

Valley Resort Named "Premier Golf Resort"

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Congrats are in order to [The Wigwam Resort](#) in Litchfield Park. The resort has been named to *GOLF* Magazine and [Golf.com](#)'s prestigious "[Premier Resorts](#)" rankings for 2016-17 – the biennial guide listing the greatest golf resort destinations in North America. A total of 112 golf resorts were named to either the Gold or Silver Medal categories.

The Wigwam's Robert Trent Jones Sr.-designed Patriot Golf Course is currently undergoing an extensive bunker and irrigation system renovation. The project is expected to be completed by this September. In the summer of 2015, The Wigwam's famed Gold Course, also an RTJ Sr.-design, underwent a similar renovation. During the Gold Course renovation process, the Lehman Design Group eliminated 30 bunkers and relocated and reshaped numerous others. Bunkers were strategically placed for today's game, while fairway/target lines were moved left and right off the tee, thus eliminating the straight "bowling-alley feel" the course once had.

The Wigwam's three 18-hole championship golf courses offer a diversity that cannot be matched by any other Arizona resort. Here, the golf enthusiast has their pick of not just one or two courses, but three 18-hole courses – 54 holes of championship golf including two courses designed by the legendary Robert Trent Jones, Sr. And, in true Wigwam style, each course – The Gold, Patriot, which just celebrated their 50th anniversaries, and Heritage – offers a unique challenge that adds spice and variety to one's stay at this timeless and relaxing retreat.

The Gold Course has hosted many signature tournaments over the years, including numerous U.S. Open Qualifiers, U.S. Amateur Qualifiers, several NCAA Regional Championships and the annual Patriot All-America Invitational, one of the top amateur competitions in the world. The 7,430 yard, par 72 course has also received various industry awards and accolades since opening in 1965, including being named one of the "Top 100 Golf Courses in America."

In December 2009, The Wigwam (including the golf courses and resort property) was purchased by JDM Partners, led by sports icon Jerry Colangelo. For more information, please visit www.wigwamgolf.com.

Voting for the "Best Golf Resorts" was based on four criteria: golf, lodging, food & drink, and service. Forty percent of the resort recognition was based on golf, considering factors such as challenge, playability, scenery, history, facilities and service. The rest of the score was equally weighed among lodging, food & drink, and overall service at the resorts.