

The Club at Rock Creek

A BALANCE OF AESTHETICS AND CHALLENGE



Mark Rypien came up close and personal with “Bullwinkle” at Rock Creek.

Amenities include a Tom Weiskopf course, an expansive practice facility, a dog park, nature trails, and sports courts.

COEUR D’ALENE, IDAHO: Mark Rypien is an athlete’s athlete. His two-decade NFL career includes two Super Bowl champion trophies and the honor of being named Super Bowl XXVI MVP (1991 season). Now married with three grown daughters, Mark carries a one handicap.

“I am self-taught. As I grow older, I continue to learn more about golf, both its mental side and swing mechanics,” said Rypien. “Sometimes that can be the kiss of death. I remember Lee Trevino once said, ‘take one side of the golf course out of play. Aim left and fade the ball.’ Sometimes simpler is better!”

HEARTACHE AND HONOR

Rypien has experienced life’s great highs of success, fame, and fortune...and suffered a tragic low. His son Andrew passed away from a brain tumor shortly after birth.

“The tragedy left me with a compass that I didn’t know how to navigate. In order to honor my son, I founded the Rypien Foundation to provide hope and resources for families battling childhood cancer. I am honored that our foundation has provided a calming environment to help increase the chance of recovery,” said an emotional Rypien.

CHERISHED MEMORIES

“Golf is an important part of my life,” explained Rypien. “I have played all around the world and Weiskopf courses

are a favorite. He is an unbelievable designer and his blend of aesthetics and challenge is balanced.

“Playing in the Pacific Northwest is the best and one standout is Rock Creek Golf Club. The first time I played its Weiskopf course with a parkland setting and bent grass greens, I knew I wanted to be a part of the community.

“Icing on the cake was learning members also have access to other private clubs [including Rock Creek Cattle Company in Montana] and Bill Foley’s portfolio of 18 wineries,” said Rypien.



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“You would think a seasoned NFL quarterback used to playing in front of millions of viewers around the world would be outgoing. In fact, I am an introvert. My regular golfing group consisted of my two brothers [also pretty good sticks]. After joining Rock Creek, I started participating in the thrice weekly ball drop pick-up games. Never have I had so much fun,” lauded Rypien.

“From fishing in the stocked pond behind the clubhouse to Chef Matt’s BBQ on a long summer day, Rock Creek is made for family memories,” continued Rypien. “I have learned firsthand life is too short. Tomorrows are never guaranteed.” ■

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