

A Feat of ENGINEERING

“Coeur d’Alene Resort is not just upscale, it’s posh. You aren’t just pampered, you’re spoiled. It’s not just an escape, it’s an experience.” – GOLF DIGEST

COEUR D’ALENE, IDAHO: Coeur d’Alene Resort is one of the few high-rise hotels in the world set on a freshwater lake. Two notable enhancements have been completed for the 2019 golf season. Every guest room has been updated and its iconic par 3, with a floating green, received a complete renovation.

“Our floating green [the only one of its kind in the world] is an engineering marvel,” explained

Bob Nuttelman, president of Coeur d’Alene Resort Golf Course. “When the picturesque hole made its debut 28 years ago, the architectural team knew the green would have a life cycle. After decades of top-dressing with sand, it gained 200,000 pounds and was actually dropping closer to the lake’s waterline.”

The island was disconnected from cables and three tugboats relocated it to nearby Cougar Bay for a full overhaul and facelift.

“We removed soil and installed a new putting surface, but much of the work completed can’t be seen,” said Nuttelman. “We replaced large holding tanks underneath the bunkers that capture runoff [preventing organic nutrients from seeping into Lake Coeur d’Alene] and a sophisticated network of cables, allowing the island green complex to move to designated yardages.”



THE 18-STORY, HIGH-RISE TOWER offers 338 rooms, many with lake views and balconies; seven restaurants; a full-service spa; a lakefront golf course; tennis courts; and 32,000 square feet of flexible meeting space, including the Hagadone Event Center on the waters’ edge.



Each year, there are a couple of holes in one and an estimated 25,000 errant shots miss their mark and become bounty for divers.

“While not as rambunctious as the skyboxes at the Phoenix Open, diners at our Floating Green Restaurant have been known to cajole a golfer or two as they approach the tee box,” grinned Nuttelman. “Our mission is to make your round memorable and fun. You’ll find your forecaddie friendly, knowledgeable, and willing to hustle for your golf ball in the rough—although it’s against resort policy to have them dive into the water to retrieve your Titleist Pro V1.” ■

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