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Charting a New Course



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BACK IN THIS publication's salad days—the early part of the Go-Go '00s—golf courses were sprouting across Colorado at a rate that threatened to outpace our publishing schedule, not to mention public demand.

Almost three-dozen new courses opened between 2002 and 2008, and at least that many went unbuilt. For every Bear Dance, there was a Bair Chase. And after 2008, many of the courses that had just opened didn't survive or changed hands. For every Lakota Canyon, there was a Cougar Canyon; for every Blackstone, a Cornerstone.

For us at *CAG*, the building boom made for good copy and plenty of advertising revenue. The ensuing bust provided grist for the former, but much less of the latter. *Colorado AvidGolfer* survived. So did golf, despite the haters throwing

shade. If I had a \$100 for every national story that claimed golf was “in the rough,” I could have probably bought a course out of receivership for pennies on the dollar.

Ever since the Colorado Golf Association's CommonGround Golf Course debuted on the site of the old Mira Vista in 2009, only one course has opened in Colorado: The Hale Irwin/Todd Schoeder-designed Mountain Course at Durango's Glacier Club in 2017. The first nine holes had actually opened 13 years earlier as a complement to the existing 18-hole course once known as The Cliffs at Tamarron. The latest nine completed the job.

Given that information, I'll let you decide whether TPC Colorado, the subject of our cover story, really is the state's *first* new course to open in almost a decade. What's important is the excitement, curiosity and anticipation surrounding the TPC's opening.

Andy Bigford's feature (page 62) should stoke all of that for you. Yes, the physical course—with its wide fairways, tiered greens, sod-faced bunkers and waterfront holes such as the amphitheater-like 16th—represents an incredible new golf venue.

More than that, though, TPC Colorado augurs the beginning of a new era in Colorado golf, one that could see the return of PGA Tour events—be they annual Web.com or PGA Champions affairs, or even a stop on the TOUR. Partnering with the PGA Tour has brought the project instant credibility and cache, but it will naturally fall to the course, its ownership and staff to sustain this momentum, earn business and exceed fairly grand expectations.

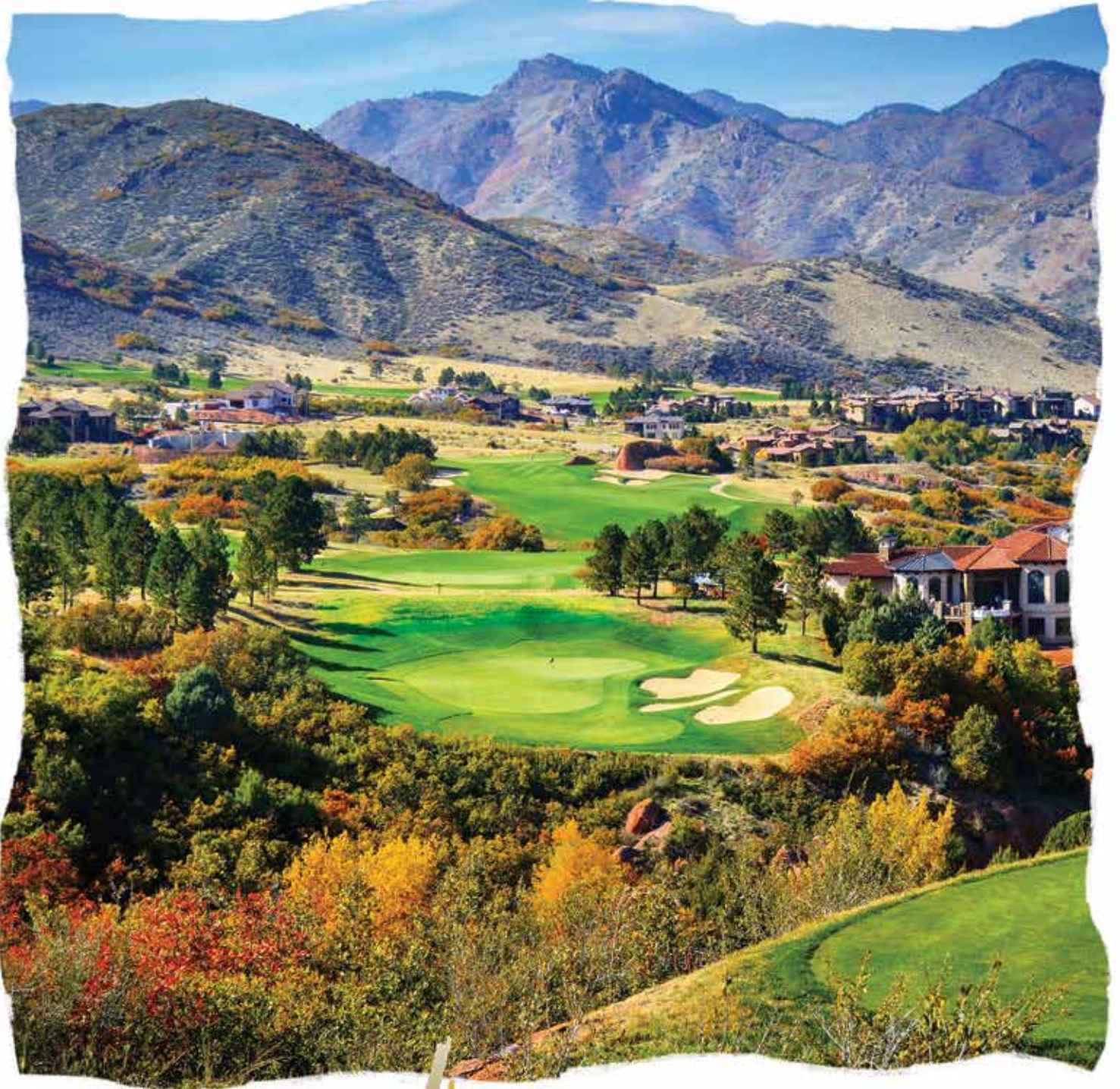
The expectations are also running pretty high for the “new” City Park Golf Course—which will reopen next year—especially after the controversy surrounding the closure and scraping of the 105-year old Tom Bendelow layout in order to transform it into a stormwater detention area.

In “A Walk in the Park” (page 70), writer Kim McHugh toured the site with Broomfield-based course architect Todd Schoeder (the same guy who co-designed Glacier's new course). Schoeder walks us through how he was able to marry the flood-control demands of the City of Denver with the creation of an 18-hole layout that improves and modernizes the historic 135-acre property while upholding its heritage.

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The Bridges, Montrose*	\$35	\$49	\$35	Any day after 11	Yes	3
Broadlands, Broomfield	\$40	\$45	\$40	SS: any time, PS: M-Th after 12	Yes (SS)	3
Broken Tee, Englewood	\$34	\$34	\$34	M-Th after 12	No	3 P/S = 9
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Raccoon Creek, Littleton	\$39/\$45	\$39/\$45	\$39/\$45	M-Th any time, F-S-S after 12	Yes	4
Raven at Three Peaks, Silverthorne*	\$55	\$99/\$50	\$55	SS: any day after 12 PS: M-Th after 12, F-S-S after 4	Yes	Unlimited
Redlands Mesa, Grand Junction	\$55	\$55	\$55	Any day after 11	Yes	3
The Ridge at Castle Pines, Castle Rock* EXCLUSIVE	\$54	\$65/\$79	\$54	M-Th any time, F-S-S after 1	Yes	1 P/S = 3
The River Course at Keystone, Keystone*	\$80	\$110	\$80	Any day after 11	Yes	Unlimited
Saddle Rock, Aurora EXCLUSIVE	\$40.50/\$48	\$40.50/\$48	\$40.50/\$48	M-F after 12, S-S after 1	Yes	1 P/S = 3
South Suburban Par 3, Centennial	\$9	\$9	\$9	M-Th any time, F-S-S after 12	Yes	Unlimited
Sumo Golf Village, Florence	\$25	\$30	\$25	Any day after 12	Yes	2
Tiara Rado, Grand Junction	\$40	\$45	\$45	M-Th any time, F-S-S after 11	Yes	3
Todd Creek, Thornton EXCLUSIVE	\$40	\$45	\$40	M-Th after 10, F-S-S after 12	Yes	Unlimited
Vail Golf Club, Vail	\$59	\$99	\$69	M-Th any time, F-S-S after 1	Yes	2
Walking Stick, Pueblo	\$36	\$36	\$36	M-Th any time, F-S-S after 12:30	Yes	Unlimited
Walnut Creek Golf Preserve, Westminster	\$45	\$45	\$45	M-Th after 11, F-S-S after 1	Yes	Unlimited
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An International Affair

For the first time since 2000, the Girls Junior Americas Cup returns to Colorado.

THE LAST TIME Colorado hosted the Girls Junior Americas Cup, most of the competitors in this year's event hadn't yet been born. And the only other time the Centennial State hosted the annual competition, Ronald Reagan was in the middle of his first term as president of the U.S.

Colorado's third opportunity to conduct a GJAC will come the week of July 23 at **Hiwan Golf Club** in Evergreen, with the championship rounds set for July 25-27 after practice days July 23 and 24.

The site of the prestigious team event—which features 18 four-person squads representing different areas in the western U.S., Canada and Mexico—rotates among the participating teams. Colorado did the honors in 1982 and 2000, both years at Eisenhower Golf Club at the Air Force Academy.

This time around, the **Junior Golf Alliance of Colorado** and Hiwan will serve as hosts.

"Once every 18 years we have the opportunity to showcase the state and roll out the red carpet for juniors from the western U.S., and Canada and Mexico, and we relish that," said Ed Mate, executive director of the CGA, which along with the Colorado PGA runs the Junior Golf Alliance.

The site of the Colorado Open from its inception in 1964 through 1991, Hiwan has also been a hub of sorts for major junior events held in the state, having hosted the 1965 U.S. Girls' Junior, the 1976 U.S. Junior Amateur, the 2006 AJGA Rolex Tournament of Champions, the 2007 AJGA Rolex Girls Junior and the 2011 boys Junior America's Cup.

In those last three events alone, the competitors have included Rickie Fowler, Patrick Reed, Peter Uihlein and Lizette Salas (all 2006); Lexi Thompson, Jessica Korda, Cheyenne Woods

and Kimberly Kim (all 2007); and Bryson DeChambeau (2011).

"It gives the staff and members great pride in hosting these events to look at our future golfers that might be out on the tour," said Hiwan PGA Head Professional Colorado Kyle Heyen, a Colorado Golf Hall of Famer who has worked at the club since 1980.

When the boys' JAC came to Hiwan in 2011, the Colorado team finished third out of 17 teams, the best showing by a Colorado squad since the state began participating in 1975. The 2015 team also placed third in the competition.

When different sites host the girls or boys JAC, local organizers often try to give competitors a sense of the place. When the Girls Junior Americas Cup was held in Cheyenne in 2015, there was an unmistakable cowgirl theme. And in 2016 in Modesto, Calif., it was *American Graffiti*, the coming-of-age movie supposedly set in that city.

In the case of Hiwan, giving that sense of place shouldn't be difficult, given its mountain setting amid the pines, elk and deer.

Tournament organizers will enhance that experience by doing almost all the organized activities outdoors. That includes a barbecue and a pool/pizza party. And one night of the event will be left open for competitors to experience the area as they'd like.

Hiwan members will house the majority of the 72 participants—usually in groups of two or four. The members, Heyen said, "get to know the kids even a little more and continue a relationship many years down the road when they're out playing on the tour." He added that roughly 50 members a day are expected to volunteer as scorers, forecaddies and concierges for the competitors.

Like many other team events, the GJAC features the pageantry of opening and closing ceremonies. Adding to the camaraderie, plans call for a Secret Santa-style gift exchange and a pin exchange on July 23.

This year's event will also feature a service project, the Special Olympics of Colorado Golf Clinic. On July 25, GJAC competitors will interact with Special Olympians at putting, chipping and full-swing stations. "We're excited to add the service-project component," said Ashley Barnhart, the Director of Junior Competitions for the CGA and the JGAC's point person for the event.

The Girls Junior Americas Cup, which debuted in 1978, includes both team and individual competition, with the best three scores from each state or region each day counting toward the team total. Colorado's only GJAC team title came in 1993 with Heather Stock, Jennifer Kern, Ann Grooms and Jennifer McCormick playing for the victorious team, with Kern earning the individual title.

Some of the best female golfers in Colorado history have competed in the Girls Junior Americas Cup, including Jill McGill, Jennifer Kupcho, Ashley Tait, Becca Huffer, Kelly Jacques, Hannah Wood, Somin Lee and Paige Spiranac.

Last year's Colorado team finished sixth out of the 17 participating teams, and three of the four representatives will be eligible to return: Hailey Schalk of Erie, the JGAC girls Player of the Year in 2017; Charlotte Hillary of Englewood and Lauren Lehigh of Loveland. 📍

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Here's another number: 60. As of July 2, that's the percentage of GOLFTEC that the Japanese company Golf Digest Online will own. Not affiliated with the similarly named American magazine, GDO is Japan's largest golf conglomerate and owner of a major online retailer and an online tee times booking agent.

"They're a household name in Japan when it comes to golf—the GolfNow of Japan," explains GOLFTEC Co-founder and CEO **Joe Assell**. "They're also the largest golf retail site in the world. They're maxing out in Japan and we're the perfect partner for them to enter the U.S. market."

"We are connecting the world through golf, and GOLFTEC's global presence and effectiveness with students are tremendous assets to achieve this vision," **Nobuya "Mike" Ishizaka**, the founder, chairman and CEO of GDO, said in a press release. "Helping golfers around the globe to play better and enjoy the game is vital for the success of the golf industry, and so GOLFTEC will be an impactful addition to our group."

GDO has been the master franchisee of 10 GOLFTEC studios in Japan for six or seven years. "They then invested in 8 percent of the company about two years ago and took a seat on the board," Assell relates. GDO took that 8 percent to 60 percent by purchasing part of a stake held by Gart Capital Partners, which has been a majority investor since the company's inception. Financial details of the transaction were not disclosed.

Although GDO, which has roughly 550 employees, is publicly traded on the Tokyo Stock Exchange, GOLFTEC will remain a privately held company in the U.S.

Existing GOLFTEC leadership will remain in place to drive expansion and operational excellence while Gart Capital Partners will retain a minority position and continue to be actively involved in managing the partnership. "The Garts and the other original investors—me and (former Cherry Hills PGA Head Professional) Clayton Cole—are looking at this as a true partnership. We've got plenty of opportunity here."

For GDO, those opportunities lie in penetrating the U.S. market through its U.S. entity, San Diego-based GDO Sports, Inc. For GOLFTEC, it's about fortifying the technology as the company expands across the globe. "We'll help spread their wings here, and they'll help spread ours digitally and internationally," Assell says. "It's good for both of us. The two of us aligning makes us both stronger." golftec.com

Golf By Numbers



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shots, a record margin of victory in the event, separated **Dillon Stewart** from the field in the AGJA Hale Irwin tournament, held Jun 5 – 7 at Walnut Creek Golf Preserve in Westminster. Sporting an orange hat and shirt featuring Oklahoma State's Pistol Pete, Stewart had some good shots of his own, carding a 66 on the final day to finish at 10-under 206. Stewart, an incoming senior at Fossil Ridge High School in Fort Collins, who has committed to attend Oklahoma State, became the first Coloradan to win the tournament's boys title in the three-round event's four-year history. His closest competitor was **Davis Bryant** of Aurora, who had beaten Stewart for last year's Colorado Junior PGA and 5A high school championships. ajga.org

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Colorado juniors in five age groups qualified for the prestigious IMG Junior Worlds, held July 10-13 in the San Diego area. The boys are **Cal McCoy**, **Davis Bryant** (ages 15-18); **Maxwell Lange**, **Matthew Wilkinson** (13-14); **Timothy Kelley**, **Austin Barry** (11-12); **Andre Dumonteil**, **Gavin Amella** (9-10); **Brady Shaw** (7-8). The girls are **Hailey Schalk**, **Kelsey Webster** (15-18); **Jessica Mason**, **Sofia Choi** (13-14); **Hadley Ashton**, **Caitlyn Chin**, **Brooke Hudson** (11-12); **Livia Pett** (9-10); **Maddie Makino** (7-8). juniorworldgolf.com



ACE TIME: Eisenhower's par-3 17th kicked off an unusual day of holes in-one.



girls took the CHSAA State High School championships in May. **Emma Bryant** (1 under par) of Eaglecrest won the 5A division by seven shots; **Maxine Choi** (16 over par) of Cheyenne Mountain edged **Lauren Lehigh** of Loveland by one stroke in the 4A; and Holy Family's **Hailey Schalk** (6-under) repeated as 3A champion by a six-shot margin. chsaanow.com

What's An Ace Worth?

ON JUNE 4, players representing the Eisenhower Men's Golf Association and Perry Park Men's Golf League squared off in an interclub competition at the AFA Eisenhower Golf Club Blue Course in Colorado Springs. Before the shotgun start, each participant paid 50 cents for "hole in one insurance"—a pot run by the club that continues to grow day by day, tee time by tee time, until someone aces a hole (and presumably puts the proceeds towards the traditional post-round bar tab). Every golfer in every group that plays the course has the option to buy in. The pot has exceeded \$1,000 in the past, according to **John Tucker**, coordinator of the EMGA Home and Away Program.

A group that included Perry Park's **Bill Reilly** and Eisenhower's **Tim O'Brien** started on the 156-yard par-3 17th. On his first swing of the day, O'Brien hit his ball off a rake in the right bunker. "It caromed into the shadows toward the flagstick," Reilly remembers. "We got to the green and the ball was in the hole. After finishing the next hole, the group stopped to alert the golf shop to have the money ready at the completion of the round. The pot was \$322. "I remarked to Tom that if I was playing behind him and I got a hole in one after him I'd really be pissed," Reilly says.

Lo and behold, two other golfers—**Robert Boldrini** on the 137-yard third and **Dan Branda** on the 119-yard seventh—jarred their tee shots. Their reward? Fifty bucks apiece—the starting amount for the pool. Not quite the jackpot either of them expected.

But it could have been worse. "I can't tell you how many guys don't pony up the 50 cents and then get a hole in one," says Eisenhower's tournament director and operations manager Ryan Hofsheier. "There's one guy who's had four aces in the last three years and he's never bought in. He says it's too much money." Hofsheier would not divulge the member's name—or whether he paid for drinks anyway.



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can get you a spot in the first-ever charity tournament to be played at **TPC Colorado**, featured in this month's cover story (page 62). **The Spartan Scholarship Golf Tournament**—a two-person scramble with both a net and gross division—takes place the morning of August 13 and funds scholarships for Berthoud High School seniors. "We are proud to be able to hit the ground running as an engaged member of this wonderful community," TPC Colorado GM **Larry Collins** says. "We've already invited the Berthoud High School golf team to make this their home course, so to partner up in making it possible for more seniors to continue their education after graduation reinforces our dedication to our new community."

The First Four

THREE COLORADANS and a fourth from France (by way of Texas) have qualified to compete in the inaugural U.S. Senior Women's Open July 12-15 at the venerable Chicago Golf Club. Valley Country Club's PGA and LPGA professional **Sherry Andonian-Smith** won the June 12 qualifier at CommonGround Golf Course with a one-under-par 71. Three strokes behind were two veterans of USGA championships: Colorado Golf Hall of Famer **Janet Moore**, who recently coached the women's golf team at Wheaton College, less than two miles from Chicago Golf Club; and **Marilyn Hardy**, the wife of World Golf Teachers Hall of Fame member **Jim Hardy**, who splits time between Houston and Gunnison and counts two U.S. Womens' Opens among three-dozen USGA championship appearances. One shot behind them and tied for the fourth spot was Houston-based Ladies European Tour player **Patricia Beliard** of France, who beat LPGA pros **Dede Cusimano** of Aspen and **Lori West** of Glenwood Springs on the first playoff hole. usga.org



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ALL-TIMER: Kim Eaton stands on the edge of Colorado golf history.

Kim for the Win... and the Record

AT THIS MONTH'S CGA Women's Senior Match Play or next month's Senior Stroke Play, **Kim Eaton** could very well earn her 26th title in a CGA/CWGA championship. That would put her one ahead of fellow Colorado Hall of Famer **Carol Flenniken** on the victory list, making Eaton the winningest female player in Colorado golf history.

Eaton tied Flenniken on May 22. In the Brassie Championship at the Club at Flying Horse in Colorado Springs, she partnered with Colorado Golf Hall of Fame member **Janet Moore** (who has 21 career victories herself) to overcome a seven-shot deficit in the final round and win the four-ball stroke-play event for the seventh time.

The Greeley native's other CWGA titles include four Stroke Plays, one Match Play, five Senior Stroke Plays, four Senior Match Plays, one Mashie, one Mixed, one Chapman and one Junior Match Play.

On a national level, Eaton won the 2010 Women's Trans National Golf Association Senior Four-Ball with Colorado Golf Hall of Famer **Christie Austin** and the 2016 edition of the event with partner Leigh Klasse. She won the 2016 Jones/Doherty Senior, reached the quarterfinals in the 2009, 2014 and 2016 U.S. Senior Women's Amateurs and qualified for the 1981 and 1982 U.S. Women's Opens.

She ranks that last feat atop her list of golf accomplishments, especially since she made the cut in 1982. A close second was capturing both the CWGA Match and Stroke Play championships in the same year, 2004.

A retired officer with the Evans Police Department, Eaton now splits her time between Colorado and Arizona. Since turning 50 in 2009, she has captured 16 Senior Player of the Year Awards—eight from each state.

"I've won 15 championships since I started playing AWGA events in 2008," Eaton reflects. "It took me more than 40 years get to 25 in Colorado."

During those early Colorado years, Eaton, a precocious junior player, remembers not being allowed to play in the Greeley Ladies Invitational because she wasn't yet 18—a very unpopular decision among the prominent women players of the day. They closed ranks and refused to play unless Eaton could compete. "I had more mothers than I knew what to do with," she says. Among them was Carol Flenniken—the woman whose record she recently tied.

"I've played on and off with Carol since I was 16," Eaton says. "She's a legend—and I'm proud to say that she and I have both won 15 individual and 10 partner events."

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If you're reading this after July 8, you'll know that Westminster's **Jennifer Kupcho**, a rising senior at Wake Forest University, represented the United States at the 2018 **Arnold Palmer Cup** at France's Evian Resort Golf Club. It marked the first time in the event's 21-year history that 12-member women's teams would compete alongside the men (in mixed foursomes and mixed four-ball matches) and the first time the United States collegians would square off against a team comprised of players from all over the world, not just Europe.

The Palmer Cup continued an impressive chain of events for the 21-year-old.

- At May's **NCAA DI Women's Golf Championships**, one year after losing a two-shot lead in the event with a triple-bogey on the penultimate hole, Kupcho again faced down a 71st hole with water in play and a two-shot lead. But she closed par-birdie at Oklahoma State's Karsten Creek Golf Club to finish two shots clear of the field. In doing so, Kupcho became the school's first individual national champion in women's golf and the only Coloradan other than **Hale Irwin** in 1967 to capture the Division I individual golf title.

- Although she didn't win the **ANNIKA Award** as the Most Outstanding Female Collegiate Golfer, Kupcho was one of the three finalists for the second consecutive year.

- Shortly after the award announcement, she found herself on the first tee at the **Curtis Cup** at Quaker Ridge Country Club in Scarsdale, NY. The first Coloradan to compete in the event since **Jill McGill** in 1994, Kupcho would post a 3-1-1 record as the eight-member United States team throttled the squad from Great Britain & Ireland by a record margin of 17-3.

Seven members of that formidable Curtis Cup team, including Kupcho, would compete as part of the 12 U.S. women representatives at this month's Palmer Cup.

So is Jennifer going to turn pro? As one of the top five players in the Golfweek/Sagarin Rankings, she gets to skip Stages I and II of LPGA Q-School and head to the final stage of the new eight-round, two-tournament LPGA Q-Series. Kupcho will play in the event, held Oct. 22-Nov. 3 in Pinehurst, N.C. Should she secure LPGA status, she plans to defer, a new option this year, until she graduates from Wake Forest.

On June 27th, Kupcho attempted to qualify for her third U.S. Women's Amateur at Westminster's Walnut Creek Golf Preserve. Shortly after the Palmer Cup, she'll try to defend her title in the Canadian Women's Amateur in Vancouver July 24-27 and possibly move up from her current No. 2 position on the World Golf Amateur Rankings.

CHAMPION: Peaking at the right time, Kupcho won at the NCAAs and Curtis Cup.



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HALL OF FAMERS: Kyle and Cheryl Heyen with Becky and Don Baylor in 2013.

A BaylorMade Event

Hiwan Golf Club will be hopping at the end of this month. On the Monday after hosting the four-day, 18-team Girls Junior Americas Cup (see page 18), the erstwhile Colorado Open site will stage a special tournament honoring the memory of **Don Baylor**, the Rockies first manager and Colorado Sports Hall of Fame member, who succumbed to multiple myeloma last August at the age of 68.

“Don and his wife Becky became members here in 1996,” remembers Hiwan’s longtime PGA Head Professional and Colorado Golf Hall of Fame member **Kyle Heyen**. “He was a great guy, always giving back to the community. What better way to honor him and continue the legacy than to hold a tournament with the net proceeds going to the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation and cancer research?”

After getting “Becky’s blessing” for the tournament, Heyen proposed it to the MMRF. “It’ll be just a week shy of a year since Don passed, so there’ll be a lot of emotion,” he says. The Rockies are a sponsor, and Heyen hopes that some of the former players and coaches—**Dante Bichette, Todd Helton, Gene Glynn**—can attend.

Heyen’s already appeared in the booth during a Rockies broadcast to promote the event, and similar publicity will follow this month. Player fees are \$200 and hole sponsorships go for \$150 each. “We’re looking to keep it simple and raise about \$10,000 to \$15,000 in the first year.”

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Castle in the Air

CLUBBED UP: A rendering, subject to change, of how the Country Club of Castle Pines may appear in the future.

FOR ITS ENTIRE 32-year existence, **The Country Club at Castle Pines** has technically not lived up to its name. Its gorgeous 7,200-yard Jack Nicklaus-designed course, which recently underwent a green-resurfacing and course-beautification project, represents the club's sole amenity outside of its dining room and adjoining 6,000-square-foot outdoor terrace. Sure, both the course and terrace offer spectacular mountain views, but it's still a golf club, not a country club—at least not according to today's standards.

All that could change in August, when members vote on a \$22.5 million Facilities Master Plan that could forever transform their club.

The idea for the plan came about two years ago, when the Club's Long Range Planning Committee began to study the changing preferences of both its current and future members. "The finding was that what we have doesn't match what potential members are looking for in terms

of services and amenities," says the club's Chief Operating Officer **David Whalen**. "You have to identify what current members want, what prospective members expect and what both groups can agree upon."

The club enlisted the services of Marsh & Associates—the renowned Colorado-based hospitality design firm—to explore the possibilities.

The plan calls for dramatic enhancements. In addition to an enlarged and dining area (complete with adult and family dining, a wine room, private dining spaces, more terraces, a ballroom—and a twice-as-large kitchen to support it all), the reimagined club would have cliffside pools with cabanas, poolside dining, and a bar with views of Pikes Peak; new men's and women's golf locker rooms, featuring steam rooms, lounges and terraces; a fitness center, movement studio and spa rooms; an event lawn and bocce pitch; multiple luxury indoor golf simulators

and lounge for year-round training and entertainment; and kid spaces for family on-site fun.

"And that's only phase one," says Whalen. "Phase two includes tennis, pickleball and year-round paddle-tennis courts as well as par-3 and putting courses and an outdoor teaching center."

The club will hold "town hall" meetings this month to discuss the plan in detail with the 395 members. Seventy percent of them live within the gates at Castle Pines—whose HOA dues already pay for a neighborhood pool and tennis courts—and 30 percent live outside the enclave. A period of comments and discussion will follow, with the vote taken in August.

"We've already held four informal meetings to clarify the facts," Whalen says. Among those is the financing of the project, which will come from assessments, debt and dues generated from a third membership category between full golf and social. Tentatively called a "sports" membership, it will afford access to everything except golf, and the initiation and dues will be half those of full golf (currently \$21,000 and \$720).

"\$22.5 million is substantial, but transformational," says Whalen, who sees why some longtime members will resist. But, he contends, "It's really a question of leaving a legacy for future generations." Plus, he says, to attract new members, especially from out of state, a "country club" needs to offer more than golf. "Potential members expect that, because that's what their clubs back home are like." Should the vote pass, construction would begin next spring, with a target completion of mid-2020. ccatcastlepines.com



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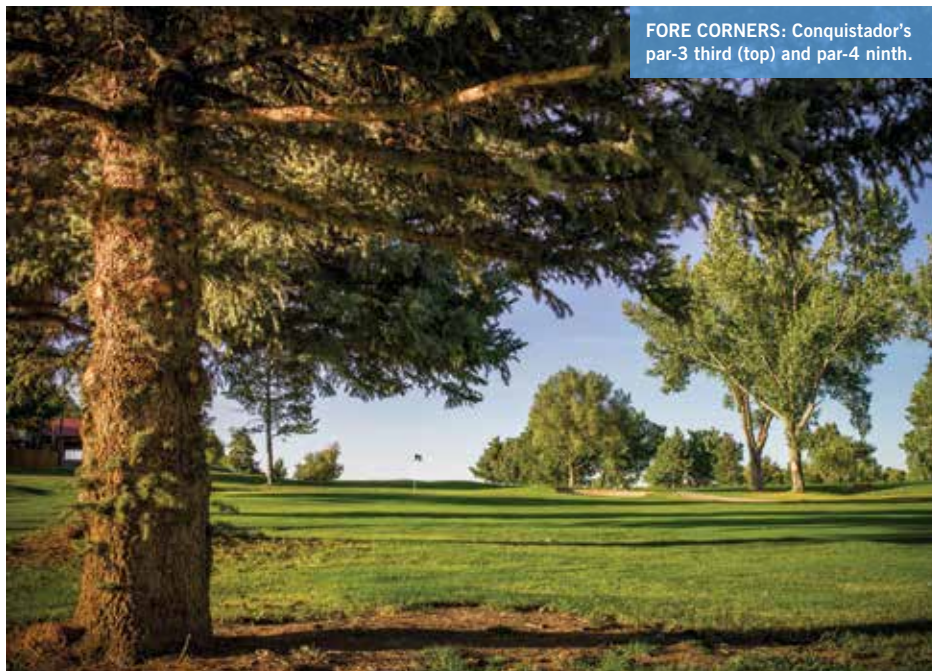
By Chris Duthie

IT'S LATE SPRING IN Southwest Colorado, that bliss-laden season when deciduous trees are leafing, the slumbering bentgrass is greening, and mellow southern breezes are keeping temperatures in the sweet-and-low 70s.

As is so often the case following a heady winter of skiing, I'm out playing golf. This time it's in Cortez at Conquistador Golf Club, a 7,152-yard gem that, on this day, has been particularly intolerant of misjudged short irons to pins protected by tiny fall-off greensites—the kind that, unless you're ultra-precise, make birdie a real gamble.

GETTING GOOD PRESS

That Conquistador is proving no pushover makes total sense, given it is the progeny of J. Press Maxwell, architect of some of Colorado's more impressive and challenging Colorado courses like Pinehurst, Inverness, Rolling Hills and Boulder Country Club. Add to that illustrious collection another 100 or so Alabama-to-California courses, including Evergreen's spectacular Hiwan Golf Club, the longtime host of the Colorado Open and a layout with greens that many regard as some of the toughest west of the Mississippi River.



FORE CORNERS: Conquistador's par-3 third (top) and par-4 ninth.



PRESSED: The risk-reward par-4 13th sports a wee green beyond the hazard and a Sleeping Ute in the distance.

Those familiar with golf architecture know James Press Maxwell as the son of Perry Maxwell, whose brilliant and extensive golf design portfolio included remodeling Augusta National, Pine Valley, Merion and National Golf Links; teaming up with Alister Mackenzie to build Michigan's Crystal Downs; and going solo to design the first-ever venue of four PGA Championships, Tulsa's Southern Hills Country Club.

Press went into the family business by first running mule teams and fresno scrapers for his father at Augusta National and Southern Hills. Then, after serving in World War II as an Army Air Force pilot, he co-designed with Perry more than a dozen courses before his father's death in 1952.

Around a decade later, while Press was laying out San Antonio's celebrated Pecan Valley Golf Club, an old friend, Colorado golf professional Bill Stroud, asked him to orchestrate a municipal course on a rolling spit of desert scrub landscape just a few miles from Mesa Verde National Park.

Maxwell agreed, and, rumor has it, he did it at a fraction of his usual fee. In 1963, Cortez Golf Course debuted with nine holes—complete with dramatic views of the La Plata, San Miguel and Ute mountains. Sixteen years later it was expanded to a full 18-hole rota that was vigilantly attentive to Maxwell's original blueprints.

The new course—renamed Conquistador to pay homage to the Spanish explorers who toured Southwest Colorado in the early 1600s—proved so formidable that it resisted any tweaks or changes for nearly two decades. In 1996, however, due primarily to advancements in golf equipment technology, the course underwent a hole-by-hole refurbishment that included new tees, reworked bunkers, fine-tuned shotlines and, more importantly, about 400 additional yards.

PRESSING ON

Amazingly, the lengthening and enhancements are proving little consequence to Conquistador's

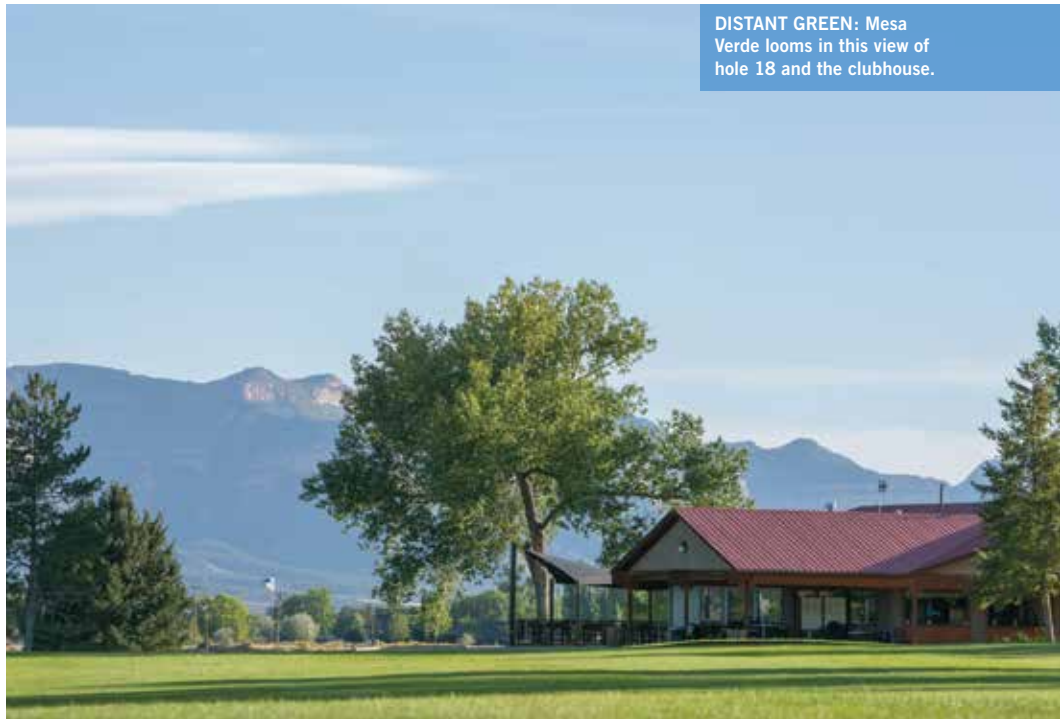
"Conquistador very much represents classic golf course architecture," he explains. "The course is fair and challenging, with more than enough bite to keep even better players on their toes."

Like his father, younger Maxwell's design signature is a proclivity for small, wildly undulating greens that showcase multiple tiered putting surfaces with funnel-down breaks. That, along with those miscreant fall-off edges that repel bad-aim approaches and vacuum too-aggressive putts down steep embankments, makes Conquistador's "hard par, easy bogey" mantra entirely reasonable.

Nowhere is that better exemplified than at the 408-yard 13th, a siren-singing, dogleg-right par-4 that dares players to boom a brave drive over an expansive pond positioned at the crux of the dogleg's elbow. Rudosky, who is one-under and firing on all cylinders, takes the aggressive line and executes another flawless drive to a semi-blind landing area.

"But the thing is," says Rudosky as he picks up his tee, "even if your driver is working here, the small, swooping putting surfaces can become so exasperating that they exact a mental toll. You get worn down."

A lousy swing thought, obviously. On his approach, the three-time Navajo Trail Open champi-



DISTANT GREEN: Mesa Verde looms in this view of hole 18 and the clubhouse.

accomplished and talented PGA golf professional, Micah Rudosky. We're standing on the ninth tee, a 397-yard par-4 protected left by OB stakes and a towering cluster of cottonwood, elm and blue spruce trees to the right.

Undaunted, Rudosky steps up and stripes a soaring hybrid draw over a swooping hillock to a blind fairway, setting up an effortless wedge and birdie opportunity.

"I've played many Perry Maxwell courses," says Rudosky, whose father Roland Rudosky was Conquistador's club pro from 1989 to 1996, "and J. Press' architectural style emulates a lot of what made his father such a dynamic architect.

on misfires and lands on the wrong side of a two-tiered green bisected by a mid-green bow. Even with all his local knowledge and expertise, Rudosky's uphill-downhill rollercoaster effort races 15 feet by, resulting in a gut-punching three-putt.

"That's pretty much Maxwell's handiwork right there," he laments. "The hole starts with a taunting and pretty difficult tee shot. But even if you successfully cut the corner, you still have to put the ball on the correct tier of the green. I can't tell you how many times I've walked off this hole after a three-putt bogey."

Which very much illustrates why this course is so fascinating. Fifty-five years after penning the

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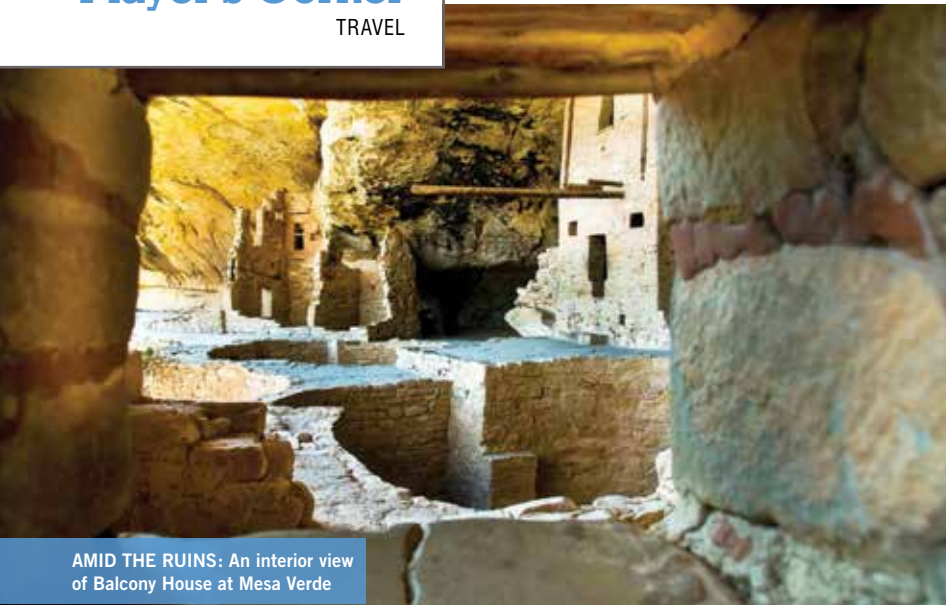
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AMID THE RUINS: An interior view of Balcony House at Mesa Verde

18-hole routing, J. Press Maxwell's Conquistador remains a viable challenge that belies a relatively modest back-tee course rating of 131/72.6.

"And wait until you see these greens in a few weeks, because they'll be even quicker," says Rudosky, a rare "big stick" club pro who, after succeeding his father in 1996, went on to earn 2001 Colorado Section Player of the Year, won the 2002 Rocky Mountain Open, and played in the 2007 PGA Championship that was hosted, serendipitously, at Southern Hills Country Club. 

Chris Duthie, a Durango-based contributor, writes *ColoradoAvidGolfer.com's* travel column. For more information about Conquistador Golf Club, visit FourCornersGolf.com or call 970-565-9208.

Conquering Cortez

- Conquistador Golf Club is 3.2 miles northeast of downtown Cortez, 46 miles west of Durango and 380 miles southwest of Denver.
- High-season 18-hole tee times are \$50 (cart included).
- Located in the eons-old Ancestral Puebloan heartland, Cortez is renowned for its proximity to the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Mesa Verde National Park, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center and Canyon of the Ancients National Monument.
- Visitors can day-trip to Monument Valley, the Painted Desert and the Four Corners Monument.
- For heart-pounding thrills, bring your mountain bike to the nationally known Phil's WorldTrail Park.
- About 15 minutes southwest of Conquistador, oenophiles will cherish the award-winning wines of Guy Drew and Sutcliffe vineyards. Head 12 more miles towards Utah for another amazing experience—hiking the Ancestral Puebloan surrounds of Sand Canyon Trail in McElmo Canyon.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The June wildfires that consumed more than 40,000 acres, forced the evacuation of thousands of homes—including those at Purgatory and Glacier Club resort developments—and temporarily closed down the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad, San Juan National Forest and miles of Highway 550, spared Cortez and Conquistador Golf Course. Roads and attractions north and east of the city may still be affected. For current area information, visit durango.org and colorado.gov.*

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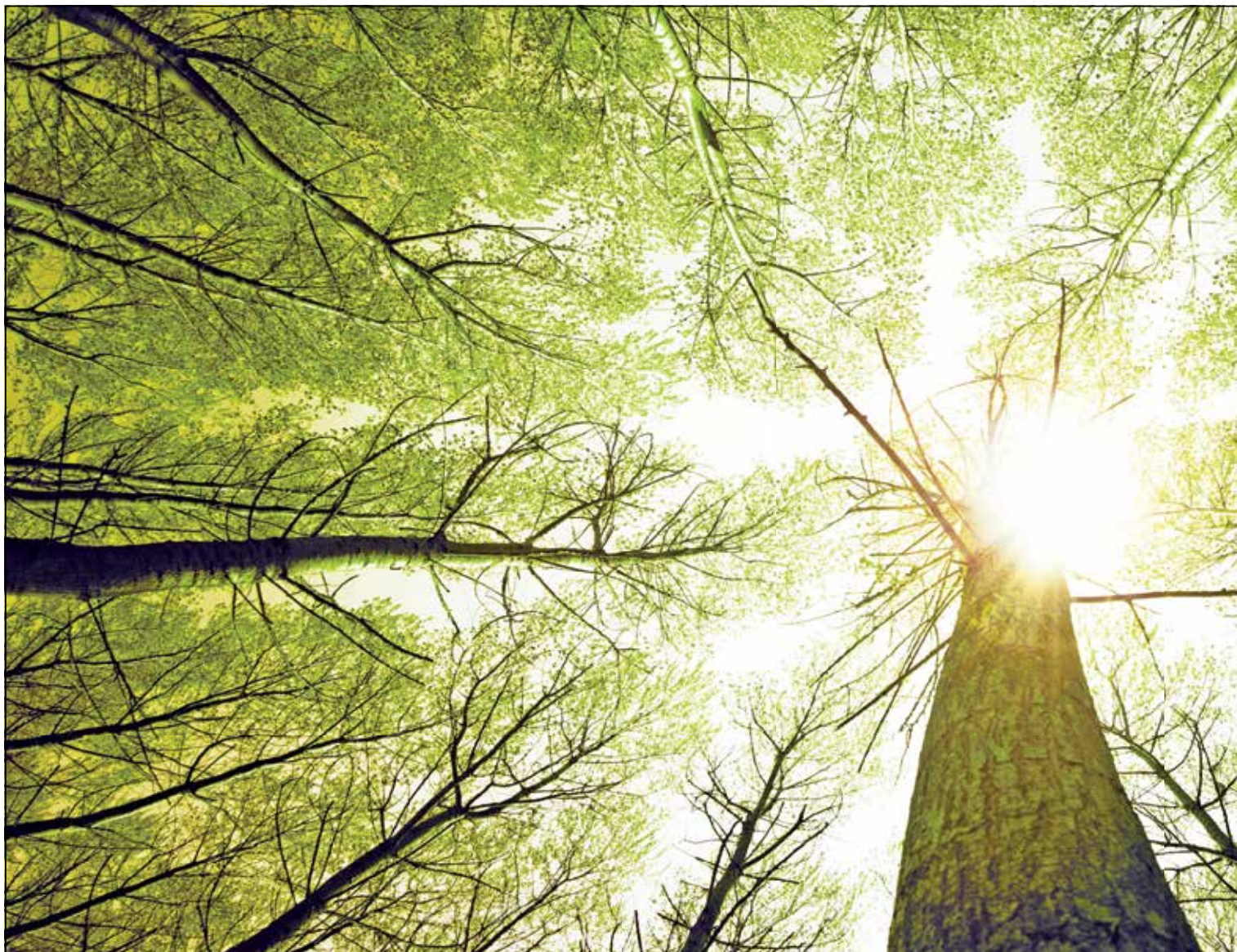


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CLUB SELECTION: Determining how far the ball needs to roll once it hits its landing spot enables you to recognize which club best suits the situation. If you have a relatively short chip and your air-to-ground distance is similar, use your sand wedge. But if your ball needs to roll twice the distance as it travels in the air, I'd suggest keeping the same swing technique but changing to a 9-iron. Similarly, if your ball needs to roll three times the distance then opt for a 7-iron. Go with a hybrid or 5-iron at four times the distance. This approach keeps things simple. One swing, one landing spot, use multiple clubs to travel different distances.



Bump it for Better Scores

An old-school approach will prevent you from being a flop around the greens.

By Alexander Fisher

TOO OFTEN I see amateurs take unnecessary risks on the golf course. This is especially true around the greens. Yes, I know, the high flop shot looks awesome, but sometimes a simple bump and run is sufficient.

WHAT: A bump and run shot is a chip, not a pitch. Most golfers confuse these two. A chip is essentially a putting stroke with a lofted club. When chipping you should expect the ball to fly a short low distance and run. A pitch is a more lofted shot that doesn't roll out as far.

WHEN: You should select to hit a chip shot if you are within six steps of the green collar.

WHY: I'm a firm believer in getting the ball on the ground as soon as possible. As you'll see during this month's Open Championship at Carnoustie, hitting low shots around the greens gives players a huge advantage in blustery conditions. You might not dazzle your playing partners, but your scorecard will appreciate your shot selection.

WHERE: You shouldn't try to land your golf ball any further than three steps on the green. Be very specific in selecting your landing spot.

HOW: The beauty of the bump-and-run shot is that you are not limited to a specific club. The only clubs you shouldn't consider are obviously a driver and a putter. As to selecting the club, that depends on the distance between your landing spot and the hole.

BUMP AND RUN



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▲ **1. SEE IT, FEEL IT:** I'm a big believer in that we react to what we see. The flag or the hole is not your target; your landing spot is. If you make practice swings looking at the flag stick you're likely to land the ball right next to the hole and end up too far past. Instead, make practice swings looking at your landing spot. Your instincts will kick in and your proximity to the hole will greatly improve.



▲ **2. HANDS DOWN SETUP:** Make sure that your hands are towards the bottom of the grip. This takes all leverage out of your wrists, making it a lot easier to control your distances. Keep your feet close together, too. It will make it a lot easier to feel your weight on your front foot. Also remember to keep your stance square to the ball. Opening it only confuses where the ball position is in your stance.



◀ **2. FACE THE BALL:** It's imperative that your chest always faces the ball on your back swing. Too often I see amateurs turn their body away from the ball on their back swing. The trouble with doing that is you'll end up pivoting your weight toward the back foot on the back swing without realizing it. Think of your arms as the engine of the backswing.

▶ **3. ANTICIPATE:** As you start your downswing towards the ball you need to anticipate where the ball is going to go with your upper body. Your chest should start rotating towards the target before you hit the ball. This will help your wrists not to flip through impact and will allow you to maintain your weight on your front foot.



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Start Horsing Around

A childhood basketball game can improve your putting.

By Jerry Walters

WHEN IT COMES TO putting, which is more consequential—direction or distance?

Direction—the line you take—plays a greater role when you are closer to the cup. But as you move farther away, distance control—the pace of the ball—becomes critical. Most three- and four-putts result from improper distance control. If you hit your first putt closer to the hole, the follow-up putt is easier.

Finding time to practice distance putting is difficult, but turning tedious practice into playtime makes it enjoyable.

A trip to my childhood home in Indiana last summer brought back memories of shooting basketballs in the driveway, spending hours playing H.O.R.S.E and attempting impossible shots to gain neighborhood bragging rights. I suddenly realized that I might be able to apply the H.O.R.S.E concept to practice drills when teaching my students distance-control putting drills.

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PUTTING FOR DOUGH: The first to spell H-O-R-S-E ponies up.

putting circles on the practice green, you can recreate an age-old game and play with friends for hours. In this version of H.O.R.S.E., the first player to putt attempts to putt a ball inside one of the rings from a certain spot. If that player is successful, every subsequent player must take the

same shot. Failing to duplicate the shot, they acquire a letter, starting with H. After all players have made an attempt, the next player after the original shooter gets control and can attempt any putt. The first to spell "HORSE" loses.

Before long, you'll dramatically improve speed control as you experiment with different angles, breaks and distances. Aim for a pre-selected circle, stroke the ball into it, and challenge the next golfer to do the same.

Change angles and distances to create different situations, just like real golf where no two putts are ever the same. Students who are looking for distance drills will appreciate the variety in every putt while gaining putting experience.

Go the distance and who knows, if you stop horsing around, you might win a cold beverage from your friends. 🍷

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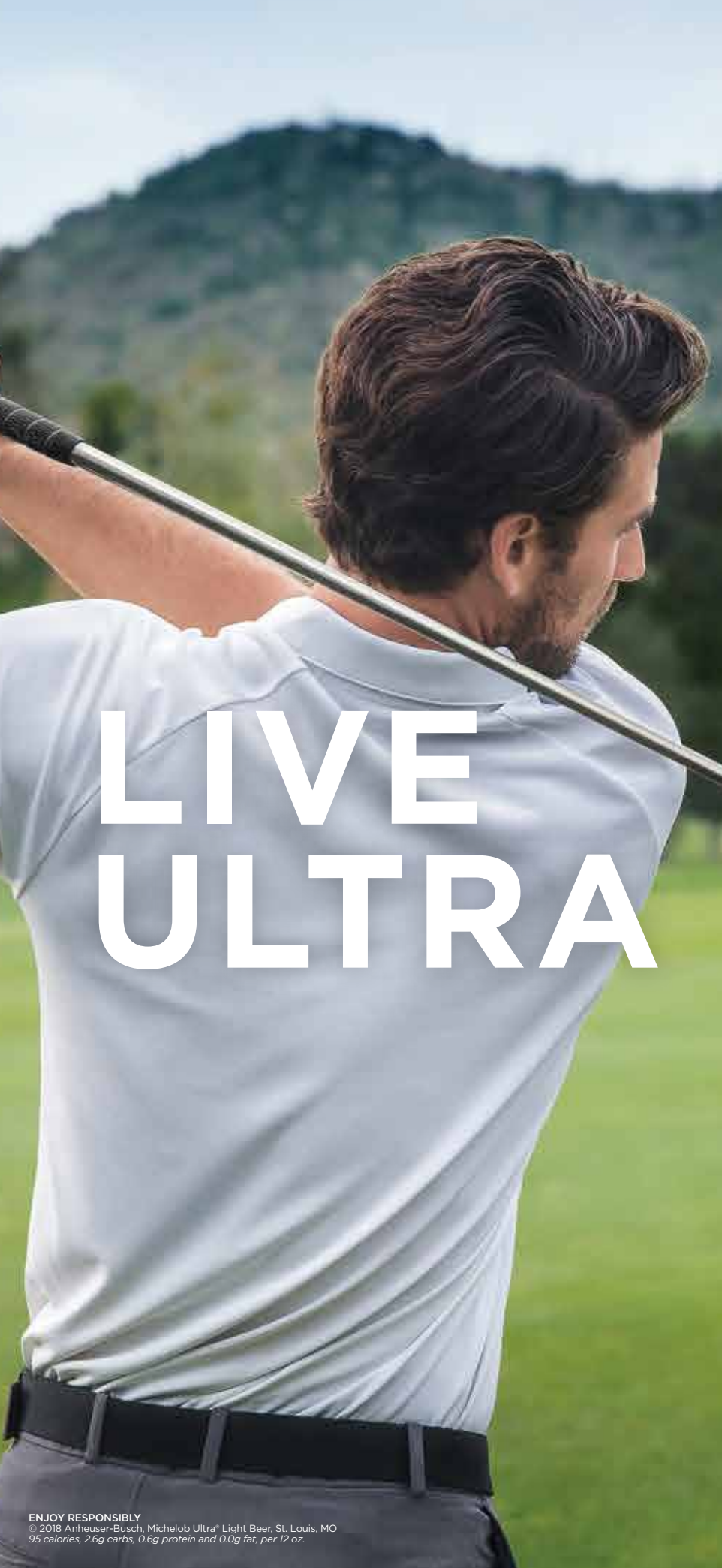
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By Suzanne S. Brown



◀ **HAT TRICK** Visors and baseball caps are ubiquitous on the golf course, but those who want headwear with style as well as protection are finding it from such companies as **Physician Endorsed**, which makes hats that are rated from UPF 30 to 50. Options for summer include the cowgirl-style Sierra in natural straw and a 3.75-inch brim, \$36; Diamante with a diamond-patterned band and 3-inch brim in front, \$42; and the packable black tweed Taylor fedora, \$39, with tasseled rope trim and 3-inch brim. Find the styles at readygolf.com

> **PEEK PERFORMANCE** While reading the greens, your vision needs to be at its best. **Under Armour's** eyewear division is addressing that with its new collection of contrast-enhancing golfer lenses. The UA Tuned Golf Performance lens in its Pulse model, \$125, was engineered to provide heightened contrast, improved depth perception and better definition of the fairway and green. Après-golf, slip on the Tuned Recovery lens in a UA Glimpse design, \$110, designed to rest and protect your eyes by filtering blue light to help regulate natural circadian rhythms and return your eyesight to its optimal state. underarmour.com



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> **FOR A ROUND OR AROUND TOWN** Sun-protective clothing is important on the golf course, but it's also popular with guys who spend a lot of time outdoors in the summer, which is why such companies as **Adidas** are adding SPF-intensive styles. In addition to the Adidas Ultimate365 polo with a UPF 50 rating, the urban-inspired and non-traditional Adicross line is golf-ready but can be worn anywhere. Included for summer is the Beyond 18 Oxford Shirt in a lightweight, breathable stretch fabric, \$80. It has a fold-down collar, split side hems and UPF 30 sun protection. adidas.com



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COLORFUL CUISINE: Inspired by the palette and palate of Puebla (below) are (clockwise from left) Chili Verde's décor, Veggie Tacos; Choriqueso dip; Pozole Poblano.



Peppered with Puebla

The zesty flavors of Mexico's fourth-largest city burst forth at Chili Verde in Jefferson Park. By Gary James



IT ALL STARTED when the Yáñez-Mota brothers got hungry.

Hanzel and Eder Yáñez-Mota grew up in Puebla City, Mexico, home to some unique staples of Mexican cuisine.

"Our mother and father, Mune and Andrés, would take us to Colorado on vacations to ski," Hanzel recalls. "We would be hungry for Mexican food, but we couldn't find any that was authentic,

like back home in Puebla."

In 2009 the family decided to open Chili Verde and serve the genuine food, venturing beyond Denver's standard smothered-burrito fare. Chili Verde occupied a plain building in LoHi before moving to its new home on Federal in late 2012. A myriad of delightful appetizers are worth exploring—the Choriqueso dip (melted asadero cheese mixed with chorizo) and a tangy Ceviche among them—but don't delay in digging into Chili Verde's regional specialties.

Start with a cup of one of the soups. The Pozole Poblano (*poblano* is the demonym for Puebla, where the poblano pepper originated) brims with pork, hominy and salsa roja, and the colorful Caldo Tlalpeño, a picante chicken soup from Tlalpan, a Mexico City suburb 90 miles west of Puebla, that simmers with chipotle, carrots and potatoes and comes topped with avocado and other garnishes.

But what about the Crepas Poblanas or the Rib-Eye Crêpe? Turns out there's a reason for the thin pastries associated with French cuisine instead of tortillas.

"1862, the Battle of Puebla—that's when the strongest French army invaded Puebla and we beat them back after two days," Eder explains.

"After that, there were French influences—we still serve the crêpes."

Chili Verde has made a reputation among loyal patrons with its *moles*—the traditional sauce is used throughout Mexican cuisine, but most of them are quite disparate. Puebla is one of the states that claim its creation. At Chili Verde, the rich, complex flavors are available in a savory Mole Verde (smothering a slow-roasted chicken breast) and Mole Poblano. The secret to the preparation? "I cook it for five, six hours," Hanzel says.

Eder is more forthcoming. "Many ingredients go in the Mole Poblano, about twenty. A basic one is animal crackers! On top of that, there's tortilla chips, plantains, peanuts, roasted sesame seeds, pieces of clove and garlic. There are four different types of dark chiles, which can all be found in Colorado now."

And, of course, there's chocolate to counteract the heat of the chiles. Chili Verde uses Chocolate Abuelita, a brand of chocolate tablets (now manufactured by Nestlé) used to make Mexican hot chocolate.



"But I won't give you the real secrets," Eder states. "There are so many ways to make mole, but there's a specific recipe to make it poblano. Hanzel made it for a while, and it was very good, but something was still missing. We called my grandma's sister, who is still alive in Puebla—"Hey auntie, do you mind sharing your recipe for your Mole Poblano?" She gave us one ingredient to enhance the flavor, and a few ingredients have to be fried."

The common legend of Mole Poblano's creation is that it took place in the colonial period. "That's what we were taught at school," Eder reveals. "A very important person was coming to the convent—the ladies wanted to do a dish, but they were poor. They prepared the little bits of



popular. It's a staple where we're from."

"Here, you can have it any day of the year," Hanzel says. "In Puebla, you can only get it on Independence Day in September."

"The reason why it's seasonal in Puebla is freshness—September through November is pomegranate and nogada season," Eder adds. "We find it all year long at markets."

The menu offers gluten-free options—you'll get a corn tortilla instead of that crepe—and the handsome bar is stocked with an excellent selection of tequilas, craft cocktails, beer and wines.

My Spanish is suspect, but I can use words in context: Thanks to Chili Verde, you *nogada* look anywhere else for truly elevated Mexican food in Denver.

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MEX TO THE MAX: Clockwise, from top, Crepas Poblanas; Mole Poblano; Chile en Nogada; and one of Chili Verde's numerous craft cocktails, the Mezcal Marg.

everything they did have and put the sauce over a cooked turkey. Through the generations, whenever there's a family party, there's a mole for sure."

The nuanced Chile en Nogada is another taste of tradition—a whole roasted poblano pepper stuffed with seasoned ground beef, almonds, plantains and chopped raisins and other dried fruits; it's drizzled with a creamy nogada sauce (*nogada* is the type of walnut mixed with cream and sugar) and topped with fresh juicy pomegranate seeds.

"It was invented to capture the colors of the Mexican flag," Eder explains. "The chiles are green, the nogada sauce is white, and the pomegranate seeds are red. It was made to show off for very important people, and then it became very



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Highlands Ranch's Secret Garden

Although the course will soon have a new name, those fortunate to live in the surrounding community still consider Highlands Ranch Golf Club home.

Words and Photographs by Martin Yeager

"THE FIRST TIME I played the Highlands Ranch Golf Course was six years ago," Marc LeVier remembers. "We were surprised to find such a perfect setting, and that night we wanted to know what homes were available around the course. Long story short, we've lived here ever since."

LeVier is both a homeowner at Highlands Ranch Golf Club and a board member of the homeowner's association. His story is one heard often around town: most golf community home searches begin on the fairways before buyers turn to their realtor to explore options.

A local favorite celebrating its 20th anniversary this month, Highlands Ranch is well known for its expansive collection of neighborhoods. Yet the Golf Club is a "hidden gem" among Front Range golf communities.

Located along the western edge of Highlands Ranch, the enclave of homes offers a distinctive ambience with its meandering streets and meticulously maintained landscaping. In comparison to other communities that provide a limited number of home options, the neighborhood offers a complete range of residences and settings. In addition to the 471 single-family residences, there are an additional 127 paired homes and row homes that stand just across the street from the golf course and clubhouse.

Recent home sales for the single-family homes range from the high \$600s up to \$1 million. The impressive two- and three-bedroom paired homes at Turnbury, and the row homes at Birkdale range from the \$400s up to the mid \$600s. For those who would like to "try on" the neighborhood before buying (or aren't in the market to buy a home), Creekside Apartment Homes borders the first fairway and offers shorter leases as well as one- and two-year options.

LeVier lives on the 14th fairway. "The first criterion I wanted to find in a home was open space, and our home, with its mountain views, is the ideal setting for us," he shared. "There is a true community feel here, plus we really enjoy walking along the High Line Canal Trail and around the nearby dog park,



The Homes at Highlands Ranch Golf Club

Built initially by Shea Homes, the community offers a collection of three- to five-bedroom executive homes located around the golf course. The neighborhood, with its meandering streets that follow both the front and back nine, creates a smaller, exclusive neighborhood setting. Prices range from the mid \$600s to \$1 million.



TUCKED AWAY: Mature trees by the fifth tee and ninth green separate homes and holes.

and watching high-school sports at Redstone Park's Shea Stadium."

Another sport—golf—takes place at the Hale Irwin-designed layout that occupies a portion of the 20,000 acres once owned by Dad Rufus Clark. In 1886 Clark also donated 80 of his acres to the Methodists who built the University of Denver campus. Were he alive today, it would no doubt please him to know that in 2011 the family of the late Colorado Golf Hall of Famer Ron Moore—who was instrumental in reviving the men's and women's golf team programs at the University of Denver and owned Highlands Ranch Golf Club—donated the golf course to DU Athletics in tribute to his legacy.

"The course is currently in the midst of a name change and in the near future will be known as 'University of Denver Golf Club at Highlands Ranch,'" says the club's PGA Director of Golf Andy Benson who has been with the club since it opened in 1998. Highlands Ranch is a semi-private golf club with approximately 200 members, but the golf course, pro shop and restaurant are



FLAT TRIER: Creekside Apartments sit along the first fairway.



Turnbury at Highlands Ranch Golf Club

This collection of paired homes offers two- and three-bedroom residences that feel far more like single-family homes—but without the usual maintenance requirements. Features such as a main floor master suite, open lofts and distinctive finishes add to the appeal. Recent sold prices range from the \$500s to the high \$600s.

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Birkdale at Highlands Ranch Golf Club

Similar to the Turnbury community, Birkdale is located across the street from the clubhouse and the first fairway. These row homes offer two- and three-bedroom floor plans and start in the mid \$400s.

open to the public, and will remain so, according to Benson.

The homes follow the course as it winds through rolling terrain of historic Dad Clark Ranch, which includes Marcy Gulch and the High Line Canal Trail system. As of this writing, only three existing homes are on the market, a trend that is typical year round.

Chances are you may have missed this semi-secluded enclave community when thinking about golf course neighborhoods, yet Highlands Ranch Golf Club offers exceptional living with affordable home prices. As Marc LeVier found out a few years ago, playing this impressive course is contagious and just may lead to finding the perfect home for you. 🍷

Special thanks to Andy Benson, Director of Golf, Marc LeVier, homeowner and board member and Kerry Kirschman, Community Manager at Creekside Apartments for the insights and assistance to "Getting Home."

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New Coins of the Realm

The exquisitely explosive Jeep Grand Cherokee Trackhawk and Jaguar XF Sportbrake confer novel status on those who drive them.

By Isaac Bouchard

2018 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE TRACKHAWK

EPA ratings: 11/17/13mpg combined
 0-60mph: 3.5sec
 Price: \$85,900-\$94,000 (\$90,880 as tested)

Jeep's Grand Cherokee has been one of the best selling—and best—midsize SUVs since 2011, when it moved onto a platform shared with Mercedes. And while it has always been an aspirational sort of machine, it's reached new heights in power and price with the 707-horsepower Trackhawk, currently the most powerful production vehicle in its class.

The ingredients are enticing: take one Hellcat engine, a hand-built, 6.2-liter Hemi with 11.6psi of boost stuffed down its eight throats by a 2.4-liter IHI supercharger. Channel the resulting 645lb/ft of torque through a stouter version of the 8-speed ZF transmission and transfer case that serve in all Grand Cherokees, and distribute through beefier driveshafts, differentials and uprated CV joints. Dispatch 0-60mph in 3.5 seconds using a wonderfully amusing launch mode that barks all four 295-section tires and ricochets

a bellowing exhaust note and supercharger scream off surrounding buildings and cars.

Whew!

In case you think this is a one-trick pony, know that the Jeep racer/engineers gave a mild makeover to the already highly polished SRT suspension and braking system to handle the Trackhawk's extra power and 215 pounds of additional mass.

Comprised of slightly stiffer springs, recalibrated, adaptive Bilstein dampers, and even larger, 15.7-inch diameter front brake rotors, and blazing yellow-colored Brembo calipers, all corners of this dynamic envelope are stretched even farther. For something so large and heavy, the Trackhawk manages body motions extremely well. You can really fling it around a road course, and it excels on twisty tarmac.

In more pedestrian use, it rides better than many less sporty crossovers or SUVs, with quiet, refined progress when not on throttle. A perfect size for normal utility missions, this Grand Cherokee boasts comfortable seating for four and a capacious cargo area. It will also tow 7,200 pounds—and even has a special mode for doing so in the safest and smoothest manner possible.

One area where being a Jeep works against the Trackhawk is interior quality. Many of the shiny, hard plastic moldings you see, including the center console and door panels, have no place in a vehicle this expensive. Thankfully, a stitched leather dash and door caps help distract the eye, and the seats provide ample support and comfort.

The Grand Cherokee also offers many really nice features that more expensive competitors like the BMW X5M and Mercedes AMG GLE63 don't, including remote start that will also kick on the ventilated seats or heated steering wheel, depending on outside temperature. And the Trackhawk's exterior enhancements are handled in a classy yet suitably butch way; functional intakes for cooling replace fog lights, the hood's scoops and vents look great from inside and out, and the stance is foursquare and planted.

Hot rodded SUVs and crossovers have taken big bites out of the market for super sedans, and Jeep was early to the table with the first-gen SRT Grand Cherokee. This 707-horsepower version is a logical and worthy successor, and if its sticker is a bit of a shock, the underlying hardware and tuning talent it exemplifies are world class and first rate.



2018 Jaguar XF Sportbrake

2018 JAGUAR XF SPORTBRAKE

EPA ratings: 18/25; 21mpg combined

0-60mph: 5.0sec

Price as tested: \$84,245

An indirect effect of the popularity of SUVs and crossovers is the return of sleek yet capacious imported wagons to our shores, albeit in very small numbers. Demographics are on their side: there is still a clubby, old-money appeal to these two-box machines among the elite, and many younger buyers, who were carted around in early SUVs, view them with the same contempt as the prior generation did minivans.

The rarity and coolness factors add to the charm of the latest pageant contestant, Jaguar's XF Sportbrake. Offered in America only in top-spec, S trim with AWD and the 380hp supercharged V6, the XF Sportbrake really stands out—or more accurately, slinks between—a veritable sea of bloated, leviathan SUVs.

It even manages to make the company's otherwise svelte-appearing F-Pace look upright and formal. A full-length sunroof, built-in roof rails, blacked-out trim and body kit emphasizes glossy lower air intake blades and a mesh version of the classic Jaguar grill—all of it blending harmoniously to create a tightly coiled vibe. Enhanced by the

way the tight wheel well gaps embrace the gorgeous 20-in wheels, its aesthetic hearkens back to the chopped, channeled lowrider rods created from mid-50s family cars.


Inside, the XF's materials seem a bit too granular and stiff for the price, and while the 10-inch Touch Pro interface is better than prior company efforts, it really could benefit from the gorgeous twin-screen system deployed on the electric I-Pace. The Sportbrake affords room, however, providing over 66.9 cubic feet of space (more than the F-Pace and many other crossovers) with the rear seats folded, slick retraction for the cargo blind and a light-filled cabin, courtesy of that fixed-glass roof. Framed by a stitched, suede-like material, the glass top appreciably enhances interior ambience. Driver ergonomics are excellent, though the rotary shift knob still seems a retrograde step to a traditional pistol grip-style lever. The seat's embrace inspires confidence and the panoramic sweeps of glass draw one to the road ahead.

Which, of course, is what the XF is really about. It still is amongst the most dynamically accomplished midsize vehicles extant, with superb body control, telepathic steering and swift reflexes. It accomplishes all this without resorting to the kind of iron-fisted ride of taller vehicles, meaning that it can swallow up instances of

most broken pavement without undue distress to occupants or cargo.

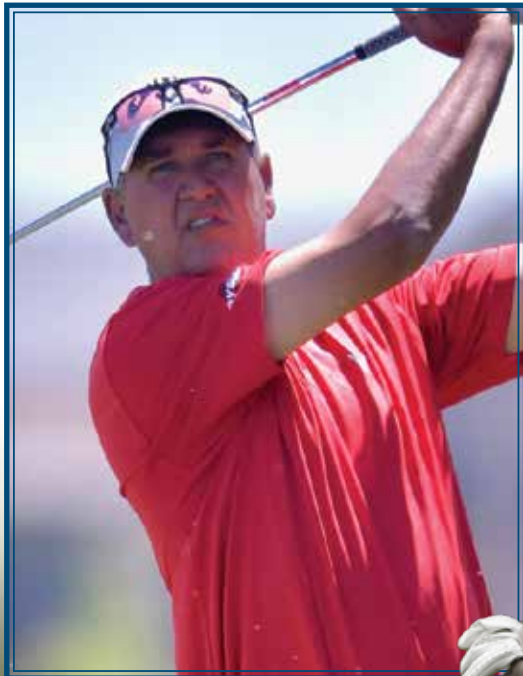
While the Sportbrake won't be considered cossetting—Jaguar seems to have made the decision its vehicles need to be more overtly "sporty" than that—its firm ride never becomes uncouth. The handling acumen more or less matches the performance offered; the 332lb-ft of torque arrives seemingly right off idle and the Sportbrake rockets to 60mph in just five seconds and in-gear acceleration is excellent.

The accompanying rorty exhaust note is pleasing, and goes some way towards masking this 3-liter engine's inherently gruff, gritty power delivery. The eight-speed gearbox has the intuitive programming Jaguar has become known for.

Jaguar has more than tripled sales in Colorado over the past couple years. Its lineup now consists of as many two-box vehicles (E-, F-, I-Pace and this wagon) as sports sedans and cars. While this lovely machine's sales will probably pale in comparison to those of the more conventional "utility" vehicles, the mere fact that it exists as a choice for Americans is splendid. 

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Special Kaye

IN LAST YEAR'S CoBank Colorado Open, a week before his 47th birthday, **Jonathan Kaye** rolled in a nine-foot birdie putt on the 18th green at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club for a one-shot victory over **Jacob Lestishen**. In doing so, Kaye not only earned \$100,000 and tied a tournament record of 23-under-par 265 set the previous year by Neil Johnson, he also established the mark for the longest period between wins in the event.

It had been 21 years since the former University of Colorado standout won the 1996 Colorado Open—his first professional victory, worth \$27,000—with a chip-in birdie on the 18th hole at Inverness Golf Club in Englewood. The span between that victory and last year's is seven more than the 14 years between **Brian Guetz's** Colorado Open triumphs in 1994 and 2008. In addition, those 21 years are 10 more than the span between **Jack Nicklaus's** fifth and sixth Masters wins (1975 and 1986), and six more than the 15-year drought between PGA Tour victories endured by **Robert Gamez** (1990 and 2005), the longest in PGA Tour history.

Coincidentally, 1996 was the year amateur **Jake Staiano**, one of Kaye's playing partners in the final Sunday pairing, was born. "And he was pounding the ball," says Kaye. "I knew he and all the young guys would hit it past me, but would they leave themselves in a place that they can play from?"

Kaye compensates for his relative lack of distance with course management and confidence. "I was playing a different golf ball when I was their age," he says, "and I learned how to bend the ball and make shots. Their length gives them a great advantage—they almost always go driver-wedge on the par 4s, but when you've got a bad lie or need to get creative, that's when I start licking my chops."

Although Kaye has won twice on the PGA Tour, he has competed sparingly the last few years. But he and his family live in Boulder during the summer, and he loves playing the CoBank Colorado Open at Green Valley Ranch. "It's like the Masters, man," he says. "You're coming back to the same beautiful place every year."



Notah Begay III



Kevin Stadler



Neil Johnson



Ben Portie

Crowded Field

JONATHAN KAYE won't be the only CoBank Colorado Open competitor with PGA Tour victories on his resumé. Four-time Tour winner **Notah Begay III** will play in the event for the second time. Begay, who now works mainly as an NBC/Golf Channel analyst, missed the cut by a shot in 2015. Look for a number of past Colorado Open champions in the field, such as **Scott Petersen** (2000), **Kevin Stadler** (2002), **Dustin White** (2006), **Derek Tolan** (2009, '12), **Ben Portie** (2011), **Zahkai Brown** (2013) and **Neil Johnson** (2016). A true Cinderella story, Johnson entered the '16 event an alternate in the fourth and last qualifier. He also valiantly defended his title, finishing third last year at 19-under. Could another winner come from one of the four qualifying events? Watch, too, for last year's runner-up **Jacob Lestishen**, five-time reigning Colorado PGA Player of the Year **Geoff Keffer** and young pros such as **Riley Arp** and **Steven Kupcho**.

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2016	\$250,000	\$100,000	265 (-23)	72.14 (+0.14)	-3	61
2017	\$250,000	\$100,000	265 (-23)	70.91 (-1.09)	-2	64



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The Women Get Stronger

WHEN THE COBANK Colorado Women's Open doubled its prize money last year to \$150,000, it meant the winner would get \$50,000—enough to entice players from the Symetra Tour, where the largest winner's share is \$31,500.

The plan worked. Dozens of players from the Symetra Tour and mini-tours filled the tee sheet. **Liz Breed** of Waynesboro, Pa., won at 9-under-par, two shots ahead of Colorado amateur **Jennifer Kupcho**, the Wake Forest University student-athlete who would go on to win the 2018 NCAA Division I National Championship. Prior to the CoBank Colorado Women's Open, Breed's largest winner's check had been \$2,000.

"We had the strongest field we ever had last year," says Kevin Laura, CEO of The First Tee of Green Valley Ranch and the CoBank Colorado Opens. "I have no reason to believe it will be any different this year."

With applications for the 2018 CoBank Colorado Women's Open arriving from all over, the 24th edition of the championship will stage its first qualifier Aug. 27 at CommonGround Golf Course. Up to 10 players can advance to the championship August 29-31 at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club, which the par-72 course will play at 6,269 yards.

Always adding intrigue to this event is the pro-am format, which mimics that of the AT&T

Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. Approximately 38 female professionals will pair with Pro-Am contestants in a Pro-Am team competition, while simultaneously competing in the CoBank Colorado Women's Open Championship. The team plays 54 holes of net four-ball stroke play. A female professional and a net amateur (playing at 90% of his or her course handicap with a maximum of 18) play together as partners; each player plays his or her own ball. The lower of the partner's scores is the team score for the hole.

Last year the team of Symetra Tour player **Karlin Beck** and former D1-golfer-turned-lawyer **Molly Greenblatt** won with a 27-under par score of 189.



John Riegger



Doug Rohrbaugh



Jon Lindstrom

Senior Center

ATTRACTED BY the quality of the event and the \$50,000 purse (with an \$8,500 winner's share), increasing numbers out-of-state players have the CoBank Colorado Senior Open circled on their calendars.

Eight of the 11 winners since 2008 hail from beyond our borders, a trend that continued this year, as former PGA Tour golfer **John Riegger**—who, like last year's winner, **Jeff Gallagher**, hails from Henderson, Nev.—fired a final-round 69 to win the tournament by a single stroke May 30-June 1 at Green Valley Ranch Golf Club.

Riegger, winner of the 2013 Boeing Classic on the Champions Tour, carded a 9-under-par 207 on the on the 6,882-yard, par-72 course, holding off **Skip Kendall** of Windermere, Fla., and **Brian Cooper** of Pittsburgh, Pa.

In a two-way tie for 4th at 7-under 209 were two-time Colorado Open champion **Jim Blair** of St. George, Utah and PGA Tour winner **Guy Boros** of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Blair also pocketed an extra \$1,000 for finishing as the low super-senior (players older than 60).

Jon Lindstrom of Broomfield was low

amateur champion at 6-under. He also tied for sixth place overall with **Jeff Hanson**, the PGA Director of Golf at Red Sky Golf Club in Edwards, as the highest Colorado finisher in the field. **Doug Rohrbaugh**, the 2013 champion who also qualified for last month's U.S. Senior Open at The Broadmoor, tied for 10th with fellow Colorado PGA Professionals **Mike Northern** (Valley Hi Golf Course), **Mike Zaremba** (Desert Hawk), **Rick Cole** (Eaton Country Club) and Arizona's **Jim Carter** at 5-under 211.

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GVR's clubhouse will become a restaurant.



The Clubhouse Turn

FOR THIS YEAR'S CoBank Colorado Open, Green Valley Ranch Golf Club has a new building. "It's our Flex Lounge," CEO **Kevin Laura** says, describing the air-conditioned, interconnected temporary structures in the parking lot that will function as "dining room, registration, commissary and lounge."

The makeshift arrangement is necessitated by the remodeling of the existing clubhouse into a large year-round restaurant that will welcome the general public (including GVR's 40,000 golfers, of course). A design-build project by Spartan Construction, the building will also house the Oakwood Life Club, which will serve as "a private lounge for homeowners in Green Valley Ranch's 55-and-older developments," explains Laura.

As part of the plan, in April the golf shop,

which had operated from the southeastern end of the clubhouse, moved across the parking lot into the Green Valley Ranch Academy building, now known as The Green Valley Ranch Golf Center. "We've centralized all of our instruction, practice and play under one roof," says Laura. "It will expose the playing public to the great academy and staff we have."

That staff is complemented by independent clubfitter **Brian Gott** of Gott Golf, whose putting studio—complete with video cameras—bridges the golf shop and the instruction area. Players are welcome to try new putters before or after checking in for their tee times.

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Alexis Cunningham

In the Lead

A 16-YEAR-OLD Eagle Level participant in The First Tee of Green Valley Ranch and a rising sophomore at DSST: Conservatory Green High School, **Alexis Cunningham** was selected as one of 96 participants from across the nation to attend The First Tee's **Joe Louis Barrow, Jr. Life Skills & Leadership Academy** at Michigan State University July 25-31. The Academy seeks to develop and educate participants in life skills, golf, college prep, dorm living and career exploration, inspiring them to be leaders and role models. Playing for Northfield High, Alexis qualified for the 3A Championships as a freshman. The eight-year First Tee participant volunteers and coaches the juniors in the program. She will join **Paige Ayers** of The First Tee of Denver, who was also selected to attend the Life Skills & Leadership Academy.

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ON A HANDSHAKE: Having met David Duval, Hunter Swanson will now play with Annika Sorenstam.

THANKS TO COBANK'S sponsorship of the Colorado Opens, The First Tee of Green Valley Ranch continues to flourish. On June 30, PGA Tour star **Matt Kuchar** inspired juniors and their parents during an exhibition at GVR. Kuchar joined a list that includes **Hale Irwin, David Duval, Lexi Thompson, Paula Creamer, Mark O'Meara** and **Ryan Palmer**—all of whom have appeared since CoBank became title sponsor in 2016.

Expanding on that success, on August 23 CoBank, The First Tee of Green Valley Ranch and The Broadmoor will sponsor the first "CoBank PEAK Performers" at The Broadmoor with LPGA legend **Annika Sorenstam**. Nine participants

(ages 14-18) selected from The First Tee's eight regions will get an all-expense paid, three-day trip to The Broadmoor. On Thursday, they'll join Sorenstam for breakfast, after which she will pair up with three threesomes for six holes each on The Broadmoor's East Course.

The ninth entrant, **Hunter Swanson**, will come from The First Tee at Green Valley Ranch. Currently at the Eagle Level, the incoming Northfield High freshman recently qualified to play in this month's Optimist International Junior Championship in Florida. Hunter devotes many hours paying it forward by coaching and mentoring beginners at The First Tee of Green Valley Ranch.



Get with the Program

THE FIRST TEE at Green Valley Ranch projects it will enroll **2,700 kids** by the time the CoBank Colorado Open rolls around. That's a 50 percent increase over the 1,804 kids that participated last year. **Kevin Laura**, the CEO of both The First Tee of Green Valley Ranch and the CoBank Colorado Opens, ascribes the growth to a number of factors. "We introduced the program at a target level to kids at seven new schools during the spring semester and will be serving in excess of 300 at The First Tee of Green Valley Ranch summer program," he explains. "In addition, we now have the capacity, staff-wise, to be in multiple places, like with our programming at **Buffalo Run Golf Course** in Commerce City. Most critically, we also have great sponsors and donors who believe in what we do and see the outcomes we produce. We've already raised \$650,000 of our \$1 million goal for this year."

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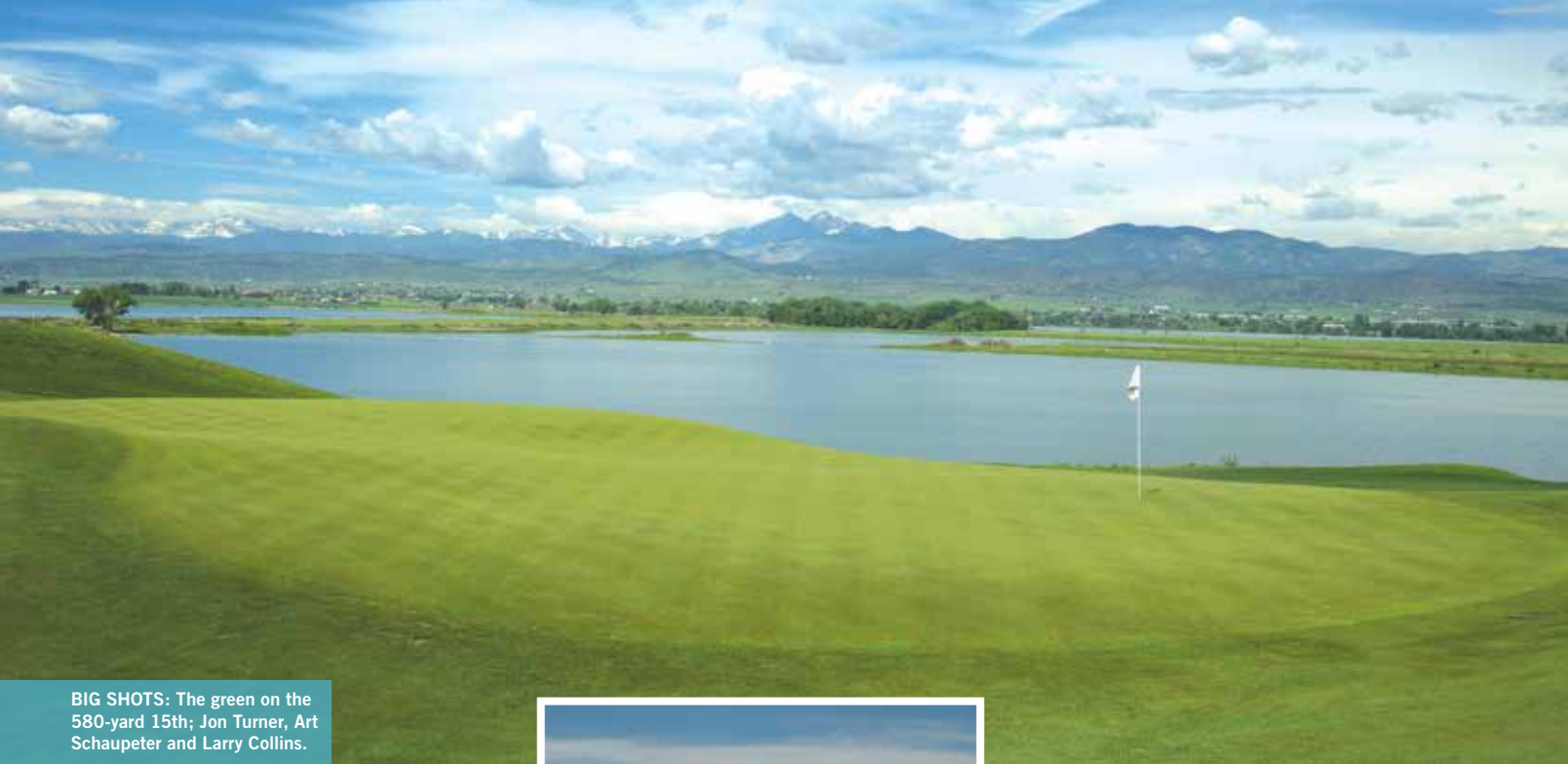
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CENTER STAGE: The signature par-3 16th features water, mountain views and tees next to the clubhouse patio.

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BIG SHOTS: The green on the 580-yard 15th; Jon Turner, Art Schaupeter and Larry Collins.



THE PAR-3 16TH HOLE at the semi-private TPC Colorado in Berthoud, which will open on Aug. 1, could become one of Colorado's most iconic one-shotters—or at least the most entertaining to play. Appropriately named “Center Stage,” this 140-yard downhiller features a teeing area stretching 70 yards in width, about the breadth of a medium-sized driving range. Believed to be the widest in the world, it backs up against what will be a \$20-million, Western-lodge-style, 50,000-square-foot clubhouse, with a covered outdoor patio providing a ready-made gallery and the ultimate “Golfer’s Perch.” From the tee on the highest ridge of TPC’s sprawling 800-acre property, it’s a 60-foot drop to a devilishly shaped and imposingly bunkered green, with McNeil Reservoir, the foothills, and the snow-capped heights of 14,259-foot Longs Peak providing a spectacular, quintessential Colorado backdrop.

“There could be 100 people watching you,” imagines TPC General Manager Larry Collins, noting that self-conscious players can move down to the hidden forward tees, where they can literally putt to the green. “It’s an opportunity for recreational golfers to feel like a pro, with a short club in their hands,” says architect and Colorado native Art Schaupeter.

On a recent bluebird day in May, Schaupeter can’t help but grin as he surveys the 16th’s multi-tiered green complex. It encompasses 9,000 square feet and, coupled with the variety of angles offered by the improbably wide tee, can be set up to play like four very different golf holes, all with unique challeng-

es. Most notable: The lower left side of the green is protected by two pot bunkers and will require a precisely judged shot, while the tiny shelf on the far right seems the likely Sunday pin when the Web.com Tour comes to play next summer.

For veteran Northern Colorado developer Jon Turner, who is partnered with Chris Frye and Jim Birdsall, TPC Colorado is the “marquee project” in a long career. It’s also one that can create a national and even international footprint; the club’s first founding member hails from Southeast Asia.

“We’re breaking new ground here,” Turner readily admits, referring to both the TPC-quality golf course and the ambitious resort-like community that will surround it. When Turner decided to affiliate with the TPC, banking on its prestige and 34-course network of affluent golfers, he ended up doubling the course construction budget. But he

also stuck with his gut by eschewing big-name architects in favor of the up-and-coming Schaupeter, who had designed Turner’s Highland Meadows course in Windsor back in 2004.

Growing up in Wheat Ridge as a hockey player rather than a golfer, Schaupeter earned a landscaping degree from the University of Colorado. Hired in 1991 by St. Louis-based architect Keith Foster, whose dozens of commissions include The Quarry in San Antonio, Schaupeter became Foster’s lead designer. He shaped Commerce City’s Buffalo Run and Steamboat’s Haymaker, and, after opening his own shop, he designed The Club at Old Hawthorne, the home course for the University of Missouri. Both Schaupeter and Collins first walked the Berthoud site back in 2005, and after waiting out the Great Recession, Turner tapped them when work finally began in earnest a decade later.

It helps that Schaupeter is intensely dedicated, flexible and modest, and that Collins brought his long association with the TPC to the table. “Art was the only [architect we interviewed] who said, ‘What do you want?’” recalls Collins, who himself played collegiately at Southern Cal, competed on the European Tour, worked at TPCs in three other states, and was most recently the director of golf at Omni Interlocken in Broomfield.

While the Berthoud area, 50 minutes north of Denver and 30 minutes south of Fort Collins, evokes images of endlessly flat farmland, the site is blessed with character and far-reaching views. It capitalizes on three interlocking reservoirs: the smallest, McNeil,

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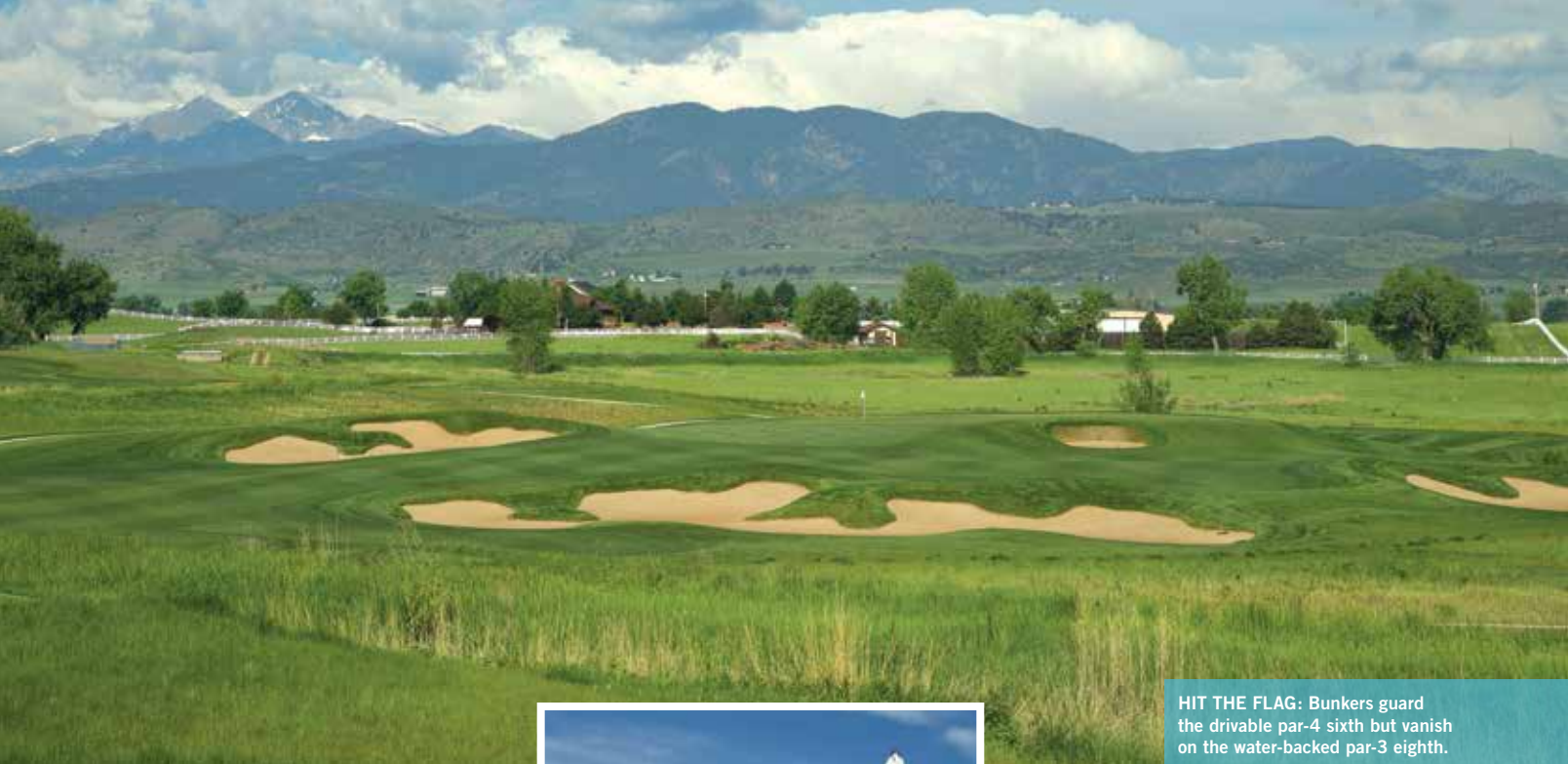
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HIT THE FLAG: Bunkers guard the drivable par-4 sixth but vanish on the water-backed par-3 eighth.

wedges between Welch to the south and Lonetree, the largest, to the west. The site is also home to a sizable heron rookery—thus the official name of TPC Colorado at Heron Lakes—and will become part of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program.

The community itself is planned to include more than 1,400 high-end single-family homes, villas, townhomes and condos, and is envisioned as the gold standard for the 21st-century multi-amenity club. The Lonetree Marina and Beach Club will offer water-side dining and motorized boating, while the McNeil Beach Club is designed for kayakers and paddle boarders. There will be fishing, waterfowl hunting, eight miles of biking and hiking paths, swimming, tennis, a fitness center, commercial space, and even a 300-seat ballroom in the massive main clubhouse, which will serve as the community hub.

TPC is a walkable, single 18-hole loop in the Scottish style; there will be a halfway house and even a practice putting green at the turn (a requirement for PGA events where the field starts on the front and back). There are no mediocre or forgettable holes, and no two are alike. The 55 acres of fairways, lined by fescue, are extremely generous, but strategically designed bunkers protect the landing areas of all but a couple of holes. More specifically, there's a healthy dose of penal, stacked-sod-wall pot bunkers that will place a premium on strategy (stacked sod is nearly impossible to maintain in Colorado's climate; these are synthetic, made from a material called Durabunker, yet surprisingly realistic).

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more in the fairways, TPC can stretch from 4,157 yards up to 7,991 (rating 76.9, slope 140) for the young guns on the Web.com. Turner's goal was to make it playable for the average golfer, while also challenging a PGA-caliber field. The vast majority of men will play the blue or the gold, at 6,141 (68.8/120) and 6,875 (72.3/123) yards, respectively (perhaps TPC could bridge that substantial yardage and rating gap by creating a combo tee).

Two pot bunkers frame the landing area of the opening par 5, providing the option to run the gauntlet, catch the downslope and go for the green in two, but it's protected by a deep moat, reminiscent of the opener at St. Andrews. The second perches on a bluff above a natural lake and evokes the famous French par-3 design, Biarritz, with a deep swale in the middle of the 11,500-square-foot



green, creating three distinct plateaus.

The short sixth, one of three reachable par-4s, emulates the famous 10th at Riviera, with its diagonal, elevated green. The par-3 eighth, called "Revelation," plays directly toward the mountains onto a narrow, natural peninsula that juts into Lonetree Reservoir and is framed by large cottonwoods. The only trees on the course, they are partially underwater when the reservoir is at full capacity, evoking Florida swamplands or the Carolina coast. When the leaves light up in the fall, it will take on yet another picturesque personality.

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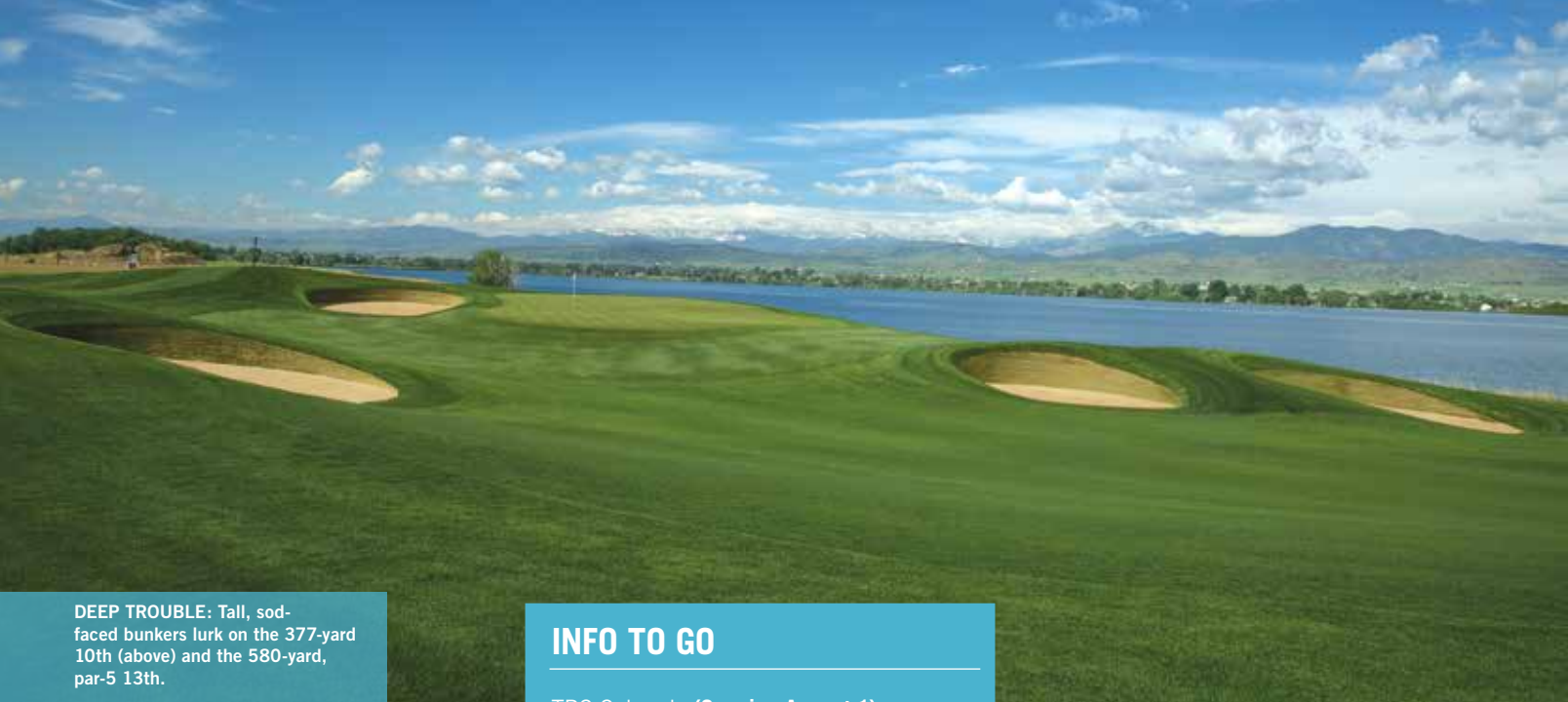


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DEEP TROUBLE: Tall, sod-faced bunkers lurk on the 377-yard 10th (above) and the 580-yard, par-5 13th.



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The risk-reward uphill 10th plays alongside Lonetree, with the natural, undulating ground setting up a variety of options, including flying a greenside pot bunker to reach the green. The 13th (“Longer Still”) is the longest par five in the state at 773 yards from the tips, and features Schaupeter’s own version of St. Andrews’ Hell Bunker, a 110-yard-long, randomly fingered expanse of sand punctuated by three distinct hollows with stacked-sod faces. The 15th, an uphill, reachable par 5 called “Temptation,” features a green sitting up in a partial punchbowl, protected on the left side by a pot bunker and a slope that, if judged properly, will funnel the ball onto the green. The 18th is a muscular and fitting finale, the longest par 4 on the course, 454 yards uphill from the gold tees with a deep pot bunker just short of the green.

TPC Colorado is providing a wake-up call for Berthoud, a leafy, sleepy community that calls itself “the Garden Spot of Colorado.” Paralleled to the west by Hwy. 287 and to the east by I-25, the town is bisected by Hwy. 56—known there as Mountain Avenue, its tree-lined main street. Berthoud is a bedroom community, with 85 percent of its residents commuting to work while also making 85 percent of their purchases—dining, shopping, etc.—in another ZIP Code, typically Loveland or Longmont. After enacting strict growth controls in the early 2000s, followed by the slowdown of the Great Recession, the development spigot is wide open now, beginning with the TPC. There is also a 4,000-unit multi-use development in the pipeline, called Wilson Ranch and backed by Bill Gates, that is ready to launch. Population has jumped from 6,000 to 8,000 residents in that past two

years, and could increase to 15,000 or even 25,000 in the next decade or two.

The challenge, according to Berthoud Community Development Director Curt Freese, is that the town’s commercial development, and resulting tax base, is inadequate. Berthoud needs more retail and restaurants to create the amenities residents expect, from swimming pools to bike paths to rec centers. Freese and other town leaders see TPC as the major driver to start changing that dynamic.

Drawing from both the north and south, TPC has already beaten its projections by selling 161 founding memberships through the end of May. Initiation is \$25,000, with dues starting at \$325 per month and then rising to no more than \$575 per month when the clubhouse opens next summer. Membership also includes access to TPC Passport, with playing privileges at private TPC and



TOUGH OUT: Length isn't the only challenge on the 773-yard (from the tips) par-5 13th.

Heritage Collection properties up to six times annually, and 50 percent discounts at TPC resort properties. Rounds for non-members are \$150, with a \$20 per person cart fee.

Real estate sales have also been brisk, with just 15 lots left from the first phase of 126 offerings. While the development is high-end, it is affordably priced compared to other luxury golf course offerings in the mountains or premier Denver locations. "We're a pretty good buy," Turner says. Lots start at around \$170,000 for .3 acres and climb to \$760,00 for larger parcels with prime views, and there will be condos at much lower prices. On the high end, a handsome, 7,200-square-foot lodge-style spec home being built this summer on a .7-acre lot is priced at \$2.495 million. In general, the housing is minimally invasive, with only one or two holes where there could be future development on both sides.

When the course opens to the public Aug. 1, TPC is hoping to have at least cart storage finished in the first, 5,500-square-foot phase of the massive clubhouse, the remainder of which is set to be completed by next summer, preferably by the time the Web.com tour comes to town. The club has a five-year agreement to host, but the PGA Tour has not yet released the 2019 Web.com schedule.

While Turner is silent on future opportunities, the scuttlebutt is that if all goes smoothly, TPC Colorado could some day be in line to host USGA or PGA events, maybe even a Fed Ex Championship playoff, perhaps in rotation with other premier Colorado venues, such as Cherry Hills or Castle Pines.

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WHILE YOU WERE DOZING: The west-facing landscape of City Park Golf Course has changed significantly since last year (below).



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A FLOOD OF CHANGES

“We took to heart the importance of highlighting the view of downtown Denver and the Front Range,” says Schoeder. “This was a classic Tom Bendelow design, where he incorporated vastness and a big, wide open fetch to look across. We paid a lot of attention to that in our approach.”

Schoeder, whose Broomfield-based firm iConGolf Studio was awarded the project in the summer of 2017, was tasked with creating a design that would give a nod to Bendelow’s 1913 layout and, more importantly to the City and County of Denver and Denver Parks and Recreation, incorporate a reliable storm water mitigation system.

To accomplish as much, Schoeder

I AM STANDING ON EIGHT INCHES of loosely tilled soil, mindful of a massive dump truck lumbering towards me, its bed brimming with earth. To my right looms a ginormous dirt pile some 20 feet high, 30 feet wide and 60 yards long. It is one of a half-dozen I see on my tour of the construction zone at Denver’s City Park Golf Course.

This isn’t just any dirt. It’s hallowed ground to millions of golfers—among them such local legends as Tom Woodard, Ed Mate, Joan Birkland, Jonathan Kaye, Dan Hogan and Babe Lind—who learned and played the game here.

City Park is also where millions of dollars changed hands during big-time money games, a community icon where women’s leagues flourished, thousands of inner-city kids made their first swings and the East Denver and City Park Players clubs took root.

As the dump truck noisily rumbles past, it isn’t lost on me that this construction may not have happened if not for a “yes” vote from the Denver City Council—and more importantly—the clack of a Denver District Court judge’s gavel giving the go-ahead to a storm water mitigation plan that necessitated the course’s comprehensive renovation. Able to withstand often fierce opposition to the drainage plan, including the filing of a lawsuit to halt it, the project saw the arrival of earthmovers last February, along with golf course architect, Todd Schoeder, whose design is taking shape before my eyes.

After stopping to explain the logic of moving the first hole to its new west-facing location, Schoeder takes off at a brisk pace, continuing to speak animatedly about the redesign of the 105-year-old layout. As he explains his vision behind the renovation, he abruptly stops, inviting me to take in the amazing westward view.

KNOW THE FLOW: Schoeder’s plan (above) calls for a reservoir between holes 11 and 13, with a channel snaking towards the 17th tee and down to the lowest point of the course.



IN TODD WE TRUST

An associate member of the American Society of Golf Course Architects and a Donald Ross Society member, **Todd Schoeder** grew up in Minnesota and attended the University of Minnesota. He has put his BA in mathematics and master’s degree in landscape architecture to good use on the City Park Golf Course project. Schoeder’s Broomfield-based iCon Golf Studio previously collaborated with Irwin on Glacier Club’s Mountain Course in Durango and Lodestone Golf Club in McHenry, Maryland. Original course designs in his portfolio include collaborations with John Fought at Washington’s Trophy Lake Golf & Casting Club and Washington National; The Reserve in Oregon; California’s Cimarron Golf Resort; Arizona’s The Gallery North Course (with Fought and Tom Lehman); and The Preserve Golf Course at Grandview Lodge in Minnesota (with former PGA Tour player Mike Morley). icongolfstudio.com

assembled a team that includes as a course design adviser Hale Irwin (with whom he also collaborated on the Glacier Club's spectacular Mountain Course in Durango), Martin/Martin Engineering; golf-course construction and irrigation services firm Aspen Corporation; LRDG Water Resource Management; and Saunders Construction to facilitate the makeover. As we walk hole-by-hole—with bulldozers, earthmovers and more fully loaded dump trucks rumbling around us—Schoeder further articulates his reasoning for re-building the old course.

"This project didn't come about as a golf course restoration, it was first and foremost a project to solve flooding issues, and as a result, the golf course needed to be remodeled," he explains. "We had to take advantage of every square foot on 135 acres to fit in 18 holes, a clubhouse, a maintenance facility, a parking lot, a full-size driving range and practice area, and four-hole First Tee complex."

One of the city's requests was to have returning nines, where the first and tenth holes start at the clubhouse and, at the busiest times, management would have the flexibility to start players off both the first and 10th tees. Schoeder recalls his iConGolf Studio team producing at least 25 different routings internally, which were narrowed down to eight or so before the selection committee chose the current one. Given the decades-long flooding issues on the corner of York Street and 26th Street—the lowest part of the property and site of the old clubhouse—one of the firm's first decisions in determining the re-routing was to build a clubhouse not only on higher ground, but also where those stunning 180-degree vistas would be magnified.

"The position of the new clubhouse isn't the highest point on the golf course, but it's close," says Schoeder. "Because height limitations had to be met, it is a low-profile building with an all-glass, west-facing wall. It is going to be spectacular."

Appearing on the master plan in basically the center of the course, the approximately 11,000-square-foot building will be designed using a combination of metal, glass, stone and wood. The clubhouse configuration will accommodate golfers, as well as serve as a venue for weddings and other social functions. The City and County of Denver enlisted the architectural expertise of Denver-based Johnson Nathan Strohe for the building, the opening of which is penciled in for late summer or early fall 2019.

IMPROVING ON THE PAST

As we walk, Schoeder speaks to the

preservation and relocation of numerous existing trees, as well as to the city's plan to plant more than 750 new ones. The trees and drought-tolerant grasses will be kept hydrated using reclaimed water applied by a state-of-the-art, flow-managed irrigation system that will save thousands of gallons of water annually.

Though the primary mission is for the par-71 course to assist in successfully managing storm waters, Schoeder and his team never lost sight of offering a terrific golf experience. Keenly aware of the loyalties so many golfers still have for the original layout, he kept many of the holes playing east-to-west and west-to-east. That being said, the new sixth and eighth holes will play north-to-south, while the new Nos. 7 and 12 will play south-to-north. Holes one, nine, 10, 11, 14 and 16 will face west, with holes two through five, and Nos. 13, 15, 17 and 18 playing east.

"I think golfers are going to find a lot of similarities in that more than half the holes follow the exact corridors that previously existed," says Schoeder. "It's going to feel very déjà vu, but modernized to make it more strategic and engaging."

And then there are new hazards.

"The ones I think stand out are the water features," Schoeder comments. "We have two large ponds that come into play on three holes; one is on nine and the other is between 11 and 13. Then we have a meandering stream that is going to affect your strategy on holes 11, 13 and 14."

Measuring about 1,800 feet, the serpentine stream is actually a low flow channel put in place to help neutralize storm water events, but it was integrated into the design in the spirit of "Rae's Creek", which famously fronts the par-3 12th at Augusta National Golf Club. Opening in 1913 with 110 bunkers—a tactic employed by U.K. course architects like Tom Bendelow, Donald Ross and Alister MacKenzie to make a treeless course more befuddling—that number had dwindled to 24 by the time the tree-lined course closed last fall.

"By way of modern standards, and considering the advances in ball and club technology, a lot of those remaining bunkers didn't work anymore where they were located," Schoeder explains. "We're now at 35 bunkers, and where they are located was done with a purpose and a reason."

He and the team had a checklist of why they'd want a bunker on the course. Did it create an opportunity for risk-reward play? Did it strategically align a shot? Did it keep a ball from entering an area you didn't want to be in? Did it invite a golfer to give a bit more thought to club selection and course management? If it met the criteria, it made the cut.

What golfers will find more visually appealing—and more forgiving than on the previous course—are larger greens. On average, Bendelow's greens measured around 4,000 square feet. Greens in the new design



range from around 5,000 to just under 7,000 square feet. Gone are Bendelow's circular greens, replaced by ones with oblong and kidney shapes with most having significantly more contouring.

"We spent a lot of time on strategy with each hole and green complex," says Schoeder. "Early on in the design process we go through every characteristic for how the course plays. The new greens are very different, they have more movement and there is an opportunity for more interesting pin placements."

Golfers can look forward to the new greens having a more favorable stimp rating. The old greens—specifically on 3, 9, 10, 11 and 12—were infuriating. If you started a putt at the back of those greens it wouldn't stop rolling until it was off the front of the green. Except for tournament play, the stimping will be friendlier now.



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THE FIRST TEE

Of Hale Irwin’s participation in the redesign, perhaps his most heartfelt is with the creation of The First Tee Denver complex. Irwin, who as a youth played one of his first tournaments at City Park, shared his insights with Schoeder on the layout. The result is a challenging, instructional course of four holes ranging from around 55 yards to 100 yards.

“He’s a good friend, a great advisor and a big supporter of The First Tee program,” Schoeder says of the World Golf Hall of Famer. “From a routing and playability standpoint, and how The First Tee Denver wanted the course to work, Hale’s input was invaluable.”

With The First Tee Denver having its own space in the new clubhouse, it is easy for parents to drop off their kids, who can then walk out the west doors to the short course. Just east of the clubhouse will be a new driving range. Unlike the old practice facility, where players could only hit irons off mats, the new range invites the use of every club.

KEEPING IT REAL

A busy man, Schroeder knows even playing nine holes can take more time than he can spare. So his team came up with a solution.

“We have three courses within the main course—the Bendelow, the Lind and the Speer,” says Schoeder. “Let’s say you have time to play five or six holes in the morning before going to the office. Or you have family commitments where playing 18 or nine isn’t feasible. We have routings for that. And they’re not tricked up. You play the same holes with the same conditions playing 18 holes, but it’s a shorter time duration.”

My course tour over, I’ve returned to the site of the new clubhouse, taking in that spectacular vista Schoeder pointed out at the beginning of our walk. A year from now those massive mounds of dirt will be long gone, replaced by gorgeous fairways, clusters of trees and photogenic green complexes.

“I think golfers are going to find a lot of similarities in that over half the holes follow the exact corridors that previously existed,” explains Schoeder. “It’s going to feel very déjà vu. However, we’ve modernized the golf course, making it more strategic, interesting and engaging. But it’s always going to be enjoyed for its visual beauty.”

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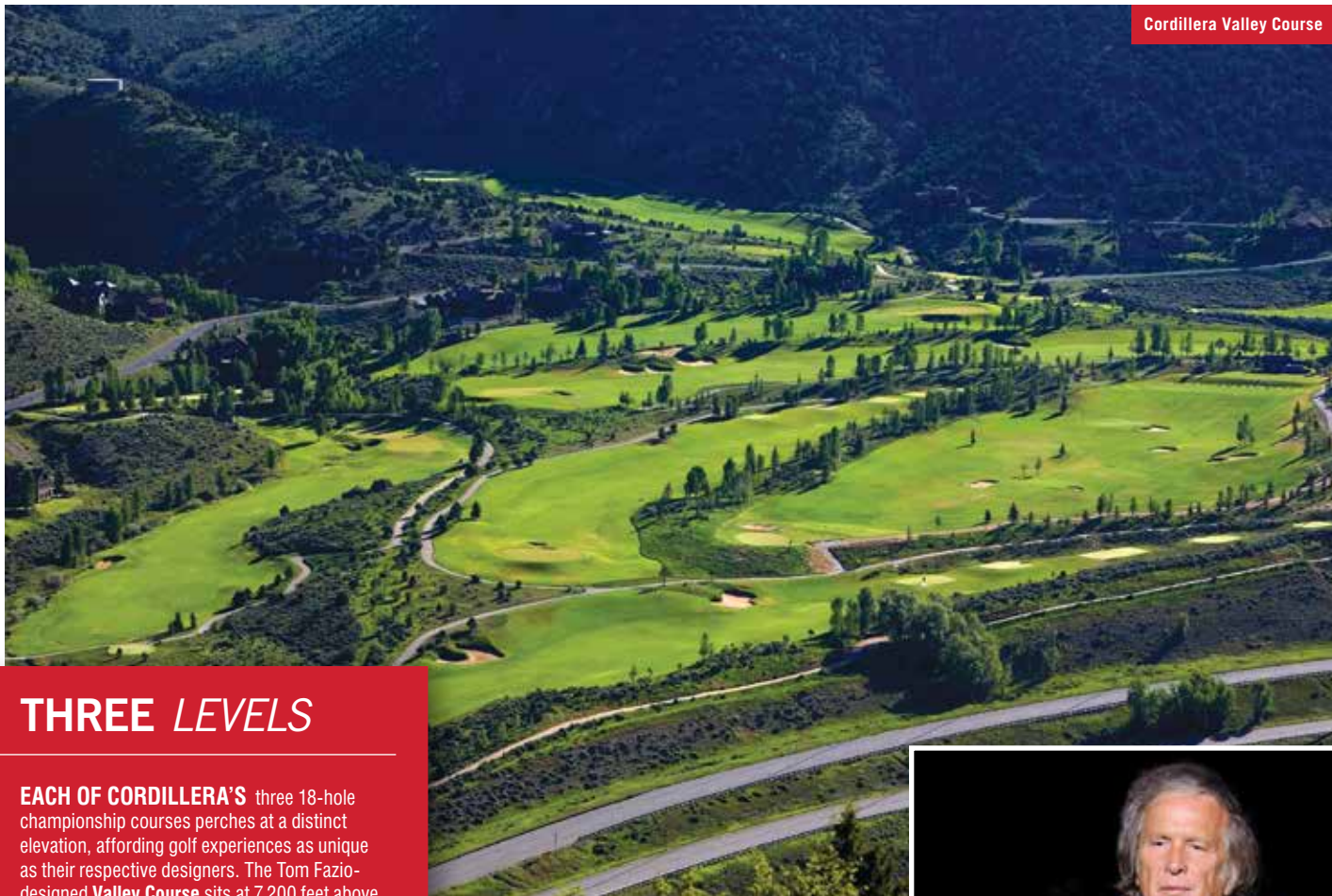
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EACH OF CORDILLERA'S three 18-hole championship courses perches at a distinct elevation, affording golf experiences as unique as their respective designers. The Tom Fazio-designed **Valley Course** sits at 7,200 feet above sea level; the Hale Irwin-designed **Mountain Course** at 8,250 feet; and the Jack Nicklaus-designed **Summit Course** at 9,200. That's three different topographies, climates and weather patterns. Each course has its own clubhouse and restaurant. And for a game-improvement change of pace, try the par-27 **Dave Pelz Short Course** at 8,126 feet. cordillera-vail.com

REASONS TO JOIN THE CLUB

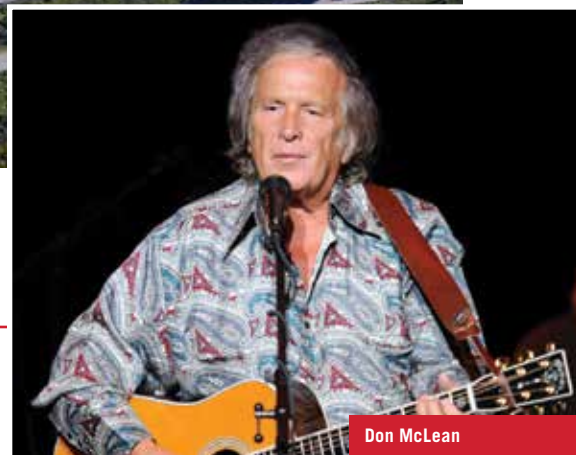
HIT THE TRAIL. Hike, mountain bike or ride on horseback along **The Club at Cordillera's 31-mile trail network** that extends into the three-million acre White River National Forest. cordillera-vail.com

WET A LINE. The Club at Cordillera owns fishing rights on **1.3 miles of the Eagle River**. Anglers can also cast into five trout-stocked ponds. cordillera-vail.com

CHOW DOWN. You'll find The Club at Cordillera's three scrumptious restaurants—**TimberHearth, Chaparral Grille** and **Summit**—at its three golf courses. All happily feed a hungry public. cordillera-vail.com

HIT THE SLOPES. A true four-season club, **The Club at Cordillera** features a 9,600-square-foot outdoor ice-skating rink, Nordic Center and a private groomed track for sledding, tubing, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing—both classic and skate—on seven miles encompassing the Mountain Course. cordillera-vail.com

RIDE ON! Some of the world's best men and women's pro bicyclists converge on Vail Aug. 16-17 for the first two stages of the 2018 **Colorado Classic**. Riders face a thrilling circuit through town and time trial up Vail pass. Go to the music and cycling festival in town. vvl.org/colorado-classic



Don McLean

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DRIVE YOUR CHEVY TO THE LEVEE. Or head to Beaver Creek's **Vilar Performing Arts Center** for a wide-ranging lineup of world-class music, with a little country thrown in. Starting July 26, the schedule features **Dwight Yoakum, Amos Lee, Tower of Power, The Psychedelic Furs, Plain White T's, Josh Turner, The Milk Carton Kids** and Mr. *American Pie* himself, the legendary **Don McLean**. vilarpac.org

ALL THAT JAZZ. The 10-week **Vail Jazz Festival** kicks off its 24th year July 1 with the sweet sounds of swing, salsa, bebop, blues, bossanova and more. This year's lineup includes two performances (July 11-12) by the brilliant Cuban jazz pianist Nachito Herrera, and, the following week, the Django Festival All-Stars. The season culminates Labor Day Weekend (Aug. 30-Sept. 3) with the Vail Jazz Party—four days of packed with 35 headlining musicians performing together. vailjazz.org



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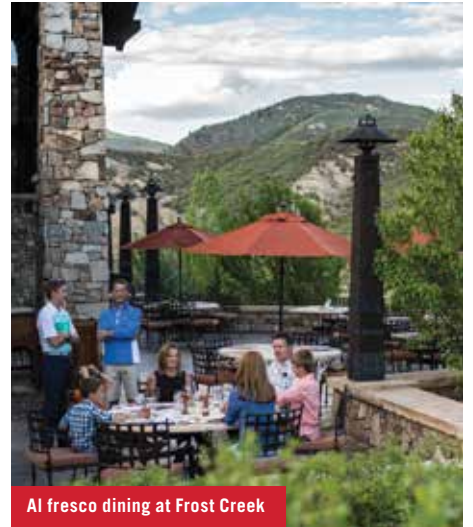
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SITUATED ON 1,100 acres adjacent to thousand more of federal- and state-protected land, **Frost Creek** defies definition as a golf or country club. As "Colorado's Mountain Club." This private portal to the high-country lifestyle offers an endless selection of activities and amenities, including a 40,000-square-foot clubhouse, a stirring Tom Weiskopf-designed golf course, ponds for fishing, swimming and SUP; an outdoor pool; tennis courts; miles of private fly fishing; trails for biking, hiking and running; yurt glamping; Jeep-fueled adventures and infinitely more. frostcreek.com

HEADY PLAYS

CABIN FEVER. It's contagious at **Frost Creek**, because every member who doesn't already own a home in this secluded Brush Valley enclave wants to stay in one of the club's **10 spacious and luxurious overnight cabins**. These lavishly appointed lodgings provide convenient onsite accommodations and provide a low-cost, no-maintenance alternative to a mountain residence. frostcreek.com

ONE-TRACK MINDS. Home to more than 100 miles of singletrack trails, **Eagle** is a mountain biker's heaven, taking in high desert, aspen groves and dense, fragrant evergreen forests. The season runs from April 15 to December 15 every year, four more longer than other areas. BLM trails such as Boneyard, Redneck Ridge and the first two loops of the Haymaker Trail stay open year-round. eagleoutside.com



Al fresco dining at Frost Creek

FUELING UP

ACTIVATION ENERGY. The ambitious menu of activities enjoyed by **Frost Creek** members requires an equally ambitious menu of high quality food served at breakfast, lunch and dinner. But you don't have to be a member to savor the Barbados French Toast, "Brie" LT Sandwich, Pacific Dungeness Crab Risotto or any of the Chef Marc Copenhaver's other specialties. The restaurant is open to the public. frostcreek.com

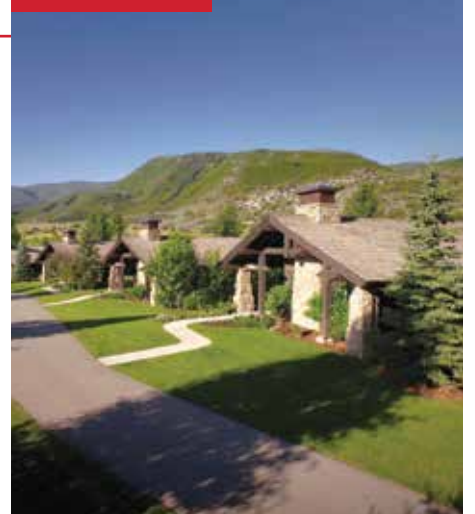
3 MORE SWEET SPOTS

Luigi's Pastahouse. Located in Eagle, a delicious, affordable family-style Tuscan trattoria that also has a Keystone location. luigispastahouse.com

Bonfire Brewing. An Eagle must for music, atmosphere and tasty beers with names like Firestarter and Après-cot Blonde. bonfirebrewing.com

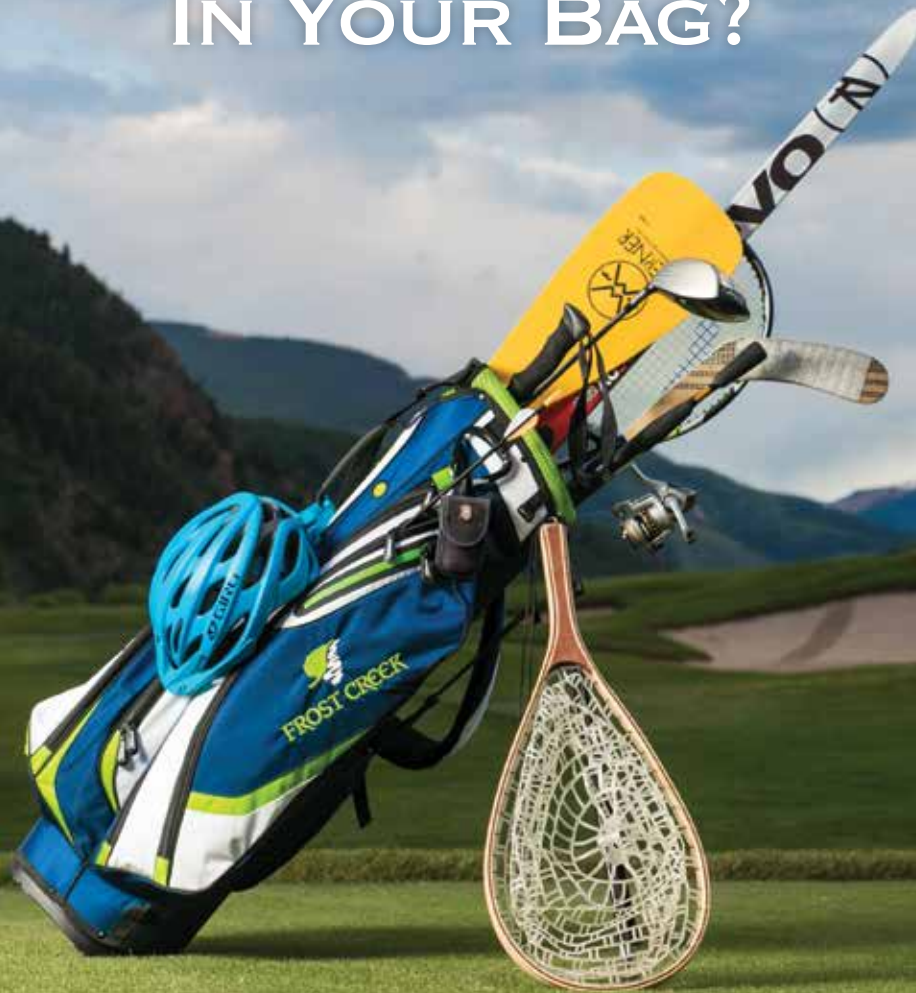
Bart & Yeti's. Favored by Vail locals, the perfect grubhouse after a mountain bike ride. Look for the light-draped bike stationed outside. bartnyetis.com

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JUST AS VAIL'S world-renowned Sonnenalp Hotel epitomizes European alpine elegance, its **Sonnenalp Club**, located 15 miles west, exemplifies the active, healthy Colorado approach to life. Its swimming, tennis, spa and workout facilities are all top-notch, as is its Harvest restaurant. The floor-to-ceiling windows in the 14,000-square-foot Health and Fitness facility overlook the Bob Cupp/Jay Morrish-designed golf course and what appears to be the entire Vail Valley. Sonnenalp Hotel guests have preferred tee times at the semi-private club. Memberships run \$45,000, with \$6,500 in annual dues. sonnenalpclub.com

WHERE THE EAGLES FLY

LOCATED only five minutes from both Vail and Beaver Creek resorts, **EagleVail Golf Club** offers 18 holes of pristine challenging golf at an affordable price. Spanning 6,538 yards and featuring intense elevation changes, the course created in the 1970s by Bruce Devlin and Robert Von Hagge provides a true mountain golf experience, especially on the plunging par-3 10th. EagleVail's 18-hole and Willow Creek Par 3 courses both integrate rivers, streams, ponds, wetlands, forests, and gardens. Willow Creek hosts Footgolf, and the entire facility has earned national recognition as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary. eaglevailgolfclub.com

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Eagle Ranch



Vail Golf Club

VAIL CALLS

BUILT IN 1963, **Vail Golf Club** certainly doesn't look its age. The oldest course in the Vail Valley remains one of its best. The classic 6,766-yard layout, which always enjoys superb conditions and a brisk pace of play, now also boasts an impressive new ski-lodge-style clubhouse that expands its predecessor by 1,700 square feet and features the kind of high-end finishes and appointments that suggest a private club, not a public facility. vailrec.com

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Designed by golf legend, Arnold Palmer, the course has picturesque views of the surrounding mountains. However, the course plays similar to a links course with long native grasses and large mounds bordering the wide fairways. Golfers of all abilities enjoy the layout, which challenges the best golfers to hit it long and straight, but never unfairly penalizes any golfer for hitting a good shot.

Due to a lower elevation than its ski resort neighbors, Eagle Ranch enjoys a more mild winter climate, which results in a longer season (early April — early November) and outstanding course conditions. The staff at Eagle Ranch Golf Club is passionate about providing an exceptional golf experience. Many golfers comment that they get treated better here than at a private country club. Our staff will greet you upon arrival with a smile and do everything they can to make you feel at home.



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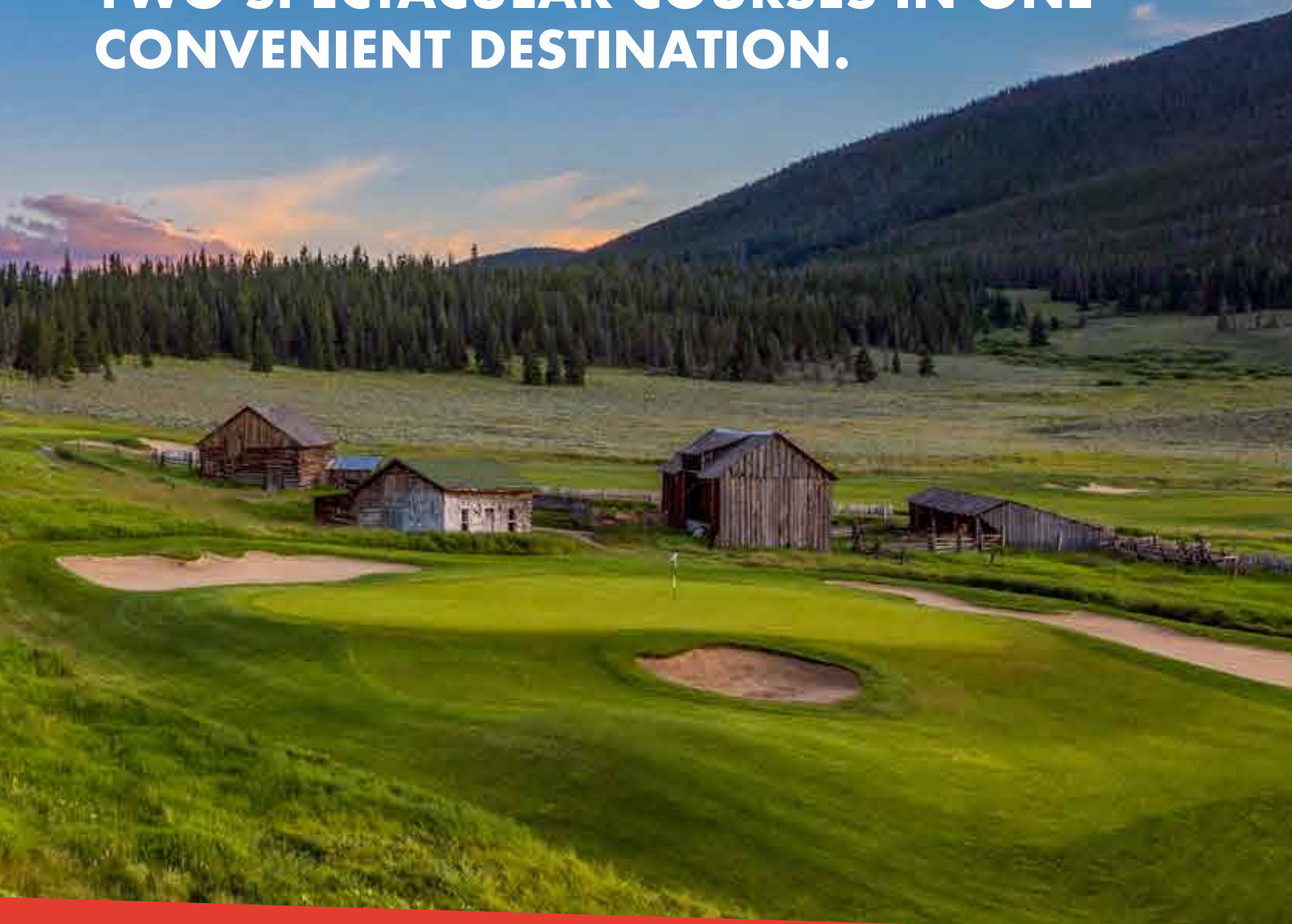
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TURNKEY FUN

THE STELLAR 36 holes of golf at **Keystone Ranch Golf Club** and **The River Course at Keystone** represent just the beginning of all **Keystone Resort** has to offer. For mountain-bike enthusiasts, there's the **Keystone Bike Park**, considered a downhiller's dream, with 55 trails of professionally-maintained, progression-focused terrain ranging from the base-area skills park to technical rock gardens, drops, and high-speed features. Other activities include scenic lift rides, mountain-top yoga, stand-up paddle boarding, summer snow tubing, fly fishing and more. keystoneresort.com

IT TAKES A VILLAGE

LAKESIDE AMUSEMENT. Surrounded by shops, restaurants, condos and planters dripping with colorful flowers, five-acre **Keystone Lake** provides a postcard-like setting at the center of **Keystone's Lakeside Village**. Rent paddle boats, kayaks, canoes or SUPs at **Keystone Adventure Center**. keystoneresort.com

ULTIMATE PLAYGROUND. **Kidtopia** bursts with activities for kids through Labor Day. Summer fun entails Family Nature Hike, Craft-er-noon & Face Painting, Strider Balance Bike Race and four Kid's Discovery Days. keystoneresort.com

BEST FESTS. This year's **Keystone Festival Summer Series** features Wine & Jazz Festival (July 14-15), Summer Comedy Series (July 19), the Hike MS Fundraiser (July 28), River Run Village Art Festival (July 28-29), Bluegrass & Beer Festival (Aug. 4-5), Mountain Town Music Festival (Aug.17-18) Oktoberfest (Sept 1) and Taste of Keystone (Sept 2). keystonefestivals.com

SIGNATURE DINING options at Keystone include the resort's **Bighorn Bistro and Bar**, **Ski Tip Lodge**, **Alpenglow Stube** and the inimitable **Keystone Ranch**. For more casual fare, visit the 9280' **Taphouse**, **Edgewater Cafe** or **Overlook Grill**. keystoneresort.com

Alpenglow Stube



Beaver Run

WHAT THE BRECK IS GOING ON?

LEAVE IT TO BEAVER. With 515 rooms and suites right at the base of Peak 9, Breckenridge's **Beaver Run Resort and Conference Center** affords pedestrian access to zigzagging mountainside hiking trails and downtown Breckenridge. On-property features include on-premises swimming, hot tubs, fitness, tennis, the Spa at Beaver Run and two solid restaurant options: **Spencer's** and **The Coppertop**. beaverun.com

ZIP IT. Located at the base of Peak 8 at Breckenridge Ski Resort, the **Breck Summer Fun Park** offers a mountain of activities, including ziplines, climbing walls, bungee trampolines, a superslide and 4x4 tours. A chairlift will take you to mountain biking and hiking trails 11,000 feet above sea level. gobreck.com

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HOME TO THE state's largest historic district, Breckenridge exudes an authentic mountain-town atmosphere—albeit one with abundant t-shirt and souvenir shops. The town offers numerous heritage tours of the historic buildings and mines, while presenting the **Breckenridge Music Festival** at the gorgeous Riverwalk Center. Tours of a less historic nature are also available at the **Breckenridge Distillery**, which provides a shuttle from downtown to its location two miles north. A tasting room, retail shop and restaurant await. gobreck.com; breckenridgedistillery.com

HIT THE BRECK

KAYAK ATTACK. At 1,800 feet, **Breckenridge Kayak Park** is the longest in the state and includes 15 water features to challenge all levels of boaters. Located in the Blue River, it affords the opportunity to learn or refine kayaking skills in a convenient location. townofbreckenridge.com

THREE-JACK. On land once called Buffalo Flats now roam Bear, Elk and Beaver—the names of the three superb Jack Nicklaus-designed nines at **Breckenridge Golf Club**. Elk, the newest, offers the greatest elevation change, as well as the beautiful panoramic views of the Ten-Mile mountain range. breckenridgegolfclub.com

HIKE IT. **Crystal Lake Trail** is an 8.4-mile trail bursting with wildflowers and wildlife that ultimately rewards you with some of best views in the state. alltrails.com



HOUSE SPECIAL

LOCATED FOR nearly 30 years in a cozy Victorian home dating to the 1880s, **Hearthstone Restaurant** specializes in cuisine as refined as its ambience. Chef Michael Halpin does sublime things with game, seafood, beef and vegetables. A window seat takes in the ski resort and the Ten Mile Range. Go Monday through Thursday for the \$45 “Best of Season” menu of farm-to-table dishes. hearthstonebreck.com

3 MORE SWEET SPOTS

Le Petit Paris. *You won't find better cassoulet, coq au vin or bouillabaisse than at this classic bistrôt airlifted straight from France.* lepetitparisbistro.com

Ember. *Serving “uncommon food for the common man,” this superb nine-year-old eatery showcases the artistry of chef Scotty Boshaw.* emberbreck.com

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PERCHED HIGHER than 9,000 feet above sea level and set amid towering pines with views of three 13,000-foot peaks, **The Raven Golf Club at Three Peaks** rambles through stands of towering pines, aspen groves, grassy wetlands and trout-filled lakes just three miles north of I-70 in Silverthorne. Tom Lehman teamed up with Dana Fry and Michael Hurdzan to create this quintessential mountain golf experience, a 7,413-yard masterpiece with ample fairways, furrowed bunkers and true, undulating greens. ravenatthreepeaks.com

CRISSCROSSING THE COUNTY

GO FOR THE CYCLE. The 13-mile round-trip between Dillon and Frisco is the ultimate easy-cruiser bike ride, climbing only 550 feet on short rolling bike path hills. Dillon to Keystone doubles the length of the trip but it's an easy pedal along the scenic Snake River Recreation Path. If you're feeling ambitious, ride the **18-mile loop around Lake Dillon**, which ascends Swan Mountain and rewards you with stunning views from Sapphire Point. summitbiking.com

HIKE OR BIKE. 200 miles of hiking trails and dazzling wildflowers interlace the **White River National Forest** around Dillon. There are also 150 miles of mountain bike trails, 100 miles of OHV trails and 55 miles of non-motorized pathways connecting towns and resorts throughout the county. townofdillon.com

FLOAT THE IDEA. The fun, 90-minute "Explore Lake Dillon" boat tours leave from Dillon Marina twice weekly and sell out quickly for good reason. townofdillon.com

COLORFUL, CASUAL Italian fare comes naturally at **Sauce on the Blue**, located steps from the Silverthorne outlets, with outdoor seating along the Blue River. Savor classic Italian pastas or the creative Penne Gorgonzola with chicken, grapes and spinach. sauceontheblue.com

Sauce on the Blue



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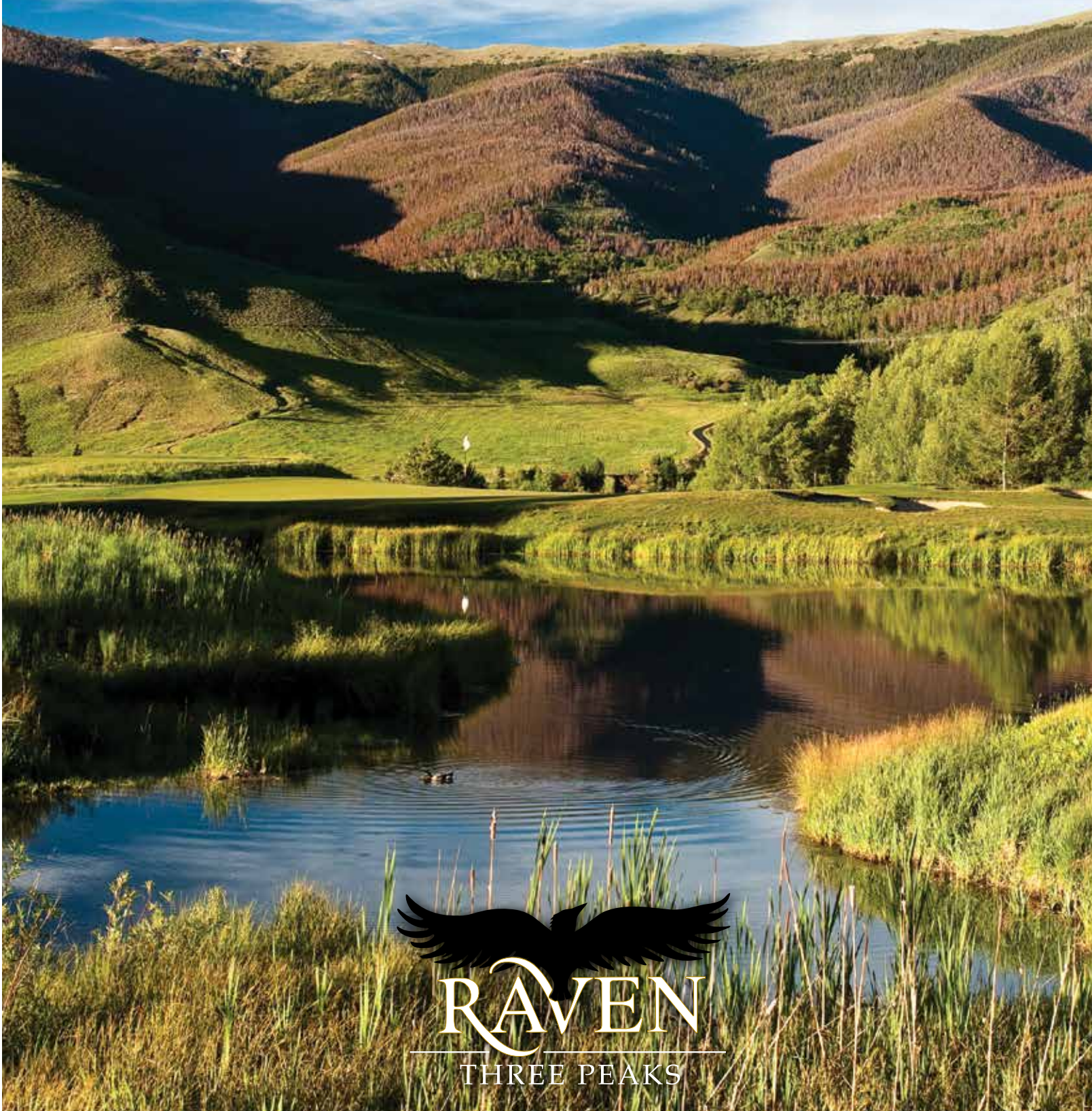
FUN TIMES IN FRISCO

DUUUDE! A hopping surfer-dude spot offering island fare, mountain vibe and live music every Friday night, **The Island Grill** pours sensational frosted tropical cocktails on its deck adjacent to the Frisco Bay Marina on Lake Dillon. Located adjacent to the historic Lund House, the grill is open through Labor Day. islandgrillfrisco.com

RIDING HIGH. The **Frisco Adventure Park** flat-out rocks. It features a bike park with a slopestyle course, dirt jump track and dual slalom course. Other draws include a skate park, disc-golf course, wagon rides and miles of Lake Dillon shoreline that offer secluded hiking and biking on Forest Service land. townoffrisco.com

ON THE REZ. The **Frisco Bay Marina** rents all forms of watercraft from fishing boats, runabouts and pontoon boats to canoes, kayaks, stand up paddle boards and sailboats. townoffrisco.com

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WATCH KEELBOATS with names like *The Dumpster*, *Blue Side Down* and *Dumb & Dumber* compete in the annual **Dillon Open Regatta** August 3-5, 2018. Hosted by the Dillon Yacht Club, which celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year, the Regatta benefits the club's Junior Sailing Program and owns the distinction as the highest regatta in the world at 9,017 feet above sea level. Three 10-person spectator boats leave twice daily to watch the races for 90 minutes. Dillon Marina also offers boat rentals—including grill-equipped pontoon boats, stand-up paddleboards and kayaks. dillonopen.com



Dillon Amphitheatre

RED ROCKS RIVAL?

GOING BIG TIME. After years of being the best-kept concert-site secret in Colorado, **Dillon Amphitheatre** has undergone a multimillion-dollar upgrade with the intention of attracting bigger bands. The venue now features a larger dance floor, new restrooms, a larger backstage area and an additional 300 seats. String Cheese Incident has sold out the July 17-18 Grand Re-opening. Weekend shows (including George Clinton & P-Funk on July 28) will remain free. townofdillon.com

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MORE SWEET SPOTS

Dillon Dam Brewery. *The self-proclaimed largest brewpub in Colorado serves breakfast, lunch, dinner and plenty of Dam good beer.* dambrewery.com

Pug Ryan's. *A Dillon staple for more than 40 years, the eatery added a brewing operation in 2012 to go along with a Tiki Bar at the Marina.* pugryans.com

Arapahoe Cafe & Pub. *Older than the reservoir, this is the place for award-winning barbecue and rib-sticking breakfasts.* arapahoe cafe.com

WHAT'S NOT TO HIKE?

EXPERT ADVICE. Hiker Alexander "Doozie" Martin of the Friends of the Dillon Ranger District (FDRD) recommends... **Angler Mountain:** A 2.5-mile hike (one way) with 1,200 feet of elevation gain that traverses mountain streams and aspen glades. **Lily Pad Lake:** A family-friendly 1.4-mile hike (one way) ending at a lake on the side of Buffalo Mountain. **Willow Creek Trail:** The easily accessed five-mile hike (roundtrip) gains 1,209 feet in elevation and ends with a view of Willow Falls. **Oro Grande Trail:** A rare "flat" trail (only 520 feet of elevation gain over 3.5 miles) that offers views across Lake Dillon. **Straight Creek:** The 5.4-mile hike gains almost 2,000 feet one way, following a creek up to Eisenhower Tunnel. exit205colorado.com

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THIS AUGUST, Sanctuary Golf Course in Sedalia will achieve a philanthropic milestone. Sanctuary, which has devoted itself exclusively to hosting golf events for charitable causes since opening 22 years ago, **will eclipse the \$100 million mark in fundraising.** Founded and owned by RE/MAX International co-founders Dave and Gail Liniger, who annually select the 25 charities based on the causes and their fundraising history, Sanctuary has supported such worthy causes as Children's Hospital, Flight for Life, Project C.U.R.E., Boys & Girls Clubs, Colorado State Patrol Family Foundation, Food Bank of the Rockies and scores of others. RE/MAX also sponsors a number of these events in addition to donating a limited number of foursomes to be auctioned at a minimum bid of \$1,600. His first-ever U.S. design, architect Jim Engh carved this surreal layout—which earned *Golf Digest's* Best New Private Course of 1997—out of 225 rugged acres the Linigers originally envisioned as a horse ranch. We can think of 100,000,000 very good reasons to be grateful they chose a different use for the land. sanctuarygolfcourse.com

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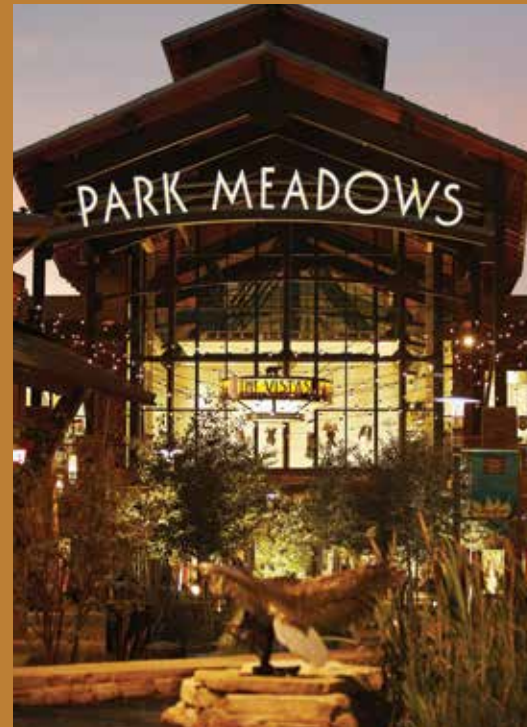
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