



Au Naturel

As a **ROCK CREEK** member, a special perk includes access to **18 Foley wineries** in the Pacific Northwest, California, and New Zealand.

THE CLUB AT ROCK CREEK — EXPERIENCE THE MAJESTY

COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO: When the sprawling glaciers of the Ice Age receded from the Spokane Valley, they carved shards of basalt rock across the rolling terrain. Basalt rock, typically grey to black in color, underlies more of the earth's surface than any other rock type. Basalt is even abundant on the moon.

"Our name seems appropriate," said Kyle Capps, general manager. "We had to blast through 300,000 cubic yards of solid rock during development. One boulder proved particularly troublesome. It was the size of a Volkswagen bus. We decided to move it to a prominent location and brought in a Caterpillar 769 dump truck [what you typically see in open pit copper mines]. The humongous boulder was loaded into the truck bed with a thunderous boom. As the truck slowly made its way up the hill, its front tires barely touched the ground. Every time the gas pedal was hit, we held our breath we wouldn't do a wheelie!"

BUCKETMOUTHS AND HONEYSUCKLES

The Club at Rock Creek is a private community with a Tom Weiskopf designed golf course, an expansive practice facility, a dog park, nature trails, and sports courts.

"We interviewed eight golf course architects during the design process," recalled Capps. "After touring Tom

Weiskopf's golf course in Wyoming, we fell in love with his bunker design."

"I'm an outdoorsman at heart," expressed Weiskopf. "The rugged, natural beauty of the Lake Coeur d'Alene countryside had me at hello. I'm exceptionally proud of the course. Its 1,000 acres of lakeside terrain are thick with mature black cottonwoods and wide swaths of honeysuckle and pink pyrola perennial wildflowers."

"The outdoors is a part of our lifestyle," described Capps. "Complementing the Weiskopf course is the cold, deep waters of Lake Coeur d'Alene rife with chinook salmon, bucketmouths, and northern pike."

IMPRESSIVE NEIGHBORS

Moose, elk, and deer are common. "The three have very different personalities. Deer are timid, elk spook easily, and moose will hold their ground. More than once, a herd of 60 elk have 'hung out' on the practice facility, looking like a group of kids partying. There is nothing like opening the blinds from your Member Cottage and be face to face with a moose in your backyard," grinned Capps. ■

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FRENCH FUR TRADERS in the late 18th century referred to local tribesmen as Coeur d'Alene, meaning "heart of an awl," reflecting their experience of the tribal traders as shrewd businessmen.