



A Location Unlike Any Other

The Golf Club at Black Rock is set in the land of lakes and pines.

COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO: The underpinnings of The Golf Club at Black Rock can be traced back over two million years ago during the last Ice Age. The stress on the land was profound. By geological standards, the Cordilleran ice sheet melted quickly over the course of several thousand years. The resulting floods shaped the topography and created the fertile land in Eastern Washington and Idaho. Today, Lake Coeur d'Alene, primarily fed by two rivers, is 26 miles long, offering 135 miles of shoreline, with a summer surface water temperature of 68 degrees.

Overlooking Lake Coeur d'Alene, The Golf Club at Black Rock has matured into one of the finest private

recreational communities in the Western United States. Its Jim Engh design has remained in *Golf Digest's* Top 100 Golf Courses since opening in 2003. "Golf has always been our starting point of conversation," expressed Rande Goodwin, director of member services. "But, my discussion with prospective members soon turns to a description of our equally fine lake access. Less than a mile from our back gate is our private beach complete with 10 boat slips, club attendant, children's lake obstacle course, and full food and beverage service. Many of our members whose homes surround the lake prefer to arrive via boat than by car for a scenic, and often quicker trip.

"An impressive 50 percent of our membership owns a boat. Another popular hangout on the water, also very close to our community, is Black Rock's Marina and Shooters restaurant,"



The Jim Engh course is a story of two tales. Several holes feature steep ridges and sharp drop-offs while others play through a wide prairie plain with generous fairways.

“The back nine at Black Rock is like an old vinyl album where you favor a cluster of songs. I feel that holes 10 through 14 are my favorite stretch of holes.” — JIM ENGH



continued Goodwin. “The atmosphere is similar to a casual dive bar with fun and food at the forefront.”

FOR BEACH BUMS AND ADRENALINE JUNKIES

The Golf Club at Black Rock is named for rugged outcroppings of black basalt that jut up throughout the property. Its steep crags, sunken marshes, and precipitous bluffs are eye-catching. In addition to its lake amenities, members have access to a kids’ camp; the 31,000 square-foot golf clubhouse with a pool and spa; a fitness center; tennis, pickleball, and bocce courts; and The Corral, a 7,000 square-foot event center. “Even during the cold winter months, outdoor activities abound with five ski resorts within easy reach,” said Goodwin. “If you are looking for an outdoor Shangri-La, Black Rock is it.”

COAT CHECK AT THE DOOR

“Our membership has been successful in life,” detailed Goodwin. “Pretentiousness is left at the gatehouse. You will be hard pressed to determine if your neighbor is a farmer or financier.

“In order to appeal to all interests, our social calendar varies from wake surfing for an extreme rush to Pure Barre Pilates at the clubhouse. No matter your pursuit, a session



at our stretch lab, followed by a massage, is what the doctor ordered. Think of it as *stretching* is similar to washing your hair as a massage is to brushing it,” smiled Goodwin.

“Abundant wildlife is a trademark at Black Rock,” concluded Goodwin. “Last summer, on a beautiful sun-drenched morning, I was conducting a prospective member tour. As we drove in a golf cart over the ridge on No. 11, to our surprise the entire fairway was covered in Elk scat. Clearly we had just missed a herd passing through the property. After a quick cell call to our director of agronomy, the fairway was back in pristine condition within the hour. I remember the couple with me exclaimed, ‘I guess that brings new meaning to playing winter rules on the golf course.’” ■

For an additional peek at the beauty of Black Rock, please visit BlackRockIdaho.com.

