

# LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE

*“Stone Canyon is on the most remarkable desert site I’ve ever seen. It’s an awesome piece of land.”*

— JAY MORRISH

ORO VALLEY, ARIZONA (10 miles north of Tucson): Topography influences the climate of the Sonoran Desert. Topographic barriers direct, confine, and block moist air masses and weather patterns in many parts of the Desert Southwest that receive abundant sunshine and less than 10 inches of rain each year (much of it in the summer monsoon season).

“Many variables go into the search for the best 18 holes that a property can yield. The angle of the sun, the prevailing wind, where to locate the clubhouse, dramatic natural features, and yes, topography are all in play,” detailed Lance Scheele, general manager at The Stone Canyon Club. “We are the only club in the region previously ranked in the ‘Top-100 Golf Courses in America’ by *Golf Digest*. When you combine our climate, golf amenities [which I consider our No. 1 asset], and top-notch athletic center, we leave ‘no stone unturned’ in providing you with all the comforts one could desire.”

Architect Jay Morrish was restricted by Arizona law to a maximum of 90 acres of irrigated grass. “The desert routing plays an integral role in the overall experience,” continued Scheele. “With the views of the Catalina Mountains to our east [that soar up to 9,000 feet in elevation] and the twinkling lights of downtown Tucson to our south, our intimate experience insulates you from the world around us. To this day, it’s hard to determine if Stone Canyon’s landscape is peppered with more Saguaros or boulders [some the size of small houses].

“Add in our newest additions and renovations to our Tuscan-inspired clubhouse, and it is easy to see why Stone Canyon ranks as one of the best in the state.” ■

*For more information, please visit [StoneCanyon.com](http://StoneCanyon.com).*

## DID YOU KNOW?

Saguaro cacti are found only in the Sonoran Desert, where they can live to be 200 years old. They grow slowly. It is common to take 50 to 75 years to grow their first arm. The skin of saguaros is covered in a thick coating that waterproofs it and reduces water loss. Although hardy, a transplanted saguaro can suffer from sunburn if not positioned to face the same direction as its original site.



The hacienda-style clubhouse, designed by Erik Peterson, is edgy and contemporary with clean lines.

