

ARIZONA

THE STATE OF GOLF



2004 Arizona Golf Association Directory



The Raven Golf Club at Verrado

Authentic, Unique, Dramatic



www.azgolf.org



FROM THE PUBLISHER

Welcome to this new special Arizona - *The State of Golf, 2004 Golf Directory!* This annual directory is designed to help you find all of the great golf courses across the state. Obviously we know Arizona is one of the world's top golf destinations, whether it's the fall, winter, spring or even the summer you can find a fantastic golf course to play for all skill levels.



The Arizona Golf Association has once again partnered with *Arizona Golfer's Guide* to provide you the most comprehensive golf directory published in the state. As you read through this special edition of the *Arizona - The State of Golf*, you will see the directory listings throughout the publication. Hopefully this new directory will be a valuable tool for you when planning your next golf outing.

The PGA TOUR is also stopping by this winter with the newly named FBR Open January 26 - February 1, 2004 at the TPC of Scottsdale. This tournament, dubbed "The Greatest Show on Grass," is the largest on the PGA TOUR and a favorite of many of the Tour players. The PGA TOUR is making another stop by Tucson for the 58th edition of the Chrysler Classic of Tucson February 22-29, 2004.

This issue begins with a look at the new Raven Golf Club at Verrado located west of Phoenix winding through the foothills of the White Tank Mountains. Due to open in February 2004, The Raven Golf Club at Verrado is a must-play for those seeking the very best golf the Sonoran Desert has to offer. From jaw-dropping views and rugged natural beauty to exceptional conditioning and the finest guest service in the business, The Raven at Verrado has it all.

Our second feature highlights The Foothills Golf Club. This course is an exhilarating golf adventure, nestled amid the rustic beauty of South Mountain. A unique desert links style layout perfectly balances challenge with forgiveness.

I hope you enjoy this special golf directory edition of *Arizona - The State of Golf*. If you're interested in learning more about golf in Arizona and the Arizona Golf Association, please visit their website: www.azgolf.org. When traveling across North America on your next golf outing, please pick up a *Golfer's Guide* for the most comprehensive information on local area golf courses. To learn more about *Golfer's Guide* please visit our website www.golfersguide.com. I'm your guide to great golf and good times...so please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions on what you would like to see in upcoming issues of *Arizona Golfer's Guide*.

Douglas Hosey
Regional Publisher

GOLFER'S GUIDE



"America's leading regional golf publications"

GOLFER'S GUIDE, INC.
PO BOX 3926
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SC 29938-9790
(843) 842-7878 • Fax (843) 842-2306

STAFF

Regional Publisher:
DOUGLAS HOSEY
(602) 595-6696

Email: dhosey@golfersguide.com

Chairman/CEO/Publisher:
MARC A. FREY

Executive Publisher:
DAVID CRIBB

Executive Editor:
JAMES McMAHON

Production Director:
SHAWN P. GRIMES

Art Director:
SASHA SWEENEY

Contributing Photographers:
D² PRODUCTIONS: MURPHY/SCULLY
JOHN SAMORA, RICK BULLOCK,
TIM KOORS, AIDAN BRADLEY,
TONY ROBERTS, RUSS CHRIST

CIRCULATION

400,000 PER YEAR REACHING
AN ESTIMATED 1,200,000 READERS
ISSUE 3 OF 3 ANNUAL EDITIONS



A PUBLICATION OF
GOLFER'S GUIDE MARKETING SOLUTIONS™



For subscriptions or single-copy orders, call toll-free (800) 864-6101

Copyright ©2003-04 Golfer's Guide, Inc. All Rights Reserved. Reproduction without permission is prohibited. Golf course rates are subject to change at any time. *Golfer's Guide* is not responsible or liable for any errors, omissions or changes in rates or information. *Publisher's data.

We are expanding our network of magazines and will be adding several new regions within the next year. If you would like to publish a *Golfer's Guide* magazine with us in your home region send your resume and previous publishing samples to *Golfer's Guide*, P.O. Box 3926, Hilton Head Island, SC 29938-9790, ATTN: Executive Publisher.

2003 ISSUE 3
GOLFER'S GUIDE
ARIZONA



6 COVER STORY

Crafted by renowned designer John Fought and former British Open Champion Tom Lehman, The Raven Golf Club at Verrado has a dramatic mountainside setting which features massive rock outcroppings, large desert washes, intimate box canyons and considerable elevation changes. The Raven Golf Club at Verrado is a must-play for those seeking the very best golf the Sonoran Desert has to offer.

11 FEATURE COURSES

An overview of the area's best places to play golf. Includes rates, course statistics and tee time policies.

19 SPECIAL FEATURE

The Foothills Golf Club is a true taste of what desert golf should be. The course is an exhilarating golf adventure, nestled amid the rustic beauty of South Mountain.

27 ARIZONA GOLF ASSOCIATION

The Arizona Golf Association provides their members and our readers the most comprehensive golf directory published in the state. As you read through this issue of *Golfer's Guide* you will see the additional golf directories located in each section.

57 TRAVEL DIRECTORY

Where to stay and play across the U.S. A comprehensive directory to North America's premier resorts and golf clubs.

58 DIRECTORY / AREA MAPS

A comprehensive listing and corresponding maps of the locations of the area's accessible golf facilities, our featured courses and accommodations.



The Raven Club at Verrado Pg. 6



The Foothills Golf Club Pg. 19



AGA Directory Pg. 28, 42, 50

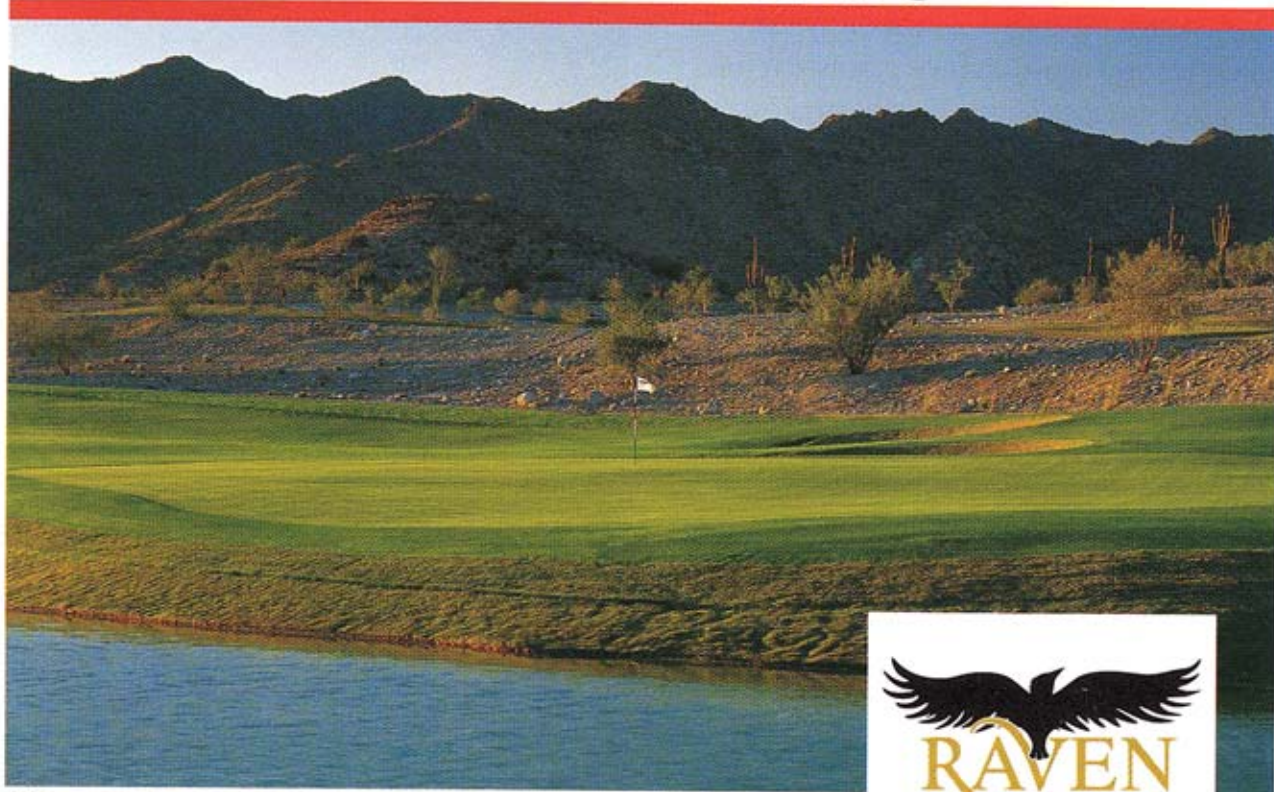


Travel Directory Pg. 57

ABOUT THE COVER: The 16th at The Raven Golf Club at Verrado.



RAVEN GOLF CLUB AT VERRADO



Water guards the approach to the 18th Green at The Raven at Verrado.

Buckeye, AZ

(602) 795-3443

(623) 215-3443

The Raven Golf Club at Verrado, opening mid-January 2004, is an 18-hole championship length golf course designed by John Fought and Tom Lehman. The Raven at Verrado features a dramatic mountainside setting with massive rock outcroppings, large desert washes, picturesque box canyons and dramatic elevation changes. The course also offers magnificent views of the White Tank Mountains, the Phoenix

Skyline and other Valley monuments.

From the tips, the Raven at Verrado stretches more than 7,300 yards and will give the accomplished player a thrilling test of golf. However, Fought and Lehman created the golf course with wide landing areas and four tee boxes on each hole, giving players of all abilities a fair chance at par. In fact, the forward tee on each connects with the fairway, taking all forced carries out of the equation.

RATES

Please contact golf shop for current rates.

STATISTICS

PAR: 72	YARDS	RATING	SLOPE
Black	7314		
Silver	6987	Not Yet Rated	
White	6105		
Gold	5163		

PERSONNEL

Architect	JOHN FOUGHT, TOM LEHMAN
Head Pro	MATT ACUFF
General Mgr	JEFF PERRY
Superintendent	BILL ZEGLIN

Map Key Number 69