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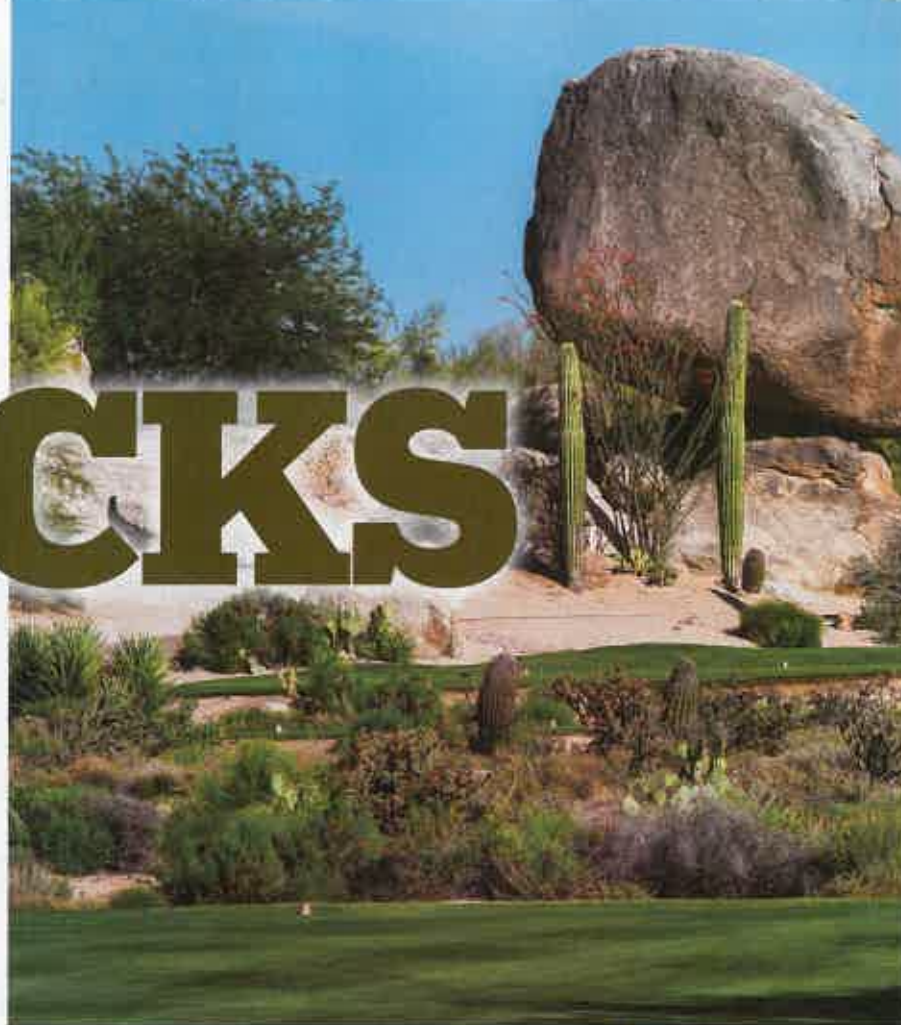
No matter the desert temperature, Boulders Resort & Spa is a nice place to chill thanks to its refreshing renovation. **BY AL PETERSEN**

A recent renovation project at Boulders Resort & Spa refreshed the resort in the Valley of the Sun that opened in 1985 but was millions of years in the making.

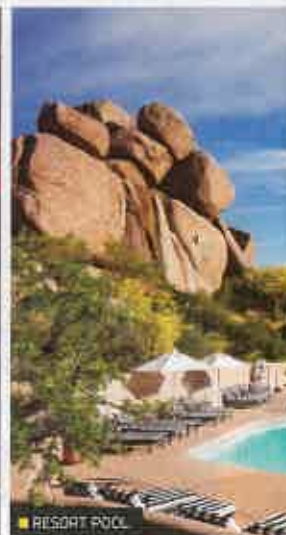
That's a lot of centuries, but the proof is rock solid and all around. Everywhere a visitor looks, quirky rock formations abound at the aptly named resort in Carefree, Ariz., that dropped Waldorf Astoria from its title after new ownership took over and is now managed through the Curio Collection by Hilton.

The resort and its two golf courses spread out over 1,300 acres of Sonoran Desert, where endless foothills, granite boulders, cacti, indigenous plants, wildflowers, palo verde trees and rugged foliage combine for an eerily beautiful scene. The North and South courses have enough variety to give visitors a different feel if multiple days of golf are on the agenda. Both of the Jay Morrish-designed layouts have received national recognition and differ slightly from typical desert designs in that forced carries off the tee aren't a constant part of the round. But that doesn't mean sprayed tee shots will easily be found because desert waste areas are prevalent, as they are in most places in this part of the country.

"The golf, obviously, is a huge part of the attraction here," said resort general manager Howard Harris.



DISCOVERY LOUNGE



RESORT POOL

"The layouts have a lot of diversity and charm."

The North plays slightly longer than the South (6,811/6,726 yards), with the latter's layout tighter to some of the property's eclectic rock formations and putting surfaces near boulder piles and desert foliage that handsomely frame green complexes. The North is a little more open regarding fairways, and the desert areas and washes are a bit wider and deeper.

Off the links, the 160 casitas and 61 pueblo villas and haciendas blend into the landscape and have a calming and spiritual feel. The upgrades to the casitas maintained the adobe-style architecture and signature fireplaces and include an updated interior design and new finishes and furnishings. The casitas are grouped in village-like clusters around a main lodge that houses a couple of the resort's restaurants and lounges. A



■ PALO VERDE RESTAURANT

lively dining experience can also be had at the Spotted Donkey Cantina at el Pedegral, an outdoor shopping and culinary area that is part of the resort's sprawling property.

"The changes are truly remarkable," Harris said of the renovations that started in May 2015 and were completed this summer. "The fresh look preserves our rich history by continuing to draw inspiration from our surrounding

desert environs."

The resort's serene scene is enhanced by its 33,000-square foot spa, health and fitness center. The site has one of the property's two pools, in addition to various treatment rooms, exercise locations, movement rooms, a yoga studio, café and an organic garden. It's all a refreshing microcosm of the Southwestern aura and Native American influences that are prevalent in the region. **SG**

RENOVATION HIGHLIGHTS

MAIN LODGE

A sophisticated, yet casual, look includes new furniture upholstered in warm natural palettes and hand-woven carpeting infused with rich desert tones.

DISCOVERY LOUNGE

Views of the Sonoran Desert and the 12-million-year-old boulder formations take center stage at the lounge and its floor-to-ceiling windows. The room's furnishings include large sofas and chairs in deep muted shades of persimmon, white and navy.

PALO VERDE

The restaurant's décor now complements its contemporary Southwestern cuisine, as the renovation added wood patchwork panels to the hexagon dome of the ceiling and geometric parquet wood flooring. New furnishings for the outdoor patios offer a relaxed dining experience.

BAKERY CAFÉ

The new interior is spacious and viewed as a melding of a European espresso bar with contemporary stylized features. Patio outdoor seating serves as a place to gather on a sunny morning or afternoon.

CASITAS

The 550-square-foot rooms have a fresh palette of earthy desert tones with teal and orange accents. Enhancements include a headboard wall with indigenous patterns and detailing; art and colorful chair pillows that are juxtaposed with area rugs in bold colors and patterns; contemporary chairs; a spacious shower with high-end fixtures and pebble walls; and private patios with fresh decking and custom lighting.

For more information, or to make a reservation, call (866) 397-6520, (480) 488-9009 or visit TheBoulders.com.

FUN IN THE SUN

Scottsdale Golf Week a chance for visitors to experience the sights, sounds and rounds of one of the country's best links destinations.

A weeklong celebration of golf in the Valley of the Sun is set for Dec. 5-11, with Scottsdale Golf Week providing visitors with special pricing on green fees, fun events and vacation packages at dozens of courses, resorts and attractions.

Additionally, Golf Digest is offering a golf adventure known as The Gauntlet that includes a four-night stay at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess and tournament rounds at We-Ko-Pa, Grayhawk and Troon North.

"We're excited to welcome this golf event to Scottsdale," said Caroline Stoeckel, vice president of marketing at the Scottsdale Convention & Visitors Bureau. "Our city is already known as a golf mecca, and we know these events will elevate that profile."

Scottsdale Golf Week will also feature packages from notable resorts in the area, including Four Seasons Resort Scottsdale at Troon North, Sanctuary on Camelback Mountain, Hyatt Regency Scottsdale Resort & Spa and Gainey Ranch Golf Club, in addition to other golf-themed activities at participating venues.

The Gauntlet, which will be held Dec. 7-11, includes a creative final round at Troon North, where players will put their shot-making skills to the test on a course reimagined by Golf Digest staffers. Some of the challenges will include putting to small and large cups, target tee shots and playing with antique clubs. The four days of activities also will include private dining events at some of Scottsdale's most celebrated restaurants, shopping and cultural activities for non-golfers and an exclusive discussion with Golf World writer and Golf Channel contributor Tim Rosaforte, who will provide an insider's look at the PGA Tour.

A detailed calendar of activities, packages and opportunities for the week is available at ScottsdaleGolfWeek.com. **SG**





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Rio Verde Community and Country Club

Rio Verde • (480) 471-7010 • www.rioverdearizona.com

Rio Verde Community and Country Club is an award-winning, active adult golf community near Scottsdale. AZ Big Media named Rio Verde the No. 1 Private Golf Course and Active Adult Community in Arizona for 2015 and 2016.

A variety of community amenities encourage an active lifestyle – tennis,

Pickleball and bocce courts, art studio, fitness center, community church, hiking and biking trails, and more. Two 18-hole golf courses and an innovative par-3 course provide challenging play for all skill levels. Friends and neighbors gather at the clubhouse for dances, concerts, wine dinners, card games and a range of social events.



SilverRock Resort

La Quinta • (760) 777-8884 • silverrock.org

SilverRock Resort is home to the Arnold Palmer Classic course and was a home course for the Bob Hope Classic (2008–2011). Measuring at 7578 yards from the tips, it is the longest layout in Palm Springs and was one of the longest courses on the PGA tour. Opened in early 2005, this layout is situated right at the base of Santa Rosa and Coral mountains—and

is closer to these mountains than any other public course in the Palm Springs area. As a result, the views are gorgeous with backdrops and surrounding vistas. Combined with outstanding conditioning and wonderful service, SilverRock provides one of the most memorable golfing experiences in La Quinta—or anywhere! You will absolutely love this layout!



We-Ko-Pa Golf Club

Fort McDowell, AZ • (866) 660-7700 • wekopa.com

Whether it's Saguaro or Cholla, you'll be treated to an Arizona golf experience unlike any other at We-Ko-Pa. The lack of development surrounding the courses encourages you to relax and enjoy the pristine Sonoran Desert.

We-Ko-Pa sits on the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, just east of Scottsdale where open landscapes, vibrant colors, and incredible views perfectly

complement award-winning golf. Designed by Scott Miller, Cholla features new greens, bunkers and changes on No. 8 to provide risk-reward opportunities, while Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw created Saguaro to incorporate desert golf with timeless traditions. Add this to the resort and casino, and We-Ko-Pa stands as one of the best in Scottsdale.