AN UNEQUALED PAIRING

Chaparral Pines and The Rim unite in the High Country of Arizona.

PAYSON, ARIZONA: Similarly how a fine Cabernet pairs with expertly prepared, prime dry-aged Tomahawk ribeye steak, Chaparral Pines and The Rim are an attractive duo for consideration. Both private golf communities, nestled in the world's largest stand of ponderosa pines, are owned and operated by Mickelson Golf Properties and,

thus, extend privileges across the spectrum for a nominal additional membership initiation fee.

Chaparral Pines, a David Graham/Gary Panks design, and The Rim, a Tom Weiskopf/Jay Morrish design, are surrounded by the Tonto National Forest and located in what is referred to as the "Heart of Arizona." The town is

BOTH CLUBS sit at the base of the jaw-dropping Mogollon Rim, a 7,000-foot high, 200-mile long escarpment that stretches from central Arizona to the Colorado Rocky Mountains. The Tonto National Forest and surrounding wilderness areas have a collection of nearly 900 miles of National Forest System Trails.







In addition to the Graham/Panks golf course and 27,000 square-foot golf clubhouse, Chaparral Pines residents enjoy the family-friendly, eight-acre Trailhead Park. Amenities include a fitness center, a swimming pool, tennis and basketball courts, the new 60,000 square-foot sports field, a children's activities center, and a dog park.



ONE RELATIONSHIP between athlete and agent that stood the test of time is Phil Mickelson and Steve Loy. In 1987, Loy accepted the head coaching position for the Arizona State University (ASU) golf team. Mickelson arrived two years later and, in 1992, turned professional. The successful pairing can't be in doubt. Over the past three decades, Loy has been Mickelson's coach, caddy, agent, business partner, and close friend. The duo partnered together and formed Mickelson Golf Partners that today owns and operates six golf courses across Arizona — including Chaparral Pines and The Rim.

known for hosting the world's oldest continuous rodeo (since 1884) and its resistance to prohibition in Bootleg Alley, located within a part of town, where the manufacture, sale, and distribution of liquor was plentiful.

"I've had the opportunity to live within many different cultures and locals," said Craig Jelinek, general manager at Chaparral Pines. "Payson is an amalgamation of the best I've experienced from Alabama, with its vast forest of pines trees where the wind whistles through the needles, to Nebraska, with its strong work ethic and family values. When my wife and I moved to Northern Arizona, we worried if services and stores would be easily accessible. To our delight, Payson has a thriving downtown with everything we need.

"Working with the Mickelson organization provides comfort; having our clubs owned by a reputable organization that lives and breathes golf is considered a huge plus. I've been in my fair share of contentious board meetings

where personal agendas reign. Here, you know Phil Mickelson and his partner Steve Loy have your back. I knew this was the place for me when Mr. Loy [known as Coach] flew back from the U.S. Open to attend my final interview in person. It showed me their active engagement."

Where Exclusivity Matters

Across Highway 260 (a distance you can literally walk), is The Rim Golf Club. "We offer a lifestyle that is fun, yet refined," detailed Sarah Johnson, general manager at The Rim. "While Chaparral Pines plays

through a canyon among towering pines, The Rim is known for its expansive views. Our location is 'just right' in the High Country of Arizona. In a typical year, we lose only 15 days to weather with a couple of inches of snow here and there during the winter. Our environment allows our director of agronomy to keep playing conditions firm and fast.

"The culture between our two private communities differs slightly," continued Johnson. "Families tend to gravitate to Chaparral Pines for its dynamic social scene, and empty nesters prefer The Rim for its slower pace of life. No matter which lifestyle suits you best, a wealth of outdoor activities beckons. Whether it's the Mazatzals to the south or up on the Mogollon Rim to the north, there is a hike for every season and your dogs will enjoy the range of sights and scents as they experience the surrounding Tonto National Forest, while you breathe in our crisp, clean mountain air."

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