

A FIESTA CELEBRATION AT THE STONE CANYON CLUB



Stone Canyon's Jay Morrish golf course, nestled in the Tortolita Mountains, is carved through a boulder-filled canyon and peppered with an impressive collection of large saguaro cacti.

ORO VALLEY, ARIZONA: Patsy and Jim Crouse, members at Stone Canyon, could be stand-ins for Meg Ryan and Tom Hanks in the movie *You've Got Mail*. They met while Patsy was working for St. Andrews Links Trust in Scotland and Jim was on a golfing vacation. A mix-up in his reservation caused their paths to cross. "We clicked instantly and Jim sent me a dozen red roses upon his return to America," recalled Patsy. "I took this as a sign. Sending roses versus a bouquet of flowers signals a very different emotion."

For the next two years, they kept in constant touch via e-mail and Patsy eventually moved to Washington, D.C., to start a new life with Jim.

"We flew to Tucson for a visit with his family and I was enamored by all things Southwest, from cowboys to cacti," revealed Patsy. "I've golfed all over the world and Stone Canyon has to be the best. We joined the club 10 years ago and completed our home six years ago."



Stone Canyon member Patsy Crouse with her trusty Bronty Chipmaster Mk1.

"American golf is different than in Scotland. The bump-and-run is a must have shot to have in your game. Many U.S. courses place a premium on lob shots. That's what makes Stone Canyon fun to play," said Patsy. "In many instances, I can use my secret weapon, a trusty Bronty Chipmaster Mk1, to attack the pin with my ground game."

OH, THE NATURAL LIGHT

Stone Canyon held its clubhouse grand opening this-month. The hacienda-style, rectangular structure maximizes the use of natural light. "It's hard to tell whether you are indoors or outdoors," explained Erik Peterson, lead architect of the clubhouse. "The dining room and bar tend to bleed onto the patio."

The clubhouse matches current tastes. "We took a smart approach," continued Erik. "The interior offers the finest of finishes and encourages congregating with friends. During our grand opening, I received many compliments, but when Phil tapped me on the shoulder and said, 'you hit the nail on the head, this is a place I want to be,' I knew I had done my job."

"The inside doesn't have your typical Southwestern feel.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO, Phil Mickelson gave us a glimpse of his future. As a junior at Arizona State University, he won the PGA TOUR's Northern Telecom Open in Tucson. No amateur has won a PGA TOUR event since. His caddie that day was his college coach, Steve Loy. Steve would become Phil's business manager and guiding light throughout his pro career. In 2014, the duo partnered together to purchase Stone Canyon.

It is more edgy and contemporary with clean lines," insisted Pati Vester, clubhouse interior designer. "The bar has a zinc countertop with punches of color throughout. We also have a couple of unusual showstoppers. The fireplace mantle and dining room tables are made from reclaimed wood of a 1920s cotton mill from Truman, Arkansas."

TURNKEY DOWN TO THE SILVERWARE

The clubhouse isn't the only significant development at Stone Canyon. Its casitas, equidistance between the health and fitness center and clubhouse, will soon be under construction. "Our casitas are located on the best location at the club," lauded Roger Nelson, president of Stone Canyon. "We were careful to protect native surroundings. It is like your casita was dropped in by helicopter. We offer four different interior packages and you choose your exterior paint scheme. The turnkey casitas will be convenient, affordable, and come with all the bells and whistles expected at one of the finest private clubs in Arizona." ■

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The new clubhouse

