight:** At this price, hard to justify paying more



## Callaway ERC Soft \$40

**Why you'll love it:** Hybrid cover for overall bang & spin

**Why you should buy it:**

You'll notice the high spin on approach shots to green

**Insider's Insight:** You'll get more aggressive with short irons





# A Couples' Retreat in Cabo

Twin Dolphin Golf Club, a Fred Couples Signature Course, highlights the peninsula's posh new private residential and resort community.

By Kim D. McHugh

**SIXTY YEARS AGO**, a traveler journeying to the tip of Baja would have been hard pressed to find much of anything, let alone today's plethora of stellar golf courses and luxury hotels with their infinity-edge swimming pools, spas and globally influenced cuisine.

Back then, a merciless, 800-mile-long dirt road leading from California served as a sentry, allowing only the heartiest—the whale watchers, the 4 x 4 explorers, the die-hard scuba divers and sportfishermen—to quench their thirst for adventure.

However, the last quarter-century has brought more flights, hotels and golf courses, making the area between San José del Cabo and Cabo San Lucas a prime vacation destination. The courses at such clubs as Quivira, Chileno Bay, Cabo Real, Cabo del Sol, Palmilla, Querencia and Diamante speak to the quality of golf enjoyed in the area.

Last November, a newcomer kicked up that experience another notch. Named for the Hotel Twin Dolphin—a pioneering luxury resort that once sprawled all the way to nearby Santa Maria Bay—Twin Dolphin Golf Club occupies a 1,000-acre desert plateau approximately 600 feet above the Sea of Cortez, allowing golfers to take in views of the ocean and Sierra de la Laguna mountain range from every hole.



**WORTH THE WAIT:** Couples started the Twin Dolphin project more than a decade ago.

Yet, the spectacular course almost didn't get built.

"Greg, a friend of mine, talked about doing this project back in 2008, so we came down, we saw (the plateau) and the old Twin Dolphin hotel was torn down," Couples remembers. "We were thinking we were going to start pretty soon, and then the world kind of came to an end. But he called me up in 2015 and said we're on again. Ohana and Montage said, 'okay, let's go,' and they really started digging in. It turned out spectacularly."

The aforementioned "Greg" is Greg Villeneuve, former vice president of golf operations at Montage Hotels & Resorts and now president of Summit Golf, based in Orange County, Calif. Ohana Real Estate Investors and Montage Los Cabos Resort are the developer and hospitality operator respectively, and the driving forces behind the 1,400-acre, multimillion-dollar resort and master-planned real estate community of Maravilla Los Cabos. Couples, who in 2008 was being courted by Diamante just up the coast, was encouraged by Villeneuve to be patient.





"When the call came it was beautiful timing," adds Couples. "You know, at that time I'm 55, 56 years old; I wasn't designing any courses because I was really focused on the Champions Tour and I wasn't playing a lot. I met Todd, and I really liked him. We had a great time doing it."

The 7,156-yard, par-72 course represents the first Fred Couples Signature Design in Mexico. Teaming up with Eckenrode, Couples—who had previously collaborated with architects Pete Dye, Bob Cupp, Schmidt-Curley Design and Gene Bates—got a California-based architect who learned the game at Alister Mackenzie's legendary Pasatiempo, has a portfolio that stretches from Barona Creek to Dubai Hills, and definitely brought his "A" game to the project.

"Our routing predominately focused on two aspects: to maximize the incredible ocean views through orientation, and to best utilize the interest and strategic challenge of the native arroyos in as many varied ways as possible," Eckenrode says. "The golfer plays alongside, across, and even through the natural and diverse arroyos. The experience is everchanging and no two holes look or play alike."

Couples adds that they were mindful not to "phony it up" with false fronts, unplayable bunkers or wavy, multi-tiered greens. They made a conscious effort to preserve what Mother Nature already had in place, clearing very little desert, keeping thousands of mature cacti and trees and preserving surrounding foliage. During construc-

tion the most disruptive hiccup was unexpected, pre-monsoon rain.

"We had the course 90 percent done and then out of the blue a huge rainstorm trashed the place," Couples explains. "But that taught us more about how the course needed to drain. We put down more sand and added more drains, so now the course is firm by morning after an evening storm."

Playing from the third set of tees, I was awed by the finished product. The layout—a private course measuring between 5,011 and 7,156 yards—masterfully integrates winding gullies and deep mini-canyons with native areas, rippled, contoured fairways and bunkers that, while appearing treacherous, have more bark than bite. That said, the drives of this 15 handicap didn't carry several arroyos and the fairway bunkers snared a number of my approaches.

"I had a vision of people with higher handicaps coming up to play and we just couldn't make this brutally hard," Couples explains. "Working with Todd, most of the pushback was trying to soften up the course a little bit. We battled at times, we talked about tweaks, but overall very little changed on the original routing. We have some tough greens, we have some tough shots, but not 16 of them. Todd was phenomenal, the course is phenomenal."

Talking to golfers with local knowledge, I was told that, contrary to courses closer to or right along the shore (think Cabo del Sol, Dia-



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mante, Quivira, Palmilla), where the winds off the ocean can be prevalent during an entire round, those teeing up at Twin Dolphin Golf Club often just feel a light breeze. The attentive service of my caddie, Alex, notwithstanding, I witnessed members and guests enjoying the “Red Doors” stations. A tribute to amenities dating to the original Twin Dolphin hotel, the one off the fifth green had a kitchen with a chef, a well-stocked bar and seating for eight. Adjacent to the Hole 12 tee box stood the second, a “palapa” with a chef-staffed grill and bar, where our threesome munched on pulled pork tacos, cheeseburger sliders and quesadillas.

“We’ve worked to reinvent the golf experience,” says Neil Johnson, managing director, Ohana Real Estate Investors. “From the Red Doors throughout the course... to the specialty Niños Tees designed with kids in mind, the course offers something the entire family can enjoy together.”

Asked what play, if any, at Colorado courses influenced this design, the 1992 Masters champion—who has played Castle Pines Golf

Club, The Broadmoor, and finished second in a playoff against Tom Lehman during the 2010 Senior PGA Championship at Colorado Golf Club—shared this observation.

“If you think of two different styles, I’d say Twin Dolphin would be a little bit like Colorado Golf Club with its mountain views and native areas, and Castle Pines, which has uphill and downhill shots, but not many big drops.”

At the end of my round, I see the 19th hole—a bonus par-3 playing 95 yards over a deep arroyo. Our caddie tells my group that this is where friendly wagers often occur, so my foursome decides that the guy furthest from the pin will buy a round of tequilas.

I pitch to within eight feet. *Muy bien*, Freddie! 🏌️

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## Rooms and Real Estate

Created by Ohana Real Estate Investors, Twin Dolphin Los Cabos occupies the former site of the Hotel Twin Dolphin. The 1,400-acre development includes Maravilla Los Cabos, a private residential community; Montage Los Cabos, a luxury 122-room beachfront hotel; and Montage Residences, 52 two- and three-bedroom turnkey units.

**Maravilla Los Cabos Homesites:** Quarter-acre+ to over one acre priced from \$3M to \$12M. Villas and Townhomes: priced from \$3.5M to \$11M. Montage Residences: priced from \$2.35M for a 2BR to \$2.95M for a 3BR. [twindolphinloscabos.com](http://twindolphinloscabos.com)

Membership to Twin Dolphin Golf Club is of-

fered exclusively to owners in Twin Dolphin’s residential communities. In addition to golf, members can enjoy the Dos Arroyos “glampsite” featuring a 40-person dining palapa, kitchenette, communal table, hammocks, lounge seating, and a lookout tower with views of the Sea of Cortez. There are also 10 miles of hiking and mountain biking trails, an 18-hole putting course, archery, paintball and access to *Twin Dolphin I*, a 56-foot day yacht.

Montage Los Cabos resort guests are limited to five tee times per day; \$450 per player, per 18-hole round, plus a \$50 caddie fee. Resort packages like Sweet 15 and Discover Baja start at \$525 a night (the latter requires a minimum four-night stay). [montagehotels.com/loscabos](http://montagehotels.com/loscabos)



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# Prepare for the Unexpected

Four shots you seldom practice but certainly should. By Elena King

**NO TWO GOLF SHOTS** are ever the same, but some arise less frequently than others—and when they do, “blowup holes” can result. Instead of hitting the same shots over and over on your next trip to the range, set aside some time to master these tricky stroke-savers. Although each involves a different situation and different club, they all share the technique of shifting your weight forward and requiring practice to master.

## HYBRID RUN-UP

**Situation:** When you're up against the fringe, just barely in the rough or within 30 yards and there's no hazard between you and the hole, a hybrid with 18-22 degrees of loft will give you more lift than a putter (4 degrees) and far less than a wedge (46-60 degrees).



**1.** Use normal putting grip and choke down on the club because a hybrid's shaft is much longer than a putter's and gripping down will give you more control. Press the handle forward. Position the ball off back foot and shift weight to your front foot.

**2.** Feeling pressure on your forward foot from the start of the swing to a held finish, take your normal putting stroke.

## STINGER

**Situation:** On blustery days, you need to keep the ball low and under the wind.

**1.** Set up by playing the ball back of center with your weight and hands forward. Notice the difference in the red launch angles in the two images below.



Ball in center of stance produces “normal,” but too-high ball flight.



Ball placed back of center produces desirable “low” ball flight.

**2.** Also, to keep the ball low you have to control and keep the club de-lofted at impact. To practice this, put a glove one grip behind ball.



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**3.** On your takeaway (above) and downswing, do not hit the glove. This promotes a descending angle of attack, removing the wrists from the swing and keeping the hands ahead the clubface at impact.

**4.** Follow through strong with a low-held finish.



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## FRIED EGG

**Situation:** How to extricate a ball that plugs in a bunker.



**1** You want the club to dig, rather than glide, through the sand, so you need to use the leading edge of your sand wedge so the club pops the ball up and out.



**2** Swing steeply and swing aggressively, maintaining a V-shape with your arms.



**Setup:** Position ball in the center of your stance. Close the clubface. Drop your lead shoulder and lean forward.



**3** Strike the sand just behind the ball, digging in and popping out the ball. Follow through, but know that digging into the sand will prevent a big finish and the ball will run once out.



## BACKHANDED COMPLEMENT

**Situation:** You don't have a stance because the ball lies against a tree or course boundary.



**1** Invert the club, so the toe points towards the ground.



**2** If you're right-handed, set up as if you were a lefty, putting the ball back in your stance and shifting your weight towards the target.



**3** You need to practice this shot to feel comfortable with it. Take a small, controlled swing. This is not the time for a hero shot. You just want to get the ball to a playable spot.

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# Extras Add Up

From shoes to shades, accessories add function and style to your game.

By Suzanne S. Brown

> **HEAD'S UP** A golfer's hat broadcasts an instant affinity for a given brand, course or sports team. Which makes the caddie logo hats of **AndersonOrd** a fun departure. The company's founders, with backgrounds in professional golf and course development, chose the jump-suited caddie logo to symbolize those with deep knowledge and love of the game. The stretch-fit styles come in a range of colors and combinations, have pre-curved visors, raised embroidery and moisture-wicking, breathable polyester bands, \$30. [andersonord.com](http://andersonord.com)



^ **WAIST NOT** Simon Hurd's pork pie hats might have distinguished him during his days on the European Tour, but he's become better known for his belts. A decade ago, Hurd started **Druh** (his name spelled backwards) to bring a little pizzazz to golf accessories. Featuring various buckle styles and straps in dozens of vivid colors of leather, crocodile, snake patterns and exotic skins, **Druh belts** feature an interchangeable buckle. Customers can also create their own belt-and-buckle combinations on the company's website. Prices for the leather straps and buckles for men and women range from \$124 for the handmade Tour Collection leather style to \$220 for snakeskin combinations. [druhbeltsandbuckles.com](http://druhbeltsandbuckles.com)



< **WRIST ASSURED** From a form and function perspective, a watch that doubles as rangefinders certainly make sense. Bushnell's iON2 GPS Golf watch uses Bluetooth technology and the **Bushnell Golf** app for automatic updates to 36,000-plus preloaded courses. Not only does the iON2 feature instant yardage measurements and distances for up to four hazards per hole, it also boasts a pedometer, odometer and a shot-distance calculator. The watch's battery lasts three rounds before charging, has a reversible strap and sells for \$180. [bushnellgolf.com](http://bushnellgolf.com)

v **SADDLE UP** Saddle shoes are as country club classic as they come, usually in neutral colors and traditional styling. W. Barton Walker stepped in to change all of that when he invented a shoe with a saddle that can be easily swapped out for a saddle of another color or style (the laces tighten the shoe and saddles can be swapped in less than a minute). Walker named the company after his two children, **Jack and Grace**, and now sells shoes in white, gray and black (for both men and women) and offers solid color saddles in more than two dozen colors, such patterns as houndstooth, gingham, zebra, florals and camouflage, as well as city, state and country flags, and both college and professional sports teams. The waterproof leather shoes are \$160 and saddles are \$40. [jackgraceusa.com](http://jackgraceusa.com)



> **SPECS APPEAL** Count on **Oakley** to keep coming up with sunglasses that are as functional on the golf course as they are cool at the pool. That's the vibe of the new Mercenary style sporting the company's Prizm Dark Golf lens, which controls light transmission to maximize contrast and improve visibility as a golfer analyzes fairways and greens. The glasses feature a double bridge, updating the classic aviator look, and have an oversized shape, \$173. [oakley.com](http://oakley.com)



▼ **SNEAK ATTACK** A woman can wear **New Balance's** Minimus SL shoes from the course to the farmers market or lunch and none of her friends will be the wiser. The spikeless shoes are built to give the wearer the benefits she needs for golf, including breathable mesh uppers, insoles that cushion and wick moisture, plus foam in the mid-sole for both cushioning and stability. The rubber outsoles add durability, and at 6.6 ounces, they won't weigh you down, \$85. [newbalance.com](http://newbalance.com)

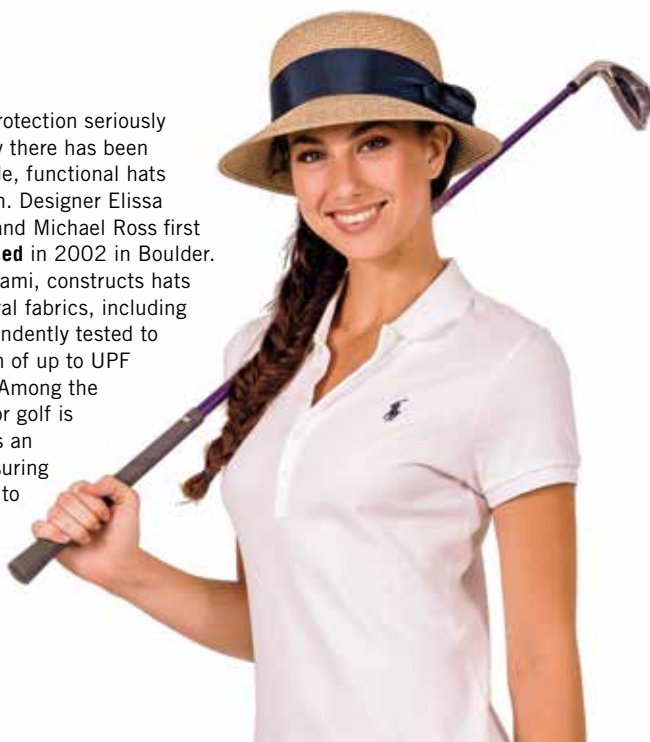


#### ^ **STEP AHEAD**

Socks might be among the most important but under-appreciated parts of a golfer's wardrobe. Fit, cushioning, moisture management and comfort are key if you're going to play your best. While they weren't thinking just about golfers when they came up with the idea for a sock company in high school, Seattle-based entrepreneurs Jake Director and Riley Goodman were determined to build a better sock for athletes. They founded **Strideline** and have spent the last decade refining their designs, which now feature memory yarns that form to your feet, invisible toe seams, air vents and compression padding to provide support and breathability, and they don't bunch or slip. They cost \$10 for ankle-length styles, and \$12 for mid- and crew-length styles. [strideline.com](http://strideline.com)

#### > **HATS OFF**

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# Burning Japanese

Mazda's MX-5 Miata RF and CX-5 Turbo and Toyota's reimagined RAV4 represent three of this year's hottest models.

By Isaac Bouchard

## 2019 MAZDA MX-5 MIATA RF

EPA: 26/34mpg; 29mpg combined

0-60: 5.7sec (indep. test)

Price as tested: \$35,405

Over four generations the MX-5 Miata has become the best-selling sports car the world has ever seen. For this year, Mazda has applied classic hot-rodding techniques to turn the formally anodyne engine that propels the current softtop and folding hardtop RF versions into a free-revving powerplant worthy of this RWD wondercar.

The new 2-liter, four-cylinder has a bigger throttle body and valves, lighter and stronger connecting rods and a stiffer crankshaft. Its fuel injectors run a higher pressure and its exhaust system—which still sounds somewhat uninspiring—gets the gasses gone quicker. All these changes, and a lighter, dual-mass flywheel, serve to make it rev with real verve, and throttle response is right-now responsive.

All the changes net 26 more horsepower (mainly a result of lifting the rev ceiling from 6800 to 7500 rpm) to 181hp. While torque only goes up 3lb-ft, it's spread evenly across the powerband and it certainly **feels** like substantially more. Where the previous engine felt tight and unwilling at our altitude, now the Miata jumps to attention at most any speed, with the kind of glorious reflexes that only come from a good power-to-weight ratio.

## 2019 MAZDA CX-5 SIGNATURE

For 2019, Mazda has dropped their turbocharged, 250hp engine into the CX-5. Already one of the best compact crossovers extant, the injection of 63 extra ponies and total of 310lb-ft of torque help transform it from a luxurious, refined and dynamic alternative to Chevys, Hondas and Fords into something that is fully competitive with offerings from Lincoln, Cadillac, Acura and Infiniti—all for \$35,915. As Mazda seeks to be considered amongst those worthies, it is essential that its vehicles provide the kind of owner satisfaction that comes with a premium price tag, without letting go of the class-leading driving satisfaction that is the company's calling card. In the case of the CX-5 turbo—along with the Mazda6 turbo, CX-9 and forthcoming, all-new Mazda3 and CX-4—it's mission accomplished.



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Think it and it happens. Roll your palms and the Mazda turns in, the tidy dimensions making the canvas of any width road easier to paint on. The balance is neutral and there's not a better car to learn controllable oversteer in.

There's also enough compliance in the springs and bushings to make city driving over broken bitumen tolerable. The standard brake modulation and power is fine; optional Brembos are even more feelsome. Undeniably the highlight of a year's testing of all sorts of fun, expensive vehicles, the MX-5 Miata remains singular in its ability to engage drivers of all abilities, at most any speed, in the sheer, glorious act of driving.

### 2019 TOYOTA RAV4

EPA ratings: 25/33mpg; 28mpg combined  
0-60mph: 8.0sec (indep. test)  
Price as tested: \$37,650

Toyota's best-selling vehicle is no longer the Camry. The RAV4 now wears that title, so it's a good thing that it has been completely redesigned for 2019. Based on the same, excellent TNGA architecture that serves under most new Toyotas, this compact crossover is faster, more fun to drive,



Toyota RAV4

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You'd never know it from watching NASCAR, F1 or Indy, but Mazda is the most-raced car in America. From amateur clubs up to pro teams, more women and men contest for glory, trophies and cash in NA-series Miatas, ND-series MX-5 Cup cars, RT24-P prototypes and even open-wheeled USF-2000s. Until last year, when Toyota took its first victory with an unprecedented budget, Mazda was the only Japanese company to win the fabled 24 Hours of LeMans (in 1991 with the rotary-engine 787B). Mazda Motorsports provides a comprehensive program to find young talent and take it to the top of the sport. For the rest of us mere mortals, MX-5 Miata ND2 makes a terrific autocross or trackday ride at an affordable price. [mazdamotorsports.com](http://mazdamotorsports.com)



2019 MX-5 Miata ND2

The 1991 787B

quieter, better riding and finished to a much higher standard than its predecessor.

This fifth generation RAV4 has quite audacious styling, though it works better on some models than others. Basic trims look quite cheap, with plastic hubcaps, small wheels that are lost in the angular fenders and lots of black textured plastic. Top shelf offerings are much more successful, especially the Adventure and TRD Off-Road, whose overbite grills, flares, bigger wheels and more aggressive tires bring out the upswept

window line and evoke the tough-truck image of the Tacoma.

The Adventure's interior really leverages the breadth of colors and materials available with modern manufacturing. Soft touch, dove gray moldings and seats contrast with orange stitching, striping and grippy storage cubbies, creating an ambiance that excites and pleases.

All RAV4s are powered by a 2.5-liter four cylinder that is significantly more powerful than before. There are three AWD systems available; the first two are a basic system on the LE and XLE and one that offers torque vectoring (which sends power to the wheels that can best use it), standard on the Adventure, TRD Off-Road and optional on the Limited. Hybrids, which have an Atkinson-cycle version of the 2.5L, power the rear wheels exclusively with an electric motor. Toyota considers the hybrid the performance version of the RAV4, with a combined 219hp, more low-end torque and quieter running.

The new platform imbues the RAV4 with more precise steering; it's accurate and gives a good sense of what the front tires are up to. Body control is much, much better too, with a generally smooth ride and overall the Toyota feels sporty and responsive.

The RAV4 faces very stiff competition from the Honda, Mazda CX-5 and all-new Subaru Forester. But the Toyota offers more variants than either, is competitive in performance (with the exception of the CX-5 turbo) and in hybrid form has the best fuel economy. Now that the RAV4 has been so thoroughly upgraded, it should not only remain the best-selling vehicle in Toyota's lineup but become the leading compact crossover in America. 🏆

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» Together with several of the finest builders in Colorado, Ravenna features a stunning selection of custom and semi-custom homes, designer specs, golf villas and homesites. Serenely located in **Waterton Canyon** behind a 24/7 secured entry, homeowners enjoy breathtaking 360-degree views of Pike National Forest, the red-rock outcroppings of the Dakota Hogback, the world-class golf course and the Denver skyline. Each home is its own masterpiece full of modern-day sophistication and details but steeped with classic and timeless beauty. Homesites start at \$300K and homes are available from \$1.3 million.

» While the current clubhouse hosts the restaurant and golf shop, the 24,600-square-foot **Old World-style clubhouse**, currently under construction, will overlook the course and 18th green with views to Pike National Forest.

» Award-winning Executive Chef David Lazarus and his passionate team consistently create distinct, delectable menus to fit each season and occasion at

Ravenna. From **5-course wine dinners to casual fare**, the only thing that doesn't change on the menu is its excellence. Fresh ingredients are selected each week and a weekly rotating menu pairs with regular favorites to ensure that members and guests always leave with empty plates and full satisfaction.

» Year-round social, fitness and golf calendar of events for all ages and interests including **Thursday live music nights**, holiday traditions, family events and more throughout the year.

» Proud home of the **2019 Schomp BMW Cup** and winner of 2019 CAGGY Awards for Best Colorado Golf Course Community, Best Par 3 (#16) and Best Par 5 (#14).



## DON'T MISS:

**La Bella Vita**, Ravenna's brand new, state-of-the-art Fitness Center, Pool and Sunset Terrace is newly open for members. The 11,000-square-foot facility features the finest high-tech workout equipment paired with expansive windows allowing the beauty of the surroundings to shine through. An abundance of programs and group classes combine with the outdoor grill, poolside cabanas, performance pavilion for live entertainment and rooftop atmosphere.

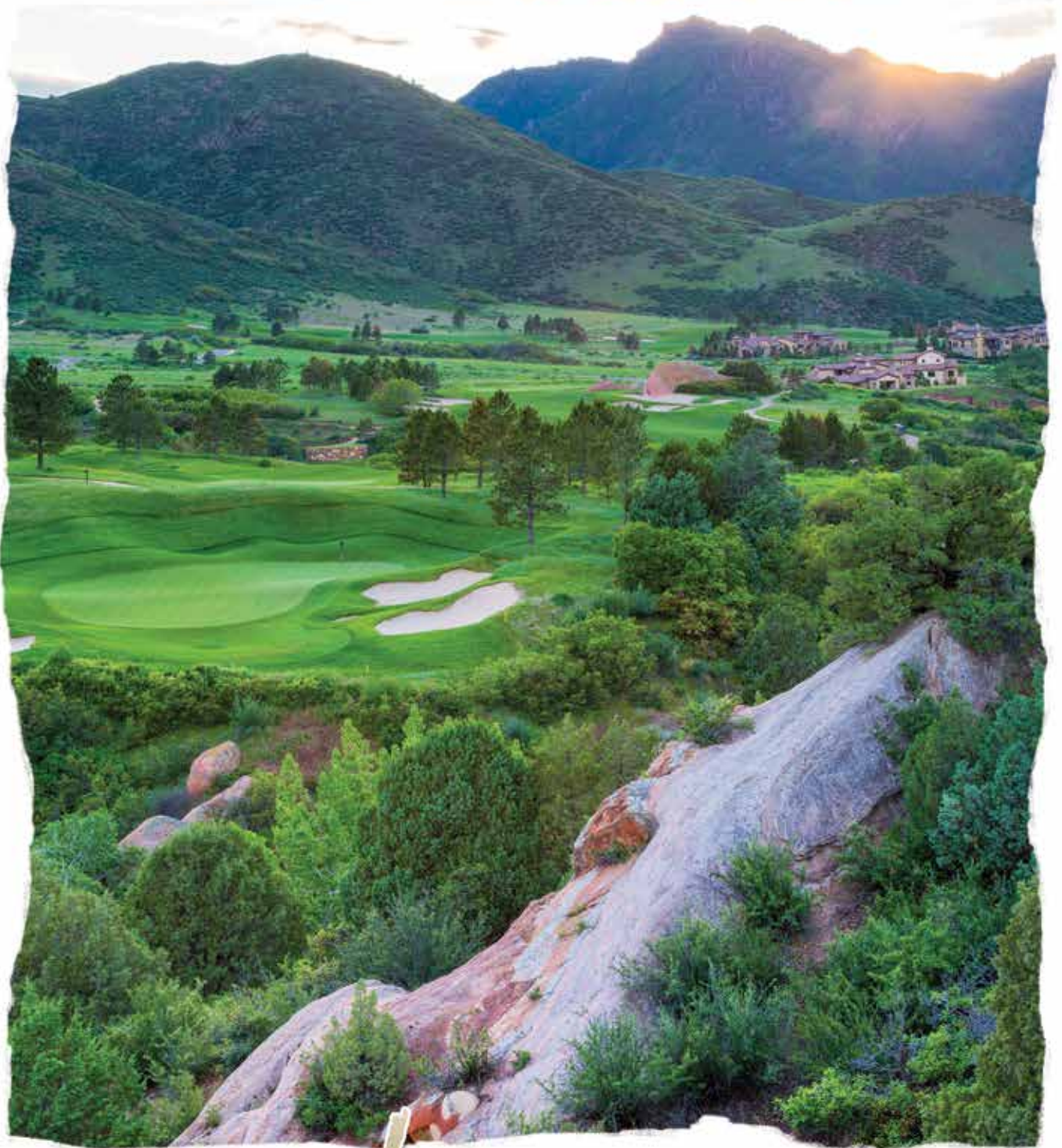


## WHY JOIN RAVENNA?

Members who have been at other clubs join Ravenna and say "this is the club I've always wanted." Our tight-knit membership is served by a staff full of professionals in every area with a commitment of making each day spent at Ravenna feel like a vacation. The current Clubhouse Project, paired with other additions, improve upon a first-class experience throughout all aspects of the club, all wrapped in an authenticity that will make you proud to call Ravenna "home."



Many courses have a *signature hole*...  
We have a whole *collection of them*.



Set against the iconic red rocks of the Dakota Hogback near Waterton Canyon in Littleton, The Club at Ravenna offers access to one of Colorado's premier residential communities and private golf courses amidst an unusually stunning backdrop and features a gorgeous collection of custom and semi-custom homes, designer specs, golf villas and home sites.



**RAVENNA**

**RavennaGolf.com** 720.956.1600

2019 Colorado AvidGolfer CAGGY Winner: Best Colorado Golf Course Community, Best Par 3 (#16), Best Par 5 (#14)  
Golfweek: Top 100 U.S. Best Residential Courses *nine years in a row*





# CHERRY CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

## *Denver Outside, Paradise Inside*



**T**he moment you pass through the gates of the exceedingly private Cherry Creek Country Club, your entire family will be transported to an extraordinary paradise. From the expansive, full-service Spa and Fitness Wellness Center to the expertly-appointed meeting venues to the Jack and Jackie Nicklaus Signature 18-Hole Championship Golf Course to the summer-long Kids Camp, there is truly something for everyone in this exclusive oasis right in your backyard.



**DINING** The award-winning culinary team uses its continuing education to create unforgettable gastronomic experiences of traditional club fare with a modern twist. Seasonal menus and ingredients are offered, along with ever-changing featured chef specialty dishes and regular exclusive wine- and spirit-pairing dinners.

**GOLF** The 18-hole premier Jack and Jackie Nicklaus Signature golf course offers several thrilling risk-



reward holes and enjoyment for all ability levels. Progressive turf care management techniques are used to maintain and diversify the course landscape over time for course conditions that are second-to-none.

**EVENTS** An experienced events team plans unforgettable special events—from incredible decorations and setup, to custom menus, entertainment and stunning settings. Create family traditions throughout the year, with





appearances by ponies, pumpkins, reindeer, the Easter Bunny, fireworks, live bands, zoo animals and much more.

**SPA** The full-service Spa offers a wide array of luxurious services for both ladies and gentlemen, including relaxing and rehabilitative massage, physical therapy, cupping, dry needling, facials and extraordinary, customized skincare lines. In addition to manicures and pedicures, makeup application, hair services, eyelash lifting and aromatherapy, the Spa



boasts all-new equipment in ultra-private treatment rooms, a relaxing meditation deck and expansive gift boutique.

**FITNESS** Certified personal trainers and state-of-the-art equipment await you for unrivaled members-only private workouts to aid in attaining personal strength and wellness goals. Daily ever-changing, cutting-edge classes taught by talented instructors span Pilates, Barre, Tai Chi, trampolines, boot camp and more.



CHERRY CREEK  
COUNTRY CLUB

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**To experience the reasons why**  
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Awards, please contact **Kate Converse**  
of **Cherry Creek Country Club Realty**  
with all Real Estate inquiries at  
**303.489.5505** [kateconverse.com](http://kateconverse.com)





## {denver region}

## LOCATION:

Blackstone Country Club, Aurora

## LOCATION:

Black Bear Golf Club, Parker

## WEBSITE:

blackstone-club.com

## INITIATION:

\$2,000 - \$5,000

## SOCIAL FITNESS INITIATION:

\$500

## DUES:

from \$244 per month

## SOCIAL FITNESS

## MONTHLY DUES:

\$194

## MEMBERSHIP CONTACT:

Irene Skrondahl

720-330-7087

Irene.Skrondahl@ClubCorp.com



## BLACKSTONE COUNTRY CLUB AND BLACK BEAR GOLF CLUB

Both clubs have recently renovated the restaurants and patios and have improved the golf courses. Both offer **exceptional dining with seasonal menus, a chef's table and live music** on Friday nights. PGA Golf Professionals at both clubs offer excellent programming for the beginner to scratch player. Both Blackstone and Black Bear feature an extensive calendar for mens', ladies' and junior events.

» Black Bear's 18-hole **Jeff Brauer-designed golf course** features more than 200 feet in elevation change and views from Pikes Peak to Longs Peak, full driving range, practice areas and indoor golf performance center.

» Black Bear's **craft restaurant** offers a casual fare with a main dining area and patio overlooking the grass courtyard and gazebo.

» Blackstone features a 7,313-yard **Jay Morrish-designed golf course** with full driving range and practice areas.

» **The Fireside Restaurant** at Blackstone combines a chophouse theme with casual country club dining and terraces looking out on Colorado's Front Range. Blackstone's **spacious ballrooms** for private events are ideal for hosting any type of occasion.

» Blackstone offers a **fitness center, tennis courts** and a resort-style **pool**.

» **Golf memberships** with access to both Blackstone and Black Bear start at \$219 and include access to the

ClubCorp Network of more than 300 private clubs when traveling.

» Members with **O.N.E.** benefits\* enjoy **complimentary green fees** at ClubCorp country clubs with tee times up to 30 days in advance and **complimentary world-class dining** at business clubs across the country. Members also have **complimentary access** to TaylorMade loaner clubs in the ClubCorp family. Enjoy up to 40 percent off at hundreds of hotels worldwide. **Special offerings** at more than 1,000 hotels, resorts, restaurants and entertainment venues, including tickets to theaters, concerts and sporting events.

\*The O.N.E. program and corresponding benefits are subject to certain terms, conditions, restrictions and exclusions. For details, visit [clubcorpnetwork.com](http://clubcorpnetwork.com) or call 720-330-7087.



### DON'T MISS:

Our extensive social calendar including **wine dinners, brunches, barbecues, holiday parties** and more!



### WHY JOIN OUR CLUB?

Great things come in pairs. Members enjoy **two championship courses**, two clubhouses, two great restaurants and a calendar of golf and social events at each club, all on one membership. Industry-leading O.N.E. (Optimal Network Experiences) membership benefits offer 50 percent off\* à la carte dining at your home club and traveling benefits in the ClubCorp Network of more than 300 private clubs. More than \$1 million has been invested in clubhouse and golf course improvements including enhanced patios, Fireside restaurant at Blackstone and Craft restaurant at Black Bear, as well as the resort-style pool at Blackstone.



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## {denver region}

## LOCATION:

Larkspur

## WEBSITE:

perryparkkcc.com

## INITIATION:

\$4,500

Full Equity Golf Membership

## SOCIAL INITIATION:

\$200

## FULL GOLF MONTHLY DUES:

\$440 family

TWILIGHT GOLF  
MONTHLY DUES:

\$264 single family

## SOCIAL MONTHLY DUES:

\$30 Family

## MEMBERSHIP CONTACT:

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## PERRY PARK COUNTRY CLUB

A scenic 20-minute drive from Castle Rock or Monument puts you in another world. A world without traffic, noise or hassle. **A place of serenity, timeless beauty and amazing golf.** Picture winding green fairways set among spectacular red rock formations, ponderosa pines and many of Colorado's wild fauna. Imagine the pleasure of a round of golf in this serene setting framed by the woodlands of Pike National Forest. This is Perry Park Country Club, where one round will convince you there's been something missing from your game.

» Fifty years ago, the noted Colorado golf architect **Dick Phelps** met the challenge of designing 18 holes among the natural wonders of the severe rock upheavals of millennia past. His flawless execution resulted in an exquisite 6,927-yard, par-72 course that continues to test low-handicap players and provides a gratifying round for the weekend golfer.

» With **eight separate tee positions**, the layout welcomes golfers of all skill levels, allowing each member to tailor the course to his or her greatest enjoyment. Though elevation changes abound, the course is eminently walkable. Both private carts and walking carts are allowed. The 6,927-yard tournament tees play to a slope of 132 with a rating of 72.9. Middle tees are 6,626 yards with a slope of 126 and a rating of 72.1 for men. The gold tees measure 5,434 yards, and we have added a forward tee at 4,816 yards for enjoyment of all skill levels including novice.

» Perry Park's new **robotic mowers** double-cut and roll each green every day for tournament-quality conditions.

» **Friendly members** and a new-member introduction program will have you meeting new friends, playing golf and becoming involved in our social activities in no time at all.

» We offer **ladies, men's & couples leagues** with a full complement of 18 club tournaments, as well as inter-club events.

» **The Manor House** and **Max's**, our facility across Lake Wauconda, host the club's many social events, such as Prime Rib and other special dining nights, Jazz and Barbecue by the Lake, wine tastings and more. Celebrations take place on every major holiday, including fireworks on the 4th of July. Many members join in for bridge, craft classes, bowling, group outings and hosting their own private parties.

» Children enjoy monthly **Kid's Movie Night** and **Kid's Club**.



## DON'T MISS:

Check out our **new casual dining space** designed to accommodate small groups or larger gatherings. Featured are lounge areas (in the foreground), four-seat tables that are easily grouped for larger parties, two-person high tops and an eight-seat community table near the bar. Members can access the newly designed, comfortable and inviting bar from inside or outside, adding new energy to Perry Park's dining scene.



## WHY JOIN OUR CLUB?

It's a unique chance to make your home course the club **Colorado AvidGolfer's 2019 CAGGY Awards** chose as one of the best values and most underrated in Colorado. You'll also experience all the benefits of an outstanding equity private club: including a laid-back atmosphere, mountain views close to home, a stunning golf course and many social activities year round. Plus, it's the least-expensive Full Equity Golf Club on the Front Range!



# PERRY PARK COUNTRY CLUB

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(Family membership, includes spouse/significant other and children age 22 & under)  
One-Time Initiation Fee: \$1800 Great discount on monthly dues!  
Twilight hours: June - August after 4:00pm September - May after 3:00 pm  
Weeknights leagues for men, women and couples.

***\*\*Limited to the first 15 to sign up. Initiation fee accompanies application.***

**For more information on these specials, contact: Andrew at 303.681.3305, Ext 4 or [Abustamente@perryparkcc.com](mailto:Abustamente@perryparkcc.com)**  
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{mountain region}

LOCATION:

North Colorado Springs

WEBSITE:

flyinghorseclub.com

SIGNATURE GOLF INITIATION  
(36 HOLES):

\$50,000 (refundable)

\$35,000 (non-refundable)

FULL GOLF INITIATION (18 HOLES):

\$39,000 (refundable)

\$25,000 (non-refundable)

SOCIAL FITNESS INITIATION:

\$8,500

SIGNATURE GOLF MONTHLY DUES:

Established prior to  
second course opening

FULL GOLF MONTHLY DUES:

\$610 family, \$535 single

SOCIAL FITNESS MONTHLY DUES:

\$290

MEMBERSHIP CONTACT:

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## THE CLUB AT FLYING HORSE

» Featuring an Audobon-certified, Tom Weiskopf-designed **18-hole golf course** and indoor/outdoor Golf Academy training facility, members can play and practice year-round, rain or shine.

» **Coming soon**, a new 18-hole Phil Smith-designed golf course, to open in summer 2020!

» Members enjoy gourmet dining surrounded by breathtaking views. Choose from three dining areas—the Steakhouse, the intimate Rotunda, or the casual member bar and grill.

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» With a full array of **resort-style amenities**—including swimming pools, clay tennis courts, group fitness classes, and state-of-the-art exercise equipment—the Athletic Club and Spa is an all-out winner for fitness enthusiasts of every age and interest. It's also a great way to unwind after a hard day at work.

» **Swim** outdoors in our heated 25-yard salt water lap pool or soak in the spacious hot tub. Summer brings the opening of our seasonal adult-only pool and hot tub and our children's activity pool and splash parks.

» **Tennis** plays a big part in club life. Members have the option of playing outdoors on our four hard-surface courts or indoors on our four red-clay courts. Daily drills are available to players of any level.

» **Kids' Cabin** is a place where a kid can be a kid! While Mom and Dad play nine holes, attend a wine dinner or treat themselves to a spa treatment, the kiddos play and make new friends. Open daily and late for Date Night on Fridays and Saturdays.

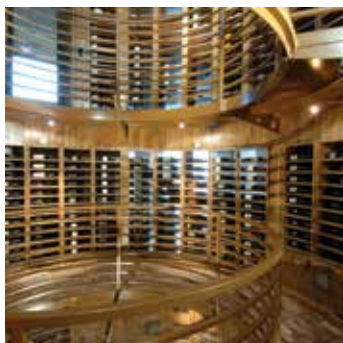
» Our members know the restorative power of herbs, water, and a soothing massage, especially after a long day of meetings. So they treat themselves to a day at our **spa**. Our full menu of rejuvenating therapies and curative treatments are relaxing, refreshing, and amazingly restorative.

» Make new connections and reaffirm those you've had for years. The Club has proven to be the perfect place to **network for business** purposes and host clients to a round of golf or a company luncheon. Members' guests are impressed by the attentive service and the high quality of the amenities.



### DON'T MISS:

The coveted Flying Horse **Signature Golf Membership** is your ticket to golf, fitness, tennis, aquatics, gourmet dining, and other extraordinary privileges at the most celebrated Club in Colorado. This membership lets you enjoy all the pleasures of our 18-hole Tom Weiskopf Golf Course, plus make plans to tee off at our new 18-hole Phil Smith Golf Course coming to Flying Horse North in the summer of 2020! To keep up with the progress of Flying Horse North and receive invitations to special events, email [jweis@flyinghorseclub.com](mailto:jweis@flyinghorseclub.com).



### WHY JOIN OUR CLUB?

The Club's beautiful, Tuscan-style facilities were built—and our activity programming is designed—with the modern-day family in mind. Members enjoy the year-round amenities and are able to engage with others thanks to a full schedule of fun activities. The Club also serves as a fashionable option where members can network socially and host impressive company functions or retreats. Located on the northern edge of colorful Colorado Springs, Flying Horse is convenient for those coming from Denver, Castle Rock or Monument.



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### {mountain region}

#### LOCATION:

Vail Valley, Colorado

#### WEBSITE:

cordillera-vail.com

#### INITIATION:

\$35,000

Standard Golf

\$65,000

Legacy Family  
Golf Membership

#### ANNUAL DUES:

\$12,750

#### MEMBERSHIP CONTACT:

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smorgan@Troon.com



## THE CLUB AT CORDILLERA

» Members of The Club at Cordillera believe lives are best lived while **enjoying the rewards of membership** provided by The Club at Cordillera—a private slice of heaven that provides ample opportunity to relax, connect, and savor Mother Nature's majesty. It is a personal, four-season playground, and it feeds passion for an outdoor life invigorated by crisp mountain air, awe-inspiring scenery, aspen tree lines, fresh alpine snow and vibrant summer blossoms.

» The Club at Cordillera Membership includes all four of our wonderful golf courses: the **Valley Course**, a Tom Fazio design; the **Mountain Course**, a Hale Irwin design; the **Short Course**, a Dave Pelz design; and the **Summit Course**, a Jack Nicklaus Signature design.

» **Along with 63 holes of golf**, members enjoy the Clubhouses and dining at each location. Social events include three private members-only pools both indoor and outdoor, two fitness facilities, pickleball, CFFC (Cordillera Fly Fishing Club) on private river waters, miles of hiking trails, biking group, weekly member wine mixers, live entertainment, mahjong, bridge, yoga, and much more, including daily member refresher clinics with Troon Golf's Director of Instruction Tim Mahoney.

» During the winter, our **Mountain Clubhouse** becomes a Nordic Center, where we groom the entire course with our private snowcat and provide snowshoeing, cross country skiing, skate skiing, sleigh rides, and sledding.

» Regardless of where your front doors open in the Vail Valley, The Club at Cordillera is truly home-away-from-home, and we believe we have changed the way a private club is experienced. Better still, Golf Membership at Cordillera also allows **reciprocal benefits** at the other Troon Privé courses so that members may use their membership year-round all over the world. [troon.com](http://troon.com)



### DON'T MISS:

The limited-time **Legacy Golf Membership**—including Membership for the whole family as well as grandchildren up to age 25 all under one set of annual dues.

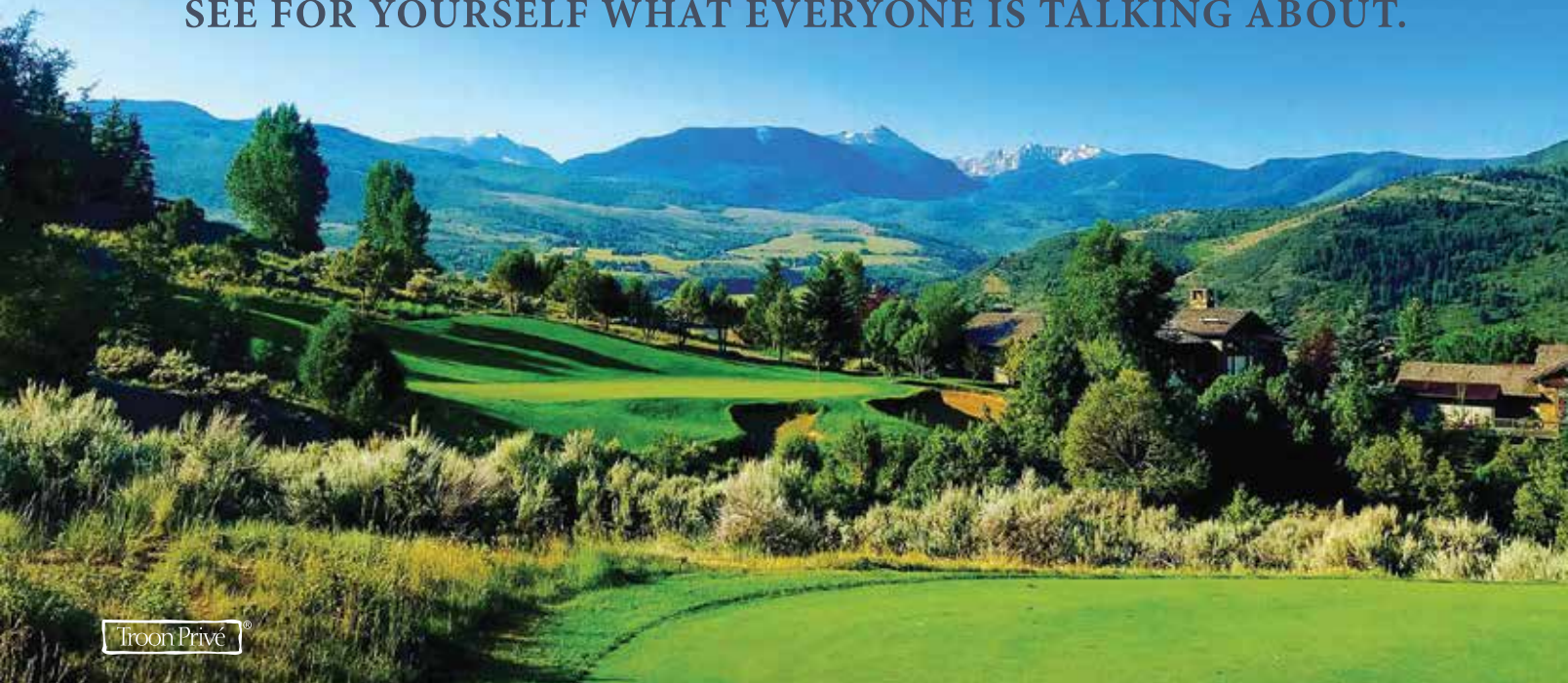


### WHY JOIN OUR CLUB?

The Club at Cordillera is the only private club in the Vail Valley to boast **Troon management and a Player Development Program** with a Top 50 Director of Instruction. Whether it's spring, summer, fall or winter, The Club at Cordillera is a year-round Club with daily activities for everyone in the family from our Kids Camp to backcountry CAT skiing.



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## {mountain region}

## LOCATION:

Eagle, Colorado

## WEBSITE:

frostcreek.com

NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP  
INITIATION:

\$30,000

NATIONAL  
ANNUAL DUES:

\$5,570

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## FROST CREEK

» Frost Creek is a **luxury four-season mountain club located** three miles up Brush Creek Road outside Eagle, Colorado. The club features a spectacular Tom Weiskopf-designed mountain golf course surrounding a 40,000-square-foot lodge-style clubhouse, 10 mountain-chic member cabins, two member yurts for glamour camping and available home sites ranging in size from 1 to 6+ acres. Frost Creek offers private fly-fishing access on adjacent Brush Creek and in stocked ponds, and more than 25 mountain lifestyle activities including SUP boards, fat-tire bikes and a member Jeep for off-road excursions. It is like a four-season camp for members of all ages.

» Founded in 2015, Frost Creek has grown to include more than 250 members. Membership is made up of a **great mix of “local” and “national”** (anyone who doesn't own or rent a home in Eagle County) members. The club offers onsite “member cabins” for use when visiting the club. Many national members start in the cabins, fall in love with the property and quickly start looking at real estate.

» Frost Creek's membership is **young and energetic** and the club's casual family atmosphere has become one of its core values.

» One thing that all Frost Creek members have in common is that they are participants in life, not spectators. Member events are lively and well attended and activities and club offerings are highly utilized. It's not uncommon to see members at a **yoga** class in the morning, on the **golf** course an hour later, and then **fly fishing** or **paddle boarding** in the evening.

» Typically, excellent golf outings can be categorized by **great courses or great experiences**. Tom Weiskopf's design at Frost Creek is both. The course is magnificent, the greens are immaculate, and the changing seasons make it a different round every time you're out. Tucked away and secluded from any hustle and bustle, the course has two distinct feels. The front nine is ranch-style with big views and great vistas and the back nine meanders around Brush Creek, perfectly complementing the creek and wetlands. It's a memorable round every time you play.

» Throughout the day Frost Creek's executive chef and team provide **gourmet food and dining options** from an ever-evolving Colorado inspired menu.



## DON'T MISS:

The opportunity to be part of a mountain club without having to own mountain real estate!

Our 10 member cabins and 2 “glamping” yurts give our National Members the ability to be part of the community without home ownership.

Be careful, though. You just might fall in love and stake your own claim to one of our custom home sites.



## WHY JOIN FROST CREEK?

Located in Eagle within easy driving distance to Vail and Beaver Creek, Frost Creek's membership base is growing quickly by comparison to other Vail Valley clubs. As a result, new friendships among members form daily, and the membership warmly welcomes new families and the excitement and energy they bring to the community. The majority of National Members reside primarily on Colorado's Front Range.



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Course Designer



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## 2019 PRIVATE CLUB DIRECTORY

| CLUB                                | ADDRESS<br>PHONE and WEBSITE                                                                                                 | INITIATION<br>*                      | DUES<br>**              | WAITING<br>LIST    | MEMBER<br>CAP | FACILITIES                                                                                                                                                     | COURSE<br>ARCHITECT                                                                | CONTACT                      |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Aspen Glen Club                     | 0545 Bald Eagle Way, Carbondale<br>970-704-1905; <a href="http://clubcorp.com">clubcorp.com</a>                              | \$35,000                             | \$995/mo.               | No                 | 535           | Swimming, tennis, spa,<br>fitness center,<br>ClubCorp reciprocity                                                                                              | Nicklaus Design<br>(1997)                                                          | Dave<br>Thompson             |
| Ballyneal Golf Club                 | 1 Ballyneal Lane, Holyoke<br>970-854-5900; <a href="http://ballyneal.com">ballyneal.com</a>                                  | \$25,000 (local)<br>\$20,000 (nat'l) | \$4,500/<br>\$3,000/yr. | Yes                | 250           | Bird hunting, bocce ball,<br>shooting, lodging, dining, spa,<br>12-hole and putting courses                                                                    | Tom Doak<br>(2006)                                                                 | Kent Hiller/<br>Dave Hensley |
| Bear Creek Golf Club                | 12201/Morrison Rd., Denver<br>303-667-4626; <a href="http://bearcreekgolfclub.net">bearcreekgolfclub.net</a>                 | \$40,000                             | \$800/mo.               | No                 | 350           | Dining                                                                                                                                                         | Arnold Palmer,<br>Ed Seay (1985)                                                   | Rich Goins                   |
| Black Bear Golf Club                | 11300 Canterbury Pkwy., Parker<br>720-330-7087; <a href="http://blackbear-club.com">blackbear-club.com</a>                   | \$2,000-<br>\$5,000                  | \$244-<br>\$538/mo.     | No                 | N/A           | Dining, privileges at Blackstone<br>and all ClubCorp facilities                                                                                                | Jeff Brauer<br>(1996)                                                              | Irene<br>Skrondahl           |
| Blackstone Country Club             | 7777 Country Club Dr., Aurora<br>720-330-7087; <a href="http://blackstone-club.com">blackstone-club.com</a>                  | \$2,000 -<br>\$5,000                 | \$244-<br>\$538/mo.     | No                 | N/A           | Swimming, tennis, fitness, dining, privileges<br>at Black Bear and all ClubCorp facilities                                                                     | Jay Morrish<br>(2006)                                                              | Irene<br>Skrondahl           |
| Bookcliff Country Club              | 2730 G Rd., Grand Junction<br>970-243-3323; <a href="http://bookcliffcc.com">bookcliffcc.com</a>                             | \$2,500                              | \$425/mo.               | No                 | 520           | Swimming, tennis, exercise center, spa,<br>dining, Troon Privé membership                                                                                      | Dick Phelps<br>(1958)                                                              | Kari<br>Canaday              |
| Boulder Country Club                | 350 Clubhouse Rd., Boulder<br>303-530-4600; <a href="http://bouldercc.org">bouldercc.org</a>                                 | \$43,500                             | \$614/mo.               | Yes                | 485           | Swimming, tennis, fitness,<br>dining, wellness center,<br>youth summer camp, par 3                                                                             | Press Maxwell<br>(1965)                                                            | Kate<br>Kippenberger         |
| Broadmoor Golf Club                 | One Lake Circle, Colorado Springs<br>719-577-5790; <a href="http://broadmoorgolfclub.org">broadmoorgolfclub.org</a>          | \$80,000                             | \$680/mo.               | Yes                | N/A           | All resort privileges,<br>private member's lounge                                                                                                              | East: D. Ross (1918)<br>West: R. T. Jones (1964)                                   | Shauna<br>Sartori            |
| Castle Pines Golf Club              | 1000 Hummingbird Dr., Castle Rock<br>303-688-6000; <a href="http://castlepinesgolfclub.club">castlepinesgolfclub.club</a>    | \$135,000                            | \$20,000/yr.            | Invitation<br>only | N/A           | Fitness center, dining                                                                                                                                         | Jack Nicklaus<br>(1981)                                                            | N/A                          |
| The Country Club at<br>Castle Pines | 6400 Country Club Dr., Castle Pines Village<br>303-688-7400; <a href="http://ccatcastlepines.com">ccatcastlepines.com</a>    | \$21,000                             | \$720/mo.               | No                 | 395           | Dining                                                                                                                                                         | Nicklaus Design<br>(1985)                                                          | Mark<br>Lewicki              |
| Catamount Ranch<br>& Club           | 33400 B Catamount Dr., Steamboat Springs<br>970-871-9300; <a href="http://catamountranchclub.com">catamountranchclub.com</a> | \$45,000                             | \$11,650/yr.            | No                 | 395           | Swimming, tennis, private lake,<br>water sports, fitness, skiing                                                                                               | Tom Weiskopf<br>(2000)                                                             | Nicole Piret                 |
| Cherry Creek<br>Country Club        | 2405 South Yosemite St., Denver<br>303-597-0300; <a href="http://cherrycreekcountryclub.com">cherrycreekcountryclub.com</a>  | \$45,000-<br>\$65,000                | \$475-<br>\$775/mo.     | No                 | 445           | Swimming, tennis, spa,<br>full fitness facility                                                                                                                | Jack Nicklaus/<br>Jack Nicklaus II (2002)                                          | Karen Hart                   |
| Cherry Hills<br>Country Club        | 4125 S. University Blvd., Cherry Hills Village<br>303-350-5200; <a href="http://chcc.com">chcc.com</a>                       | \$135,000                            | \$1,000/mo.             | Invitation<br>only | N/A           | Swimming, tennis, dining,<br>indoor golf practice                                                                                                              | William Flynn (1922);<br>Renaissance Golf (2009)                                   | B.J.<br>Johnson              |
| Colorado Golf Club                  | 7803 E. Stroh Rd., Parker<br>303-840-5400; <a href="http://coloradogolfclub.com">coloradogolfclub.com</a>                    | \$55,000/<br>\$85,000                | \$898/mo.               | Invitation<br>only | 375           | 9-hole short course, dining, fitness,<br>pool complex, hiking/riding trails,<br>AboutGolf simulator and indoor bays                                            | Ben Crenshaw/<br>Bill Coore (2006)                                                 | Tom Ferrell                  |
| Colorado Springs<br>Country Club    | 3333 Templeton Gap Rd., Colorado Springs<br>719-634-8851; <a href="http://cscountryclub.com">cscountryclub.com</a>           | \$3,500                              | \$520/mo.               | No                 | 450           | Swimming, tennis, dining,<br>fitness and pickleball, kids' playground                                                                                          | Dick Phelps<br>(1957)                                                              | Judi Lakin                   |
| Columbine Country Club              | 17 Fairway Lane, Columbine Valley<br>303-794-2674; <a href="http://columbinecc.com">columbinecc.com</a>                      | \$80,000                             | \$750/mo.               | No                 | 620           | Swimming, tennis, par-3, fitness,<br>new clubhouse with indoor simulators,<br>indoor/outdoor dining, spa                                                       | Henry Hughes<br>(1956)                                                             | Leah Caillier                |
| The Club at Cordillera              | 655 Clubhouse Dr., Edwards<br>970-569-6418; <a href="http://cordillera-vail.com">cordillera-vail.com</a>                     | \$35,000-<br>\$65,000                | \$12,750/yr.            | No                 | 1,085         | Swimming, tennis,<br>Nordic center, dining,<br>hiking, fly fishing, skiing                                                                                     | Valley: T. Fazio (1997)<br>Mountain: H. Irwin (1994)<br>Summit: J. Nicklaus (2001) | Suzanne<br>Morgan            |
| Country Club of<br>Colorado         | 125 E. Clubhouse Dr., Colorado Springs<br>719-538-4084; <a href="http://ccofcolorado.com">ccofcolorado.com</a>               | \$15,000                             | \$535/mo.               | No                 | 450           | Swimming, dining, tennis, fitness,<br>sailing, spa, beach, lake,<br>watersports, pickleball                                                                    | Pete Dye<br>(1973)                                                                 | Jessica<br>Woehle            |
| Country Club of<br>the Rockies      | 676 Sawatch Dr, Edwards<br>970-926-3080; <a href="http://countrycluboftherockies.com">countrycluboftherockies.com</a>        | \$95,000                             | \$11,500/yr.            | No                 | 350           | Call for facilities                                                                                                                                            | Jack Nicklaus<br>(1984)                                                            | Penti<br>Tofferi             |
| Denver Country Club                 | 1700 E. First Ave., Denver<br>303-733-2441; <a href="http://denvercc.net">denvercc.net</a>                                   | \$105,000                            | \$804/mo.               | Invitation<br>only | 600           | Swimming, tennis, ice rink,<br>fitness, paddle tennis                                                                                                          | James Foulis (1902),<br>Bill Coore (1985),<br>Gil Hanse (2009)                     | Molly Elm                    |
| Eagle Springs<br>Golf Club          | 28521 U.S. Highway 6 & 24, Wolcott<br>970-926-4400; <a href="http://eaglesprings.org">eaglesprings.org</a>                   | \$60,000                             | \$15,300/yr.            | Invitation<br>only | 250           | None                                                                                                                                                           | Jay Morrish/<br>Tom Weiskopf (1995)                                                | Mike Steiner                 |
| Eaton Country Club                  | 37661 Weld Country Rd. 39, Eaton<br>970-454-2106; <a href="http://eatoncc.net">eatoncc.net</a>                               | \$1,000                              | \$230/mo.               | No                 | 450           | Dining                                                                                                                                                         | Frank Baumgardner<br>(1968)                                                        | Misty Welsh                  |
| The Club at<br>Flying Horse         | 1880 Weiskopf Point, Colorado Springs<br>719-487-2646; <a href="http://flyinghorseclub.com">flyinghorseclub.com</a>          | \$25,000                             | \$535-<br>\$610/mo.     | No                 | 450           | Swimming, tennis, fitness,<br>spa, indoor golf facility,<br>lodging, dining                                                                                    | Tom Weiskopf (2005)                                                                | Jennifer<br>Weis             |
| Fort Collins<br>Country Club        | 1920 Country Club Rd., Fort Collins<br>970-482-1336; <a href="http://fortcollinscc.com">fortcollinscc.com</a>                | \$7,000                              | \$485/mo.               | No                 | 500           | Swimming, dining, fitness,<br>indoor and outdoor tennis,<br>privileges at ClubCorp                                                                             | Henry Hughes (1960);<br>Pete Dye (2001)                                            | Heidi Elser                  |
| The Fox Hill Club                   | 12389 E. Highway 119, Longmont<br>303-651-7600; <a href="http://thefoxhillclub.com">thefoxhillclub.com</a>                   | \$7,500                              | \$455/mo.               | No                 | N/A           | Dining, swimming, tennis, fitness                                                                                                                              | Frank Hummel<br>(1972)                                                             | Pat Miller                   |
| Frost Creek Club                    | 1094 Frost Creek Dr., Eagle<br>970-455-3072; <a href="http://frostcreek.com">frostcreek.com</a>                              | \$30,000/<br>\$35,000                | \$5,570/<br>\$8,350/yr. | No                 | 425           | Swimming, tennis, fitness, fishing,<br>spa, paddle board, archery, yurts,<br>Nordic skiing, ice skating, snowshoeing,<br>jeep access, hiking and biking trails | Tom Weiskopf<br>(2007)                                                             | Kakie<br>Holland             |

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|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Garden of the Gods Resort and Club | 3320 Mesa Rd, Colorado Springs<br>719-520-4980;<br><i>gardenofthegodsclub.com</i>  | \$25,000               | \$600/mo.                 | No              | N/A           | Kissing Camels Golf Club, lodging, Wellness Center, tennis, fitness, dining, spa, salon, swimming, tennis        | Press Maxwell (1961)/<br>Mark Rathert (1997)             | Tracey Kalata                |
| Glacier                            | 40290 Highway 550 North, Durango<br>970-382-6712; <i>theglacierclub.com</i>        | \$17,000/<br>\$70,000  | \$852/mo.                 | No              | 800           | Swimming, tennis, fitness, spa                                                                                   | Arthur Hills (1974)/<br>Irwin-Schoeder (2017)            | Ken Stone/<br>Kimberly Lohre |
| Glenmoor Country Club              | 110 Glenmoor Dr., Cherry Hills Village<br>303-257-1313; <i>glenmoorcc.org</i>      | \$80,000               | \$625/mo.                 | no              | 475           | Swimming, tennis, fitness, dining, massage, kids activity room                                                   | Pete Dye (1985)                                          | Teri Kubik                   |
| Greeley Country Club               | 4500 W. 10th St., Greeley<br>970-353-0528; <i>greeleycc.org</i>                    | 3,000<br>\$7,500       | \$307-<br>\$499/mo.       | No              | 500           | Swimming, tennis, racquetball, dining, pickleball, access to Ft Collins & Fox Hill CCs, Kemper Sports facilities | Press Maxwell/<br>Tom Bendelow (1932)                    | Eric Crawford                |
| Harmony Club                       | 4176 Club Dr., Timnath<br>970-224-4622; <i>harmonyclub.info</i>                    | \$9,000                | \$380/mo.                 | No              | 375           | Indoor heated golf facility, pool, tennis, fitness, pickleball                                                   | Jim Engh (2007)                                          | Jason Ward                   |
| Hiwan Golf Club                    | 30671 Clubhouse Ln., Evergreen<br>303-674-3366; <i>hiwan.com</i>                   | \$25,000               | \$530/mo.                 | No              | N/A           | Dining, swimming, tennis, fitness center, fishing, yoga and pilates                                              | Press Maxwell (1962)                                     | Daniel Sherman               |
| The Club at Inverness              | 200 Inverness Dr., Englewood<br>303-397-7878; <i>invernesshotel.com</i>            | \$1,250                | \$430/mo.                 | No              | 350           | Swimming, tennis, renovated fitness, locker and dining facilities                                                | Press Maxwell (1974)                                     | Dave Steinmetz               |
| Lake Valley Golf Club              | 4400 Lake Valley Dr., Longmont<br>303-444-2114; <i>lakevalley.com</i>              | \$6,000                | \$329-<br>\$435/mo.       | No              | 478           | Dining, practice facilities, private swim and fishing lake                                                       | Press Maxwell (1964)                                     | Rob Mount                    |
| Lakewood Country Club              | 6800 W. 10th Ave., Lakewood<br>303-233-4614; <i>lakewoodcountryclub.net</i>        | \$52,500               | \$675/mo.                 | Yes             | 450           | Swimming, fitness                                                                                                | Tom Bendelow/<br>Donald Ross (1908)<br>Gill Hanse (2018) | Carol Kaiser                 |
| Maroon Creek Club                  | 10 Club Circle Rd., Aspen<br>970-920-1533; <i>mccaspen.com</i>                     | \$200,000              | \$28,600/yr.              | Invitation only | 350           | Swimming, tennis, fitness, spa, dining                                                                           | Tom Fazio (1995)                                         | David Chadbourne             |
| Meridian Golf Club (LM)            | 9742 S. Meridian Blvd., Englewood<br>303-799-8402; <i>meridiangolfclub.com</i>     | \$9,000                | \$489/mo.                 | No              | 475           | Dining                                                                                                           | Jack Nicklaus (1984)                                     | Scott Meyer                  |
| Perry Park Country Club            | 7047 Perry Park Blvd., Larkspur<br>303-681-3305; <i>perryparkcc.com</i>            | \$4,500                | \$505/mo.                 | No              | 300           | Dining, golf                                                                                                     | Dick Phelps (1969)                                       | Andrew Bustamante            |
| Pinehurst Country Club             | 6255 W. Quincy Ave., Denver<br>303-985-1551; <i>pinehurstcountryclub.com</i>       | \$40,000               | \$708/mo.                 | No              | 450           | Swimming, indoor/outdoor tennis, dining, fitness, golf simulators                                                | Press Maxwell (1960)                                     | Tiffany Messer               |
| The Pinery Country Club            | 6900 E Pinery Pkwy., Parker<br>303-841-5157; <i>thepinerycc.com</i>                | \$10,000               | \$534/mo.                 | No              | N/A           | Swimming, fitness, indoor/outdoor tennis                                                                         | David Bingham (1972)                                     | Jeff Mathews                 |
| The Club at Pradera (LM)           | 5225 Pradera Pkwy., Parker<br>303-607-5672; <i>theclubatpradera.com</i>            | \$15,000               | \$540/mo.                 | No              | 450           | Tennis, fitness                                                                                                  | Jim Engh (2005)                                          | Eric Twesme                  |
| Ptarmigan Country Club (LM)        | 5416 Vardon Way, Fort Collins<br>970-226-8555; <i>ptarmigancc.com</i>              | \$5,000                | \$425/mo.                 | No              | 425           | Swimming, dining, tennis                                                                                         | Jack Nicklaus (1988)                                     | Ryan Flack                   |
| Pueblo Country Club                | 3200 8th Ave., Pueblo<br>719-543-4844; <i>pueblocountryclub.com</i>                | \$300/\$500            | \$241-<br>\$421/mo.       | No              | 850           | Swimming, tennis, dining, special events, 18-hole course                                                         | Henry Hughes (1902)                                      | Jacob Ronstadt               |
| The Ranch Country Club             | 11887 Tejon St., Westminster<br>303-460-9700; <i>theranchcc.com</i>                | \$12,000               | \$566/mo.                 | No              | 425           | Swimming, tennis, dining, fitness, indoor golf facility, kids' playroom                                          | Dick Phelps (1974)                                       | Barbara Gart                 |
| The Golf Club at Ravenna           | 11118 Caretaker Road, Littleton<br>720-956-1600; <i>ravennagolf.com</i>            | \$30,000               | \$675                     | No              | 395           | Dining, pool, fitness center                                                                                     | Jay Morrish (2006)                                       | Sam Chapman                  |
| Red Rocks Country Club             | 16235 W. Bellevue Ave., Morrison<br>303-352-2030; <i>redrockscountryclub.org</i>   | \$20,000               | \$497/mo.                 | No              | 425           | Dining, swimming, fishing, hiking                                                                                | Stanley Harwood (1976)/<br>Kevin Atkinson (2017)         | Claire Carter                |
| Red Sky Golf Club (LM)             | 1099 Red Sky Rd., Wolcott<br>970-754-8400; <i>redskygolfclub.com</i>               | \$140,000              | \$9,937/yr.               | No              | 425           | Swimming, tennis, hiking, dining, cycling/skiing, year-round events                                              | Tom Fazio (2002)/<br>Greg Norman (2003)                  | Shawna Frank                 |
| Roaring Fork Club (LM)             | 100 Arbaney Ranch Rd., Basalt<br>970-927-9000; <i>roaringforkclub.com</i>          | \$50,000-<br>\$125,000 | \$10,750-<br>\$21,500/yr. | Invitation only | 500           | Swimming, tennis, fly-fishing, dining, fitness                                                                   | Jack Nicklaus (1999)                                     | Sam Broome                   |
| The Club at Rolling Hills          | 15707 W. 26th Ave., Golden<br>303-279-3334; <i>theclubatrollinghills.org</i>       | \$49,000               | \$785/mo.                 | No              | 425           | Swimming, indoor/outdoor tennis, fitness, HD golf simulator, dining                                              | Press Maxwell/<br>Dick Phelps (1967)                     | Marta Kostelny               |
| Snowmass Club                      | 0239 Snowmass Club Cir., Snowmass Village<br>970-923-5600; <i>snowmassclub.com</i> | \$50,000               | \$715/mo.                 | No              | 375           | Athletic club, swimming, spa, indoor/outdoor tennis, fitness, cross-country skiing, dining                       | Jim Engh (2003)                                          | Joanna Malory                |
| Sonnenalp Club                     | 1265 Berry Creek Rd., Edwards<br>970-477-5375; <i>sonnenalpclub.com</i>            | \$45,000               | \$574/mo.                 | No              | 345           | Swimming, tennis, spa, fitness, dining, indoor/outdoor practice facilities                                       | Jay Morrish/<br>Bob Cupp (1982)                          | Diane Kerchof                |
| Valley Country Club (LM)           | 14601 Country Club Dr., Centennial<br>720-630-2463; <i>valleycountryclub.org</i>   | \$35,000               | \$650/mo.                 | No              | 470           | Swimming, lighted tennis, fitness, dining, children's activity center                                            | William Bell (1960)                                      | Lisa Schmid                  |
| The Country Club at Woodmoor       | 18945 Pebble Beach Way, Monument<br>719-884-7241; <i>ccwoodmoor.com</i>            | \$1,500                | \$165/mo.                 | No              | 1,300         | Swimming, indoor tennis, fitness, cross-country skiing, child care                                               | Press Maxwell (1969)                                     | Chris Johnson                |

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\* Initiations reflect full golf memberships for individuals. When given, ranges can account for incentives, promotions, refundability or multiple levels (equity/non-equity, associate, junior, individual, family, etc.). Clubs often make financing available.

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# The Quest to be Best

**GEORGE SOLICH**, *Castle Pines Golf Club's new chairman and president, directs the rebirth of a great club.*

*By JON RIZZI Photographs by BARRY STAVER*



NO INDIVIDUAL in Colorado golf history was more closely identified with one club than Jack A. Vickers was with Castle Pines Golf Club, which he founded and presided over for nearly 40 years.

“For lack of a better word and without being trite, Castle Pines was his vision, his dream,” says George H. Solich, the man who has succeeded Vickers—who died at age 93 last September—as the club’s chairman and president.

“There’s no replacing Jack Vickers,” Solich emphasizes. “He’s a true legend, and I have no illusions that I’m walking in his shoes. He had a real vision for Castle Pines, and that was to be the best.”

To be sure, there was nothing J.V. about Jack Vickers except his initials. He drew his inspiration from Augusta National Golf Club, one of more than a dozen clubs to which he belonged. He envisioned a Colorado version of Augusta—a warm and welcoming club with a prestigious national membership, a club that would radiate the same best-in-class level of golf, food, service and hospitality as the venerable home of the Masters.

Which is why, in 1979, he hired as course designer his longtime friend Jack Nicklaus, the 20th century’s greatest golfer, whose majors victory total included a record five Masters. The spectacular course hosted its first round in October 1981, and by 1986, four months after Nicklaus won for the sixth and final time at Augusta, Vickers and his fellow green-jacketed Castle Pines members were congratulating



the appropriately named Ken Green as the inaugural winner of The International.

Vickers saw to it that his tournament would distinguish itself from all others. He made it the first PGA TOUR event with a million-dollar purse, the only one to use a Modified Stableford scoring system and a must-play destination for the best golfers in the world for the next 20 years.

“Jack believes the best golf club is run by a dictator and not a committee,” club member Pete Coors said in a video at Vickers’ 2009 induction into the Colorado Business Hall of Fame. “He is a benevolent dictator who everybody loves,” echoed fellow member Charlie Gallagher.

That love extended well beyond the staff and membership. In 2014, the PGA

TOUR honored Vickers with only the 11th Lifetime Achievement Award in its history, and only the third (after Pete Dye and George H.W. Bush) given to a non-player. His funeral this past October at St. Thomas More Catholic Parish marked the first and only time Castle Pines allowed its members to wear their iconic hummingbird-crested emerald blazers off club premises.

### THE COURSE COMES FIRST

“We’re still guided by Jack’s vision of being the best,” Solich says, “and I view that as a great honor and a great responsibility. Castle Pines has been around for forty years, so what we’re intending to do is honor the past and shape the future for the next forty.”

That starts with work on the golf

course. “We can build all the fancy rooms we want in the clubhouse,” Solich explains, “but the golf course has to lead us to be the best.”

In the summer of 2015, Nicklaus, Vickers and General Manager Keith Schneider toured the property—as they did during the course’s initial construction. “They were going to redo the greens, so we went to see if there was anything we could do to improve the course,” Nicklaus says. The design changes mainly affected holes 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 16, with new green complexes on 5, 8 and 16; the addition and elimination of numerous bunkers; the re-contouring of slopes surrounding the greens; and the addition of cascading ponds on 16 similar to those on 11.



**POWER TRIO:** Jack Nicklaus, Jack Vickers and George Solich (left to right) at Castle Pines in 2015.



**KING OF THE CASTLE:** Club founder Vickers was a consummate gentleman and a beloved, benevolent dictator.



**FOREVER 21:** The par-4 fifth hole at Castle Pines Golf Club, for more than two decades the home of The International tournament on the PGA TOUR.



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"The golf course has to be the golf course it was," Solich says, referring to its days as a PGA TOUR venue (*Golf Digest*, which ranked it as high as 28th in the country, now puts it at 48th). "We're certainly getting there. We've spent a tremendous amount of capital on the golf course, and we're working with Jack on tee boxes that will take the course to nearly 8,000 yards long. They're not tee boxes that would dramatically change the design of the hole. They really fit very well. Keith Schneider and I have walked them all, and when Jack comes back out again this August, we're going to finalize them."

Guided by Jack Vickers' vision, Solich clearly wants to bring championship golf

back to Castle Pines. "Jack didn't want to have a senior or amateur event here. Jack wanted the PGA TOUR here. That's the way the golf course was designed, and we're certainly working to make sure it continues to be a challenging golf course for the PGA TOUR players."

A logical event is the BMW Championship. Solich had "a great experience" working with the PGA TOUR as general chairman of the 2014 BMW at Cherry Hills Country Club, where he is also a member. Originally known as the Western Open, the BMW Championship is the second-oldest professional tournament in the U.S. and the signature fundraising benefit for the Evans Scholars Foundation. Solich—a former caddie, Evans

Scholar and an active member of the Board of Directors of the Western Golf Association/Evans Scholars Foundation—played a critical role in bringing the event to Colorado.

Could he do it again for Castle Pines? "I think it would be a really great fit here," he says. "And I think there are a few others that think it would be a great fit here too, including Jack Nicklaus, and he's very supportive of us trying to find the right tournament. It will need to be one of great prestige and the highest quality we can find. We're not thinking second-tier anything, we want to host a tournament that puts Castle Pines back on the map as one of the best stops on the PGA TOUR. ...We don't expect that we'll host an event every year again, but we think it's a tremendous opportunity every three to five or even ten years."

## THE CLUBHOUSE TURN

Jack Nicklaus's aforementioned August visit will be his sixth in the last four years. On one of those visits, in August of 2016, he told Schneider, "I've been to every great golf club in the world, and Castle Pines has the greatest golf-club feel of anywhere I've ever been."

"He sat right here on this patio and said that," Solich relates, referring not to the glorious clubhouse patio overlooking Castle Pines' uphill 18th hole but to the patio of a beautifully appointed cottage bordering the first fairway.

We're in the cottage because the clubhouse—known for its magnificent locker room and dining area, iconic tower, and spectacular 70-mile views—is undergoing a massive renovation. "Every square foot will be touched," Schneider says of the project that's "been in the works for two years" but really began in earnest at the end of last season. "And we are adding 10,000 square feet."

The extra space will accommodate a dedicated fitness area—relocated from one of the cottages—and spa with treatment rooms and a cold plunge, a wine cave and an enlarged terrace area.

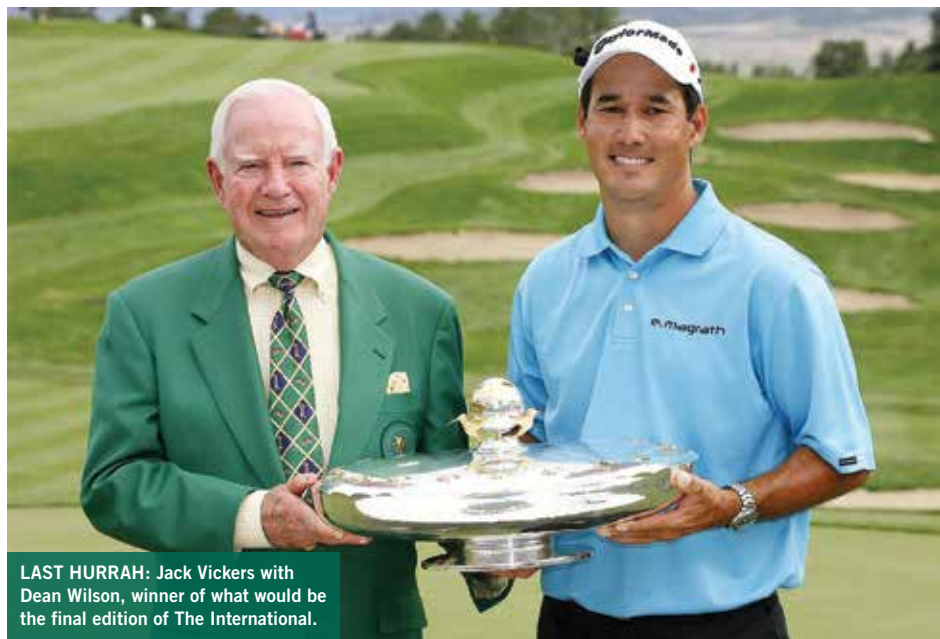
"We're making the fitness area much more of a centerpiece of the club and clubhouse," Solich explains. "And we're building some programming around it." With nearly 60 percent of members traveling from out of state, they come to Castle Pines as a destination and would prefer to stay at the club for fitness and spa sessions.

"The character of the club will not change," Solich assures. "Jack Vickers had a great eye for architecture, and really picked a tremendous design for the clubhouse. The lines, the character and the beauty of the ar-



**TOWERING ABOVE:** An elevator will now deliver members to the cupola of the clubhouse's signature turret.

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**LAST HURRAH:** Jack Vickers with Dean Wilson, winner of what would be the final edition of The International.

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chitecture are all in our favor, but it needs updating—in keeping with Jack’s vision to be the best. The architecture of the 1980s was very chopped up on the inside, so we’re opening it up, creating a better flow and exposing it more to the great outdoors.”

A new elevator will deliver riders to the top of the clocktower, rewarding them with spectacular views of the Front Range. “It wasn’t exactly a destination spot before,” laughs Solich, noting the space formerly housed mainly communications equipment.

“We’re moving into a time of rebirth of this great club,” he says. “I think there are a lot of energized members and energized staff. We all have this sense of responsibility around what Jack and the Founders built. His drive to be the best, and his attention to detail to build quality at every turn, was the stuff of legend.”

Solich praises club CFO Mike MacAdams and GM Schneider and his son, Assistant GM Drew Schneider, for their daily engagement on the project, and club member Larry Mueller, the founder of Cuvée, a Denver-based real estate private-equity firm and luxury villa rental company, who oversees the design and construction management. The club has also hired “a designer and another project manager who has worked extensively

at Augusta National over the last ten years.”

GE Johnson Construction is the general contractor on the 44,000-square-foot structure, which is slated to open later this summer.

### WHY HIM?

“Having the right people on the job means we’re going to have the right outcome,” says Solich. He could very well apply that sentiment to himself.

A driven, charming and charismatic self-made businessman with a deep appreciation

for the opportunities golf afforded him, Solich is the right man to lead Castle Pines. Yes, he has experience with the PGA TOUR, but an almost congenial connection to Jack Vickers and his vision for Castle Pines to be the best in everything encompasses and surpasses that.

Although he came from a working-class family in Colorado Springs and Vickers was the son of oil-rich parents from Wichita, Solich has much in common with the legend he’s following.

For one, both had four brothers. For an-



**GIVING BACK:** The Solich Caddie and Leadership Academy has produced 19 Evans Scholars.



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other, Vickers was born in Colorado Springs while his parents vacationed at The Broadmoor in 1925. Fifty years later, young George Solich worked as a caddie at The Broadmoor, a job that would help him realize his goal of earning an Evans Caddie Scholarship to the University of Colorado. He once looped for Jack Vickers, “who was great to be with, a gentleman and a really good player,” Solich remembers. “I didn’t really know who he was or what he meant to golf, but he certainly made an impression.”

The young caddie would experience firsthand what Vickers meant to golf early in his junior year at CU, when he and 19 other Evans Scholars were asked to travel from

Golf Course in Aurora in 2012 the nationally recognized Solich Caddie and Leadership Academy, which now has three Colorado chapters and has produced 19 Evans Scholars. (He also helped finance producer Jim Packer’s upcoming *Loopers*, a documentary about caddies narrated by Bill Murray, whom he met at the Gardner Heidrick Pro-Am at Conway Farms Golf Club near Chicago to kick off the 2015 BMW Championship.)

“A great golf club has to have a great caddie program—period,” he has said. Castle Pines does, as do Cherry Hills and The Broadmoor, where he’s also a member.

For all his talk of “greatness,” George Solich remains approachable and confidently



**LOOPERS:** Solich and Bill Murray at a 2015 pro-am to benefit the Evans Scholarship Foundation.

Boulder to caddie at the inaugural playing of the eagerly anticipated Nicklaus-designed layout at Vickers’ Castle Pines Golf Club.

Like Vickers, Solich, who’s president and CEO of FourPoint Energy and LongPoint Minerals, made his money in the oil and gas business, and also like Vickers, his wealth has enabled exceptional philanthropy.

The Jack A. Vickers Foundation and The International Charities donated throughout the years to hundreds of worthy causes, including, most notably, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Denver, where his legacy lives on through the recently constructed Jack A. Vickers Boys & Girls Club in northeast Park Hill.

Chief among Solich’s many causes are caddie-based programs. As mentioned earlier, he sits on the Board of Directors of the Western Golf Association/Evans Scholars Foundation. He also started the Colorado Golf Foundation, and, most notably, co-founded with his brother Geoff at CommonGround

humble, much like the “lovable dictator” who preceded him. He assumed the leadership of Castle Pines at the age of 57, roughly the same age as Vickers when he started the club, and was invited to join Castle Pines at age 43; Vickers was 41 when Augusta National came calling.

Last November, a few weeks after accepting the presidency and chairmanship of Castle Pines, Solich visited Augusta National for the first time since Vickers had passed away.

“I’d been to Augusta a half-dozen times, but this time I looked at it thinking about Jack Vickers,” he says. “As I walked around, I could actually see how Augusta inspired a lot of what Jack did at Castle Pines. What a wonderful legacy and history we have to build upon. That’s the way I look at it, building upon this great Picasso of golf.”

Jon Rizzi is the editor of *Colorado AvidGolfer*.

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# Make Par in Pueblo

Desert Hawk at Pueblo West

*The balmy climes of the **STEEL CITY** invite great early-season golf.*

By DANNY SUMMERS

**SPRING IN COLORADO** can bring sun, snow, rain and frost—occasionally within the same hour—turning the quest for a playable course into a fool's errand.

If you're craving to play 18 on real grass, Pueblo is one of the first places to green up in the spring.

"Our courses are usually in much better shape in the spring, winter and fall than most of the rest of the state," says Mike Zaremba, the head PGA professional at Desert Hawk at Pueblo West.

Zaremba has spent the majority of his 64 years playing golf and working at Pueblo courses, including nearby Hollydot in Colorado City, and is one of only two people to win both the Colorado Open and Colorado Senior Open. "It's 7-to-10 degrees warmer

here than Colorado Springs. We don't have to shut down much."

Pueblo's elevation is 1,343 feet below that of Colorado Springs, and 1,532 below Castle Rock's. These numbers carry personal significance for Buck Streich, the general manager at Pueblo Country Club, who passes through the Springs on his commute to and from his home in Castle Rock. He appreciates the challenges—snow, frozen teeing areas, dormant grass, muddy bunkers, furry, rock-hard greens—that send golfers south on I-25.

"In the last few weeks we've gotten players from Castle Pines and Colorado Springs Country Club and they just love it down here," he reported in February. When they finished playing, Streich sent his visitors to one of the restaurants on the Historic

Arkansas Riverwalk of Pueblo (HARP), the 32-acre area that has revitalized the Steel City's downtown area. "We try to make it a whole-day experience," he said.

No more than 20 minutes in the car separates the bustling Riverwalk from the five courses that comprise the Pueblo area's exciting and affordable golf scene.

## WALKING STICK GOLF COURSE

The best-known of Pueblo's courses, this municipally owned 1991 Keith Foster design has hosted the 2006 U.S. Women's Amateur Public Links (won by Tiffany Joh, her first of two victories in the event), 2005 Colorado Senior PGA Championship (won by Zaremba), 1996 Colorado Amateur (won by Jason Allen) and numerous U.S. Open Local Qualifiers.



Walking Stick Golf Course



Elmwood Golf Course



Pueblo Country Club



Hollydot Golf Course

Walking Stick plays between 5,181 and 7,147 yards, depending on tee location. Tiers and swales make the greens a challenge, and risk-reward opportunities present themselves on almost every hole. Green fees run \$47.50 on weekdays, \$49.50 on weekends. AJ's dishes up great Italian fare. [walkingstickpueblo.com](http://walkingstickpueblo.com)

### DESERT HAWK AT PUEBLO WEST

Designed in 1972 by former PGA TOUR pro Johnny Bulla, Desert Hawk at Pueblo West opened in 1972 and measures from 5,588 to 7,331 yards with four sets of tees. You can walk for \$32 on weekends; riding costs \$13 per person. Either way, you get views of the Sangre de Cristos and Spanish Peaks to the south and Pikes Peak to the north.

The course opens with a pair of gettable par 4s and builds to the turn, where Holes 9 and 10 present the longest and toughest two-shotters on the course. After the round, treat yourself to some of Desert Hawk's famous Pueblo green chili.

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### ELMWOOD GOLF COURSE

"Elmwood is well conditioned, despite 60,000 rounds every year," says Elmwood head pro Randy Bregar. "We'll take care of anybody that comes and plays."

One of two courses owned and operated by the City of Pueblo, Elmwood originated as a WPA project called City Park Golf Course. Its elm-lined fairways prompted the name change in 2002, and the course recently underwent a two-million-dollar renovation and redesign. The par-70 layout plays between 5,343 and 6,624 yards. Elmwood also sports a par-30 Executive Nine. Fuel up onsite at Nacho's Restaurant. Green fees run \$30. [pueblacitygolfcourses.com](http://pueblacitygolfcourses.com)

### PUEBLO COUNTRY CLUB

Founded in 1903 on 95 acres on the north end of town, Pueblo Country Club

ranks as the second-oldest private golf club in Colorado after Denver Country Club. The original nine-hole course saw its first round on June 1, 1903. Henry Hughes added the second nine in the 1960s. The current 6,567-yard, par-71 layout boasts rolling hills and many large cottonwoods, ponderosa pines, blue spruce and Siberian elms.

The newer back nine is more open than the front, with somewhat larger fairways and greens. Although the club is private, it allows prospective members to play the course as part of a foursome for \$55 per person—a special offer good through June. Members hail from as far away as Lamar and Cañon City.

### HOLLYDOT GOLF COURSE

(Colorado City)

A 20-minute drive south from Pueblo delivers you to the 27 holes of Hollydot Golf Course. Crouching below scenic Greenhorn Mountain, Hollydot comprises the Frank Hummel-designed Gold Links, which stretch from 5,224 to 7,009 yards, and the original West Nine designed in 1963 by the property's developer, Holland Duell. (The course's name combines his name and his wife Dot's.)

Hollydot has hosted two state championships and oftentimes gets the overflow crowd from Pueblo. "We have a lot of tour-

naments scheduled," says head PGA Professional Prim Ivan, who's been at Hollydot for 29 years and played as a prep at Pueblo South High School. He adds that Colorado City is usually 5-to-7 degrees cooler in the summer than Pueblo, which is another reason why many golfers flock to the course. Rates range between \$21 and \$40, depending on the day and whether you walk or ride. [hollydotgolf.com](http://hollydotgolf.com)

### HEAD TO THE RIVERWALK

The Riverwalk is quickly becoming one of southern Colorado's more popular attractions. Its quality restaurants include **Brues Alehouse**, **Angelo's**, **Table 67**, **Twenty-one Steak**, **Bingo Burger**, **Jorge's**, **Cactus Flower**, **B Street Café**, **D.C.'s** on B Street and **Bistoro**, just to name a few.

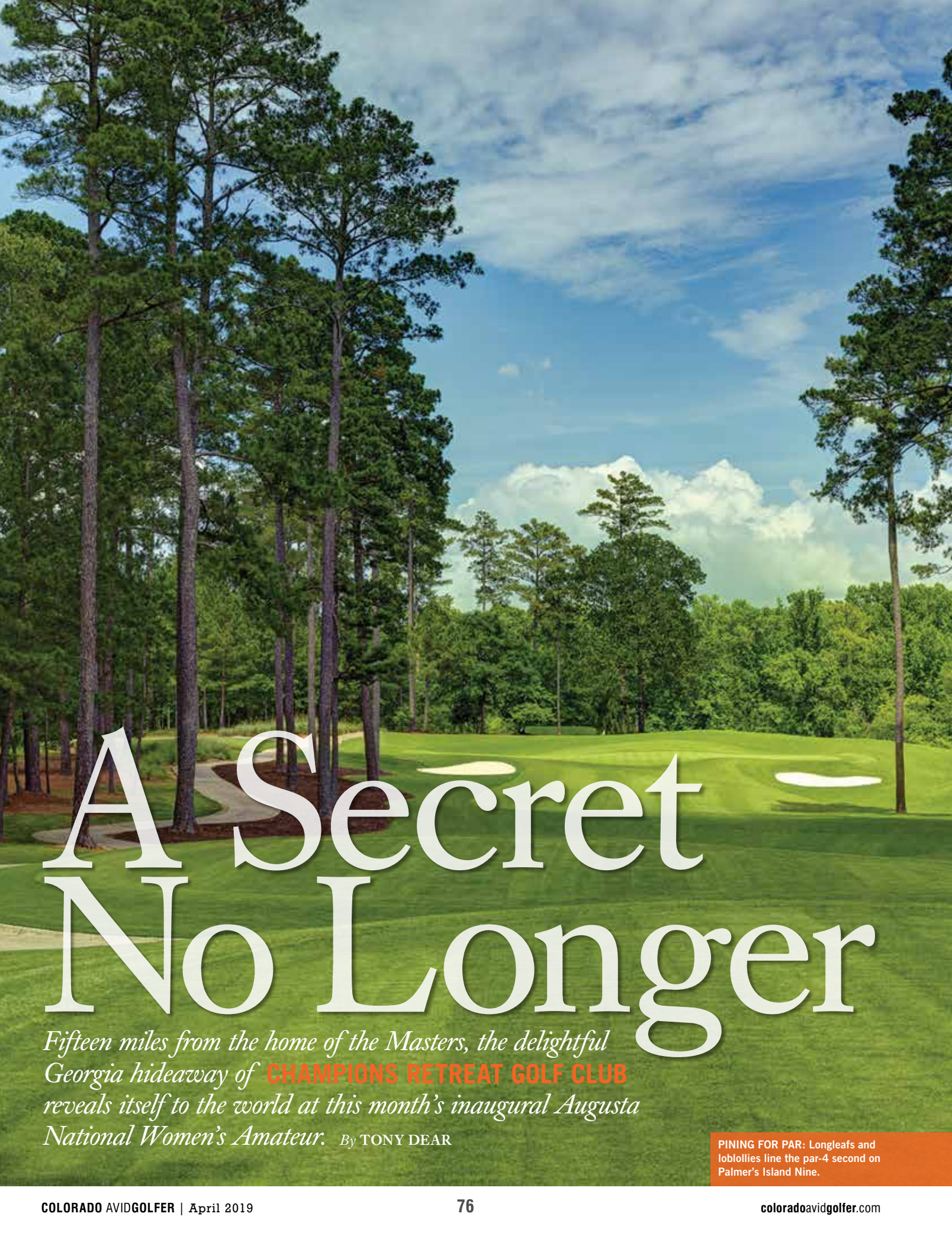
And if you're looking for a one-of-a-kind place to spend the night, directly behind Brues Alehouse is **Station on the Riverwalk**, a boutique hotel located in the repurposed police building. Sleep in one of the seven cleverly appointed cells (no bars grid the windows or doors) and enjoy a nightcap in the speak-easy called The Clink. [puebloriverwalk.org](http://puebloriverwalk.org); [pueblochamber.org/guide](http://pueblochamber.org/guide) 

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The Riverwalk





# A Secret No Longer

*Fifteen miles from the home of the Masters, the delightful Georgia hideaway of **CHAMPIONS RETREAT GOLF CLUB** reveals itself to the world at this month's inaugural Augusta National Women's Amateur.* By TONY DEAR

PINING FOR PAR: Longleaves and loblollies line the par-4 second on Palmer's Island Nine.



**HEADING NORTH** from Augusta Regional Airport on Georgia State Route 232, you come to a stop light at the intersection with Washington Road. The rental desperately wants to turn right and at least drive past Augusta National Golf Club's rather discreet entrance, just three miles away, but instead you take a left and continue on SR 104 for ten miles. The initial disappointment fades as anticipation of where you're headed soon takes over.

Your destination is the beautiful, and soon to be very famous, Champions Retreat Golf Club, part of a 1,200-acre, mostly forested, predominantly residential property beyond the suburb of Evans. The golf club occupies about a quarter of that acreage, and verges on the grand, but peaceful, Savannah River which acts as the border between Georgia and South Carolina.

The vibe here is wonderfully relaxed; the ethos, golf among friends. There are 27 holes designed by Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, and Gary Player—each of whom enjoyed considerable success down the road, combining for an astonishing 13 green jackets between the first of Palmer's four victories in 1958 and the last of Nicklaus's six in 1986.

Champions Retreat and the surrounding Riverwood Plantation were developed at the start of the century by a consortium of companies and individual investors, one of whom—South African/American business-

man Wayne Millar—was good friends with Player. During the champions dinner ahead of the 1999 Masters, Player convinced Nicklaus and Palmer to get involved and, together, they drew lots (well, index cards) to see who got which part of the property. As the eldest of the three, Palmer chose first, his card giving him the section that runs east from the clubhouse towards the river. His nine would be called the Island Course. Player was next and drew the flattest part of the property to the south and west of the clubhouse, which would become the Creek Course. That meant Nicklaus got the high ground to the north, and the Bluff Course.

The club opened in 2005 to very little fanfare. As a private club it didn't seek much attention from the outside world and, in the words of current General Manager Cameron Wiebe, it was the "best-kept secret in the Southeast."

It would be entirely inaccurate to say that all changed in October 2014, when Connecticut-based businessman Bill Forrest, founder of private equity firm Tower Three Partners, purchased Champions Retreat. However, the club has become more media-friendly in the past few years, and after last April, has commanded the attention of much of the golf world.

During his pre-tournament press conference at last year's Masters, the new Augusta National Chairman Fred Ridley announced

the creation of a new event—the Augusta National Women's Amateur (ANWA)—which would be played at the club the weekend before the Masters and be co-hosted by Champions Retreat.

While the final round of the 54-hole strokeplay tournament involving the top 72 women amateurs in the world will be played on ANGC's familiar holes, the opening two rounds will take place over a combination of Champions Retreat's Island and Bluff Courses on Wednesday April 3rd and Thursday 4th (Friday 5th will be a practice day at Augusta National for the 30 golfers who qualify for the final round).

As the buzz resulting from Ridley's announcement and the public's growing awareness of the event suggest, the Augusta National Women's Amateur is a very big deal. The ultra-exclusive club has made significant efforts in recent years to contribute to the spread of the game globally, but the inauguration of the ANWA is a particularly momentous step for an organization that didn't count a single female among its membership until 2012.

You can imagine how Cameron Wiebe felt on hearing the news. "We were given a little forewarning and advised to tune into Chairman Ridley's press conference," says the man from Winnipeg, Manitoba who came to Champions Retreat from the famous Everglades Club in Palm Beach, Fla., where

**STRONG FINISH:** Player's Creek Nine closes with par 4 curling around a lake to a narrow green.





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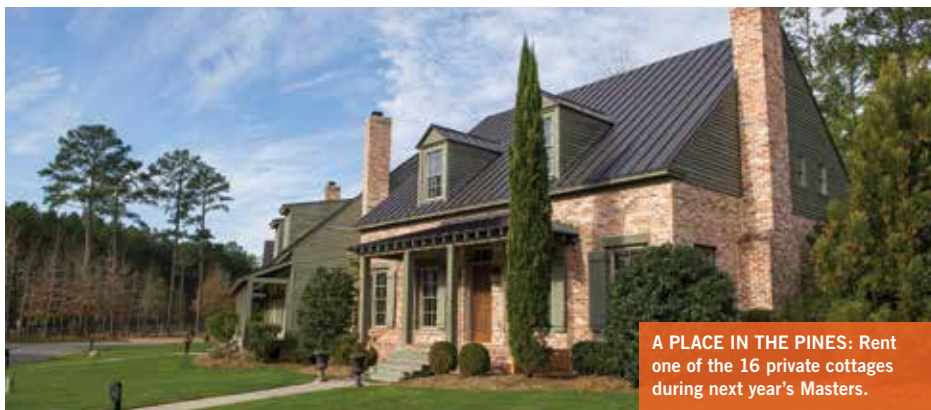


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he was director of golf. "We basically knew what was happening at exactly the same time everyone else did. The inhale was a moment of sheer exhilaration and excitement. With the exhale, however, came the stark realization the next year was going to be extremely hectic."

Sure enough, Wiebe has attended multiple meetings with representatives from Augusta National every week for the last 11 months. "There has been an awful lot of hard work, but it has been incredibly rewarding," he says. "As you know, the club is extremely detail-oriented. They seek excellence in everything, and working alongside them has been an amazing experience. It is both an honor and very humbling."

While obviously impressed with the exceptionally high standards Augusta National demands and achieves, Wiebe should in no way sell his own club short. Yes, it is private and there are ways non-members can gain access. Though not a resort like Pinehurst or Kiawah Island, Champions Retreat is more accessible than Augusta National or Seminole, for instance.

"You can be sponsored by a member, or be a part of a corporate event," says Wiebe. And, if you can muster a sizeable group yourself—20 or more—you should be able to rent one of the 16 gorgeous 2,500-4,250-square-foot cottages at the club, make tee times, and use the barn for your event. "Your best op-

tion, though," says Wiebe "is to come during Masters week (cottages are now available for 2020) when tee times are available to the public. It's the liveliest few days of the year at Champions Retreat. We lower the barrier to entry for members of the public to enjoy the club as if they were a member, and the atmosphere is electric. There's almost a campus-like feeling. It's just a great place to be."

You really should take advantage of this window of accessibility and schedule a tee-time because the golf at Champions Retreat is, in short, stellar. Palmer's Island Course is perhaps the pick of the three nines, but there really isn't a weak hole on any of them. Palmer couldn't cross the Savannah at any point (it's too wide, though members often take on the 320-yard carry across the water), but the two par 4s that play alongside it are invigorating, as are the lovely par-3 6th and temptingly short par-4 7th.

Nicklaus's Bluff Course owns what is surely the property's single most memorable hole. The 6th (15th at the ANWA) plays 325 yards downhill and curves slightly right, the green wedged between a bank to the right and a creek on the left.

Player's Creek Course, meanwhile, begins with an especially stout par 4 and proceeds through a number of similarly challenging holes including the club's best par 5 at the 527-yard 5th. It finishes with a very fine par 4—a 449-yarder that curves right around

a lake and plays to a narrow green which demands careful placement of the tee shot.

The man responsible for the well-being of all 27 holes, Head Superintendent Scott Slemph, has been at Champions Retreat since 2015. His resume includes similar positions at Atlanta National Golf Club, Marietta Country Club, Pinetree Country Club and Centennial Golf Club—all in Georgia. Because Champions Retreat's playing surfaces are typically excellent, Slemph's daily maintenance routine hasn't altered drastically since learning of the club's role in the ANWA. "It's really been much the same as it always is," he asserts. "We're just doing all we can to produce clean, crisp, firm, fast playing conditions."

Firm and fast has long been Slemph's mantra, but he does admit that with the ANWA approaching he has also had an eye on enhancing the course's playability. "And having additional input from Augusta National has really inspired us to exceed our usual expectations," he adds.

Heavy rainfall earlier in the year raised the water table considerably and certainly didn't help Slemph's preparations, but temperatures climbed well into the 60s during February enabling Slemph to get back on track and return the A1/A4 bent grass greens and 419 Bermuda fairways to something like their best. By the first week of April, they should be flawless.

Another figure whose expertise members, guests, visitors, and the women amateurs can all benefit from greatly is Executive Chef David Ross, a native Londoner who began his culinary career at Le Cordon Bleu school in Paris and, before arriving at Champions Retreat, worked at Augusta National, where he was the Tournament Chef at Berckmans Place during Masters Week.

Ross cooked up a staggeringly good five-course menu in the magnificent, eight-bedroom Sweetwater Cottage during a recent stay. The meal included fried green tomatoes with pimento cheese and a delicious, spicy sauce; a pecan-encrusted grouper; and a sous-vide filet as juicy, tender, and flavorful as a steak can be. A glass or three of Virgil Kaine Ginger Bourbon sent everyone to bed happy.

And we remained happy...and relaxed, and amused, and charmed, and entertained, and rested, and entirely free of stress until it was time to leave. 🍷

Longtime CAG Contributor Tony Dear lives in Bellingham, Washington. To learn more about Champions Retreat and rentals during 2020 Masters Week, visit [championsretreat.net](http://championsretreat.net) or call 706-854-6960.

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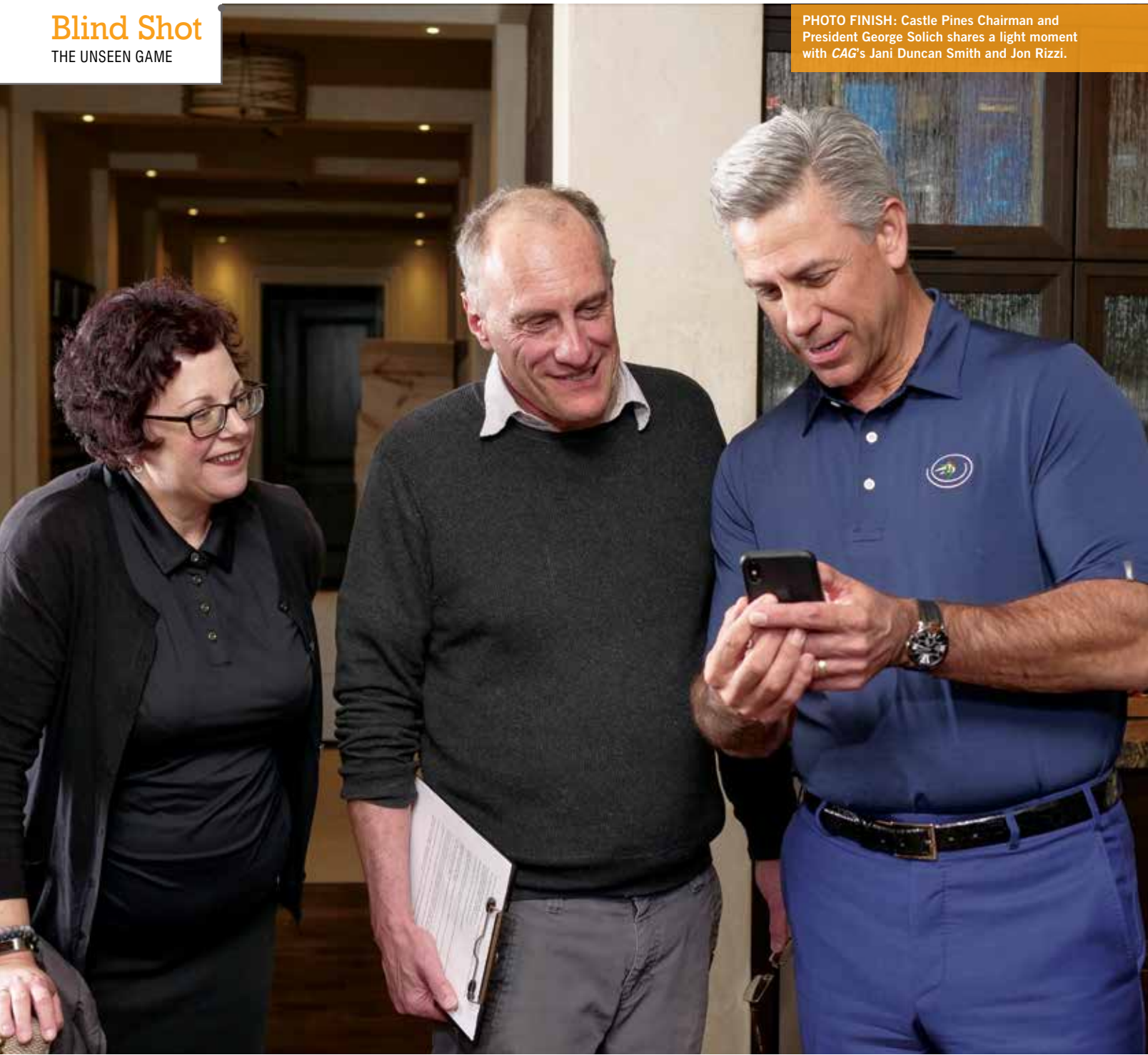
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# Candid at Castle Pines

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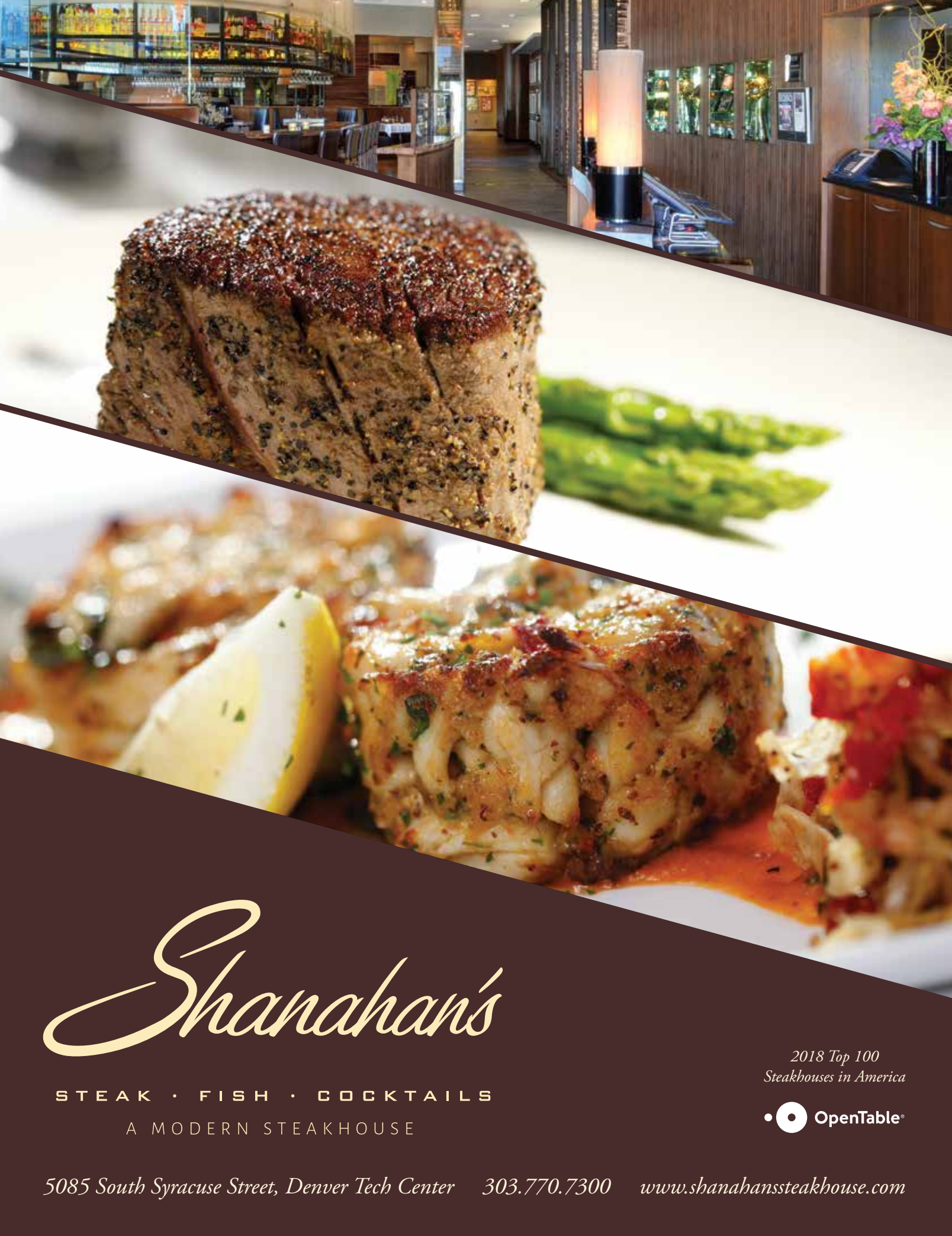
**FOR SEVERAL DECADES**, storytelling with a camera has been my trademark. Two important traits I practice came into play in this photograph. The first: Capture people unaware, in a natural way, to preserve eye-catching, decisive moments. When people realize a camera is pointed at them, spontaneous smiles and laughs become premeditated and stilted, ruining the moment. The second: Shoot first, ask questions later. Even if I'm not sure what's happening in front of the lens, take

the photograph—and find out later if it's important or not.

During a break in our cover portrait session of George Solich, I was moving my lighting when I heard some laughter. I noticed George showing Editor Jon Rizzi and Creative Director Jani Duncan Smith some photos on his iPhone. Without hesitation I went from portraitist to documentarian, quickly rotating the lights towards them, switching the lens on the camera and maneuver-

ing between others in the room to capture this candid moment.

Wonder what they were looking—and smiling—at? Good. That's the point. The photograph draws you in. Had I interrupted, either to reposition or ask them to look at the camera, the spontaneity would have been lost. The resulting photograph would have been mediocre at best, and you would not be turning to page 73 to see the photo of George and Bill Murray. — *Barry Staver*



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