

"RAMS HILL is a shell-shocker of an experience. It's off the beaten path, but worth the travel. The lush fairways against a stark and barren landscape make it one of a kind." –TOM FAZIO

A Story of Renaissance



BORREGO SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA: The Tom Fazio design at Rams Hill is a course you likely aren't familiar with. Closed for many years, the fairways turned to dust and the majority of non-indigenous trees were lost.

In one of golf's true success stories, the resort destination is "back from the ashes." Smart investments included a new irrigation system, extensive planting of native trees, and drilling of six wells (water is always a concern in the desert). The clubhouse was expanded and, in an effort to limit its environmental footprint, a one-megawatt solar farm was installed to provide a renewable energy source for the wells and course irrigation system.

"We are the antithesis of Scottsdale," explained Harry Turner, GM/COO at Rams Hill. "Borrego Springs provides an experience similar to what you would find in Palm Springs back in the



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Borrego Springs, with little nighttime light pollution, is designated as an International Dark Sky Community.

1950s. The lack of urban sprawl [there isn't a traffic signal in town] and little nighttime light pollution has created what is known as the 'Borrego Sky,' allowing you to witness a literal ocean of stars after sunset."

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Rams Hill recently was ranked by *Golfweek* as the third best resort course you can play in California behind Pebble Beach and Spyglass Hill.

"Our remote location within the Anza Borrego State Park provided ample land to create something special," said Turner. "The course has wide landing areas, holes don't run side by side, and no matter which direction you look, long-range views of the Santa Rosa Mountains enhance the scenic backdrop. We are worth the effort to visit. Rams Hill may have the purest bent grass greens in all of California and I challenge you to find a spec of *Poa annua* on our putting surfaces." ■

Traveling to Rams Hill: Borrego Springs is located four hours southeast of Los Angeles, two hours northeast of San Diego, and an hour south of Palm Springs. The drive has been listed by Visit California as one of the "Top-10 Super Scenic California Road Trips."

Where to stay: La Casa del Zorro Resort and Spa has been carefully restored to capture the elegance and style visitors first enjoyed in 1937. Accommodations range from poolside guest rooms (ideal for couples) to casitas (perfect for buddy trips) to The House on the Hill (a private residence).

For more information on stay-and-play packages, please visit RamsHill.com or call (702) 213-9175.