



DID YOU KNOW?
THE RENEGADE Course has been honored three times by *Golf Digest* in its list of “America’s 100 Greatest Golf Courses.”

Desert Mountain

LIKE NO PLACE ON EARTH

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SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA: It’s hard to argue the success Jack Nicklaus has earned since turning pro in 1961. His design philosophy has impacted golf course architecture trends for more than half a century. With hundreds of courses built in dozens of countries, Nicklaus is typically politically correct, avoiding favoring one design over another.

So, it was noteworthy when Nicklaus praised, “Desert Mountain is the best golf complex in the world.”

THE CANDY STORE

“Desert Mountain combines the greatest name in golf [Nicklaus] with some of the best desert terrain in North Scottsdale,” said Michael Scully, director of golf operations. “Our six Nicklaus Signature courses are accompanied by six stunning clubhouses.

“As our membership called for expanded lifestyle options, we responded in kind,” continued Scully. “With 8,000 acres to play with, hardly a year goes by without a new amenity breaking ground.

“Our 10-acre Sonoran Clubhouse serves as the hub of dozens of activities from Crossfit and Pilates to croquet and tennis. In fact, our tennis facilities are so comprehensive [with grass, hard composition, and clay courts], it earned the nickname ‘Wimbledon of the West.’ After a day on the court, a visit to Desert Mountain’s 42,000 square-foot Sonoran Spa might just be in order!”



Sonoran Clubhouse

The 6,500 square-foot Jim Flick Golf Performance Center is nicknamed “The Candy Store” for its extensive analytical equipment including 3-D Doppler radar-based launch monitors and an AMM 3-D sensor system known as the “MRI of your golf swing.”

Jim Flick, who was the visionary of the performance center and Nicklaus’s coach, said, “The best technology does little if you don’t pair instructional aids with the best teachers.”

BON APPETIT

Desert Mountain has nine restaurants and grills. Recently, the club scored a coup by hiring Chef Bertrand away from The Broadmoor Resort in Colorado (with a Forbes Five-Star rating for 57 consecutive years). “Before becoming a chef, I was at home cooking with family,” said Bertrand. “Success in the kitchen requires discipline to the craft, respecting the food, listening to our members, and most importantly, good old-fashioned hard work.” ■

For more information, please visit DesertMountain.com.

SHAWN EMERSON, director of agronomy and 25-year veteran at Desert Mountain, was inducted into the Arizona Golf Hall of Fame last year.