

LAS CAMPANAS . . . a work of art

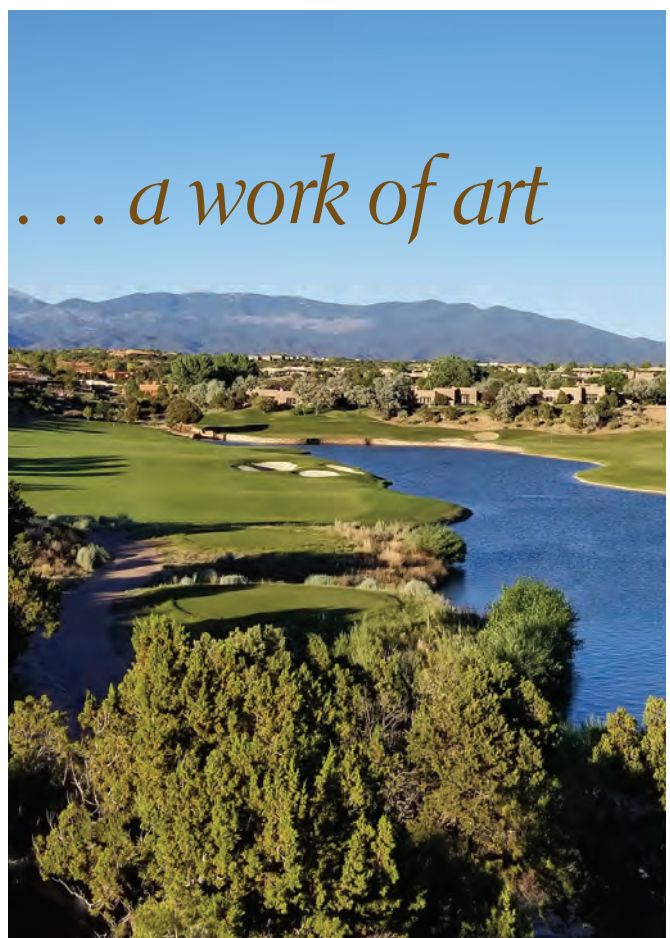
“The experience at Las Campanas is very different from other private clubs in the Southwest.” – JACK NICKLAUS

LAS CAMPANAS, NEW MEXICO: In a town long recognized for its artistic traditions, the two Jack Nicklaus Signature courses at Las Campanas are considered museum quality. “Our community marked a milestone in Jack’s career,” said Al Antonez, COO/GM at Las Campanas. “Our Sunrise Course is Mr. Nicklaus’s 100th worldwide design.

“Las Campanas has genuine Southwestern charm with cultural influences from local Native Americans and descendants of Spanish settlers from nearly 500 years ago. Clean mountain air, low humidity, warm days and crisp nights are strong selling points. Next to Phoenix, we are the sunniest spot in the United States. Our Hacienda clubhouse, Nicklaus golf, tennis, fitness, and equestrian facilities only add to the private community’s allure,” said Antonez.

The views surrounding Las Campanas include the snowcapped Sangre de Cristos Mountains, piñon pines, juniper trees, and gently rolling hills. From spring through fall, fields of yellow, blue, and purple wildflowers carpet the landscape.

“Similar to how the executive chef utilizes chile peppers in menu items, my courses at Las Campanas have plenty of spice,” smiled Jack Nicklaus. “The colorful earth of Northern New Mexico was one of the most natural undeveloped sites for golf I’ve ever seen.”



LOOSEN UP YOUR COLLAR

“As a past general manager at private country clubs in the Northeast, I was accustomed to wearing a suit and tie every day,” recalled Antonez. “In my first week at Las Campanas, members insisted that I abandon the tie and loosen my collar. For someone who wore business attire for over thirty years, it was quite a welcome change!”

With over 750 members, Las Campanas has its largest membership roster since developer turnover. “We’ve had six consecutive years of positive financials and our reserves are strong, allowing us to reinvest in the future, in both big and small ways,”

reported Antonez.

“We have partnered with the USGA and New Mexico State University to test the effectiveness of sub-surface irrigation systems to reduce water consumption and overspray of the surrounding desert,” detailed Antonez. “The new irrigation systems have reduced water consumption in those areas by an impressive 25 percent.”

The club’s employee scholarship program helped 15 students attend college this fall.

“It’s the ultimate pay-it-forward investment,” beamed Antonez. “Over 75 percent of the scholarship recipients are the first members of their families to attend college.” ■

For information, visit TheClubAtLasCampanas.com.



THE WELFARE of horses is paramount at the 20-acre Equestrian Center. Horses are turned out in large, sandy paddocks; fed three times daily; blanketed and unblanketed as weather necessitates. Residents have access to three miles of manicured trails and direct access to 63,000 acres of BLM (Bureau of Land Management) open space.