

STONE CANYON CLUB

Oh, Those Cotton Candy Colored Sunsets

“Member perception is my reality.” —TIM LOLLAR, DIRECTOR OF GOLF



A “cotton candy” sunset.



Stone Canyon Club clubhouse.

ORO VALLEY, ARIZONA (Greater Tucson): The average American enjoys 18 years in retirement.

Fortunately for the members at Stone Canyon Club, Tim Lollar is no average American. “I had retired after a successful career at Lakewood Country Club in Colorado,” explained Lollar. “I’m not the type to let dust settle under my feet. When I received a call from Lance Scheele [the former general manager at Lakewood] inquiring if I would like to join him at Stone Canyon Club, my answer was affirmative almost immediately.”

The Jay Morrish design at Stone Canyon Club is nestled in the Tortolita Mountains and carved through a boulder-filled, scruffy canyon peppered with an impressive collection of large saguaro cacti. On clear nights, the twinkling lights of downtown Tucson are visible, and a gaze to the east offers unobstructed views of the Catalina Mountains, which soar to 9,000 feet.

“I’m often questioned if there are more boulders or

Many members tee off in the early afternoon so they can catch the final hole—named, fittingly, Canyon Shadows—during a signature Tucson sunset.

“Stone Canyon is so much more than a spectacular golf course. It’s an experience.”

— PHIL MICKELSON

“My course has everything but an ocean—changes of elevation, beautiful rock formations, and desert flora.”

—JAY MORRISH, GOLF COURSE ARCHITECT

cacti on the property,” said Lollar. “There are thousands of both, but I think the impressive array of rocks and boulders wins. There is a saying in the clubhouse, ‘if your errant shot hits the rocks and bounces back into the fairway, you got stoned at Stone Canyon.’ Our area is also a mecca for wildlife, from wild javelinas, mountain lions, deer, rattlesnakes, and our resident bobcat that lives on the 18th hole. With so much open space, it comes with the territory that nature is part of living here.”

NEEDING 28 HOURS IN THE DAY

“My first order of business was to establish a consistent level of service to our membership, no matter if they had a tee time on a Saturday morning during the season or an afternoon round in the middle of August,” reported Lollar. “To raise the bar on expectations from our staff, we increased training and established robust communication protocols. When a promise is made, it’s important to make sure it’s a promise kept. If there is an inadvertent deficiency, I address it immediately.”

Golf professionals wear many hats during the day. “Anything that’s required to run a successful golf operation falls into my lap. No stone is unturned [please pardon the pun]. There is always something to do that I wish there were 28 hours in a day!” ■

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