

What Makes a Country Club Great: The Country Club at DC Ranch

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Some of the finest golf and country clubs in the country – if not the world – are located here in Scottsdale, Ariz. But, what truly makes a country club great? A few necessary components need to be in place in order to make a country club par excellence:



1. Great clubs have high levels of personalized service provided by a staff that is well known and loved by the members.
2. Great clubs are staffed by a group of devoted and caring people who are dedicated to the excellent member experience each and every day.
3. Great clubs have created positive images not only within their own cities, but on a national level. This image includes traditions that are carried on from year to year, member to member.
4. Most importantly, Great clubs are about the people, and those members who make up the Club.

All of these statements resonate true at [The Country Club at DC Ranch](#). The Club prides itself on the members and staff in making The Club a special place to be. As the mission statement declares: The Country Club at DC Ranch is committed to building tradition and dedicated to being the pre-eminent southwest lifestyle club by creating a legacy of fun, family and friendliness.

Here, a few valued members give their takes on what makes The Country Club at DC Ranch great –



"The Country Club at DC Ranch optimizes a great club. We love the spectacular desert setting, first-class golf course and clubhouse, and experienced service at all levels. It is a treat to be greeted by the friendly valet attendants, golf staff and clubhouse staff. The golf course and practice facilities are meticulously maintained and the course is fun and challenging to play. It's easy to join an organized golf group, friendly competition, or play alone in the afternoon.

"My husband, daughter and I love the tennis program with lessons, drill sessions, teams for all levels, and monthly special events. It's fun for everyone from beginners to advanced players. The membership is diverse, friendly, and welcoming. The members and staff genuinely and sincerely care about each other and the wellbeing of the club. We continue to make new friends at each club event.

"The food is excellent and the kitchen team takes pride in responding to special requests. The desserts prepared by MaryAnn, our pastry chef, are a club highlight. We always save room for her creative and delicious treats! Sunday brunch, Taco Tuesday, Thursday Burger Night and Friday Fish Fry are weekly favorites, plus we regularly enjoy the complimentary breakfast buffet. It's easy and fun for our family to eat at the club.

"DC Ranch actively embraces all members from 4 to 94 years old, with numerous opportunities to fully enjoy the benefits of an exceptional country club. It is a privilege for our family to be members."

- Hugh Gruhn, DDS, Carolyn Gladwell and Margaux

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"The Members at DC Ranch are active within the club day after day, they are extraordinary and diverse in interests and that's what makes the membership so unique. The Staff at DC Ranch are extremely professional, attentive and helpful and will go out of their way to ensure all members receive a country club experience.

"DC Ranch is the best social and recreational Country Club in the Valley with panoramic views. Members have access to the best amenities and activities for all age groups from golf, tennis and swimming to organized card games, book club, and evenings at the theatre or a concert. The clubhouse is warm and charming, and has beautiful accommodations for catered events, such as weddings, charity functions, Holiday gatherings, Graduation and birthday parties. The views are panoramic and it's the club where members and friends enjoy being together."

- Cheryl and Juan Solano



"I chose The Country Club at DC Ranch because it is truly a social and family-based club. We looked at every club in our area. It wasn't until I played in the DC Ranch Member-Guest with one of my clients that I knew where I wanted to join. The service was hands down outstanding. In addition the excellent quality of the golf course and well established players at The Club certainly was helpful in my decision. My family and I utilize many of the clubs services daily from the gym, golf, junior programs, Taco Tuesdays, to happy hour. The Country Club at DC Ranch is certainly the most comfortable and friendly Club in town."

- Kris Marshall

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