

Arizona Biltmore Golf Club Unveils Brand-New Golf Shop

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The Arizona Biltmore Golf Club now has a new, dedicated golf shop building. Designed by Douglas Fredrikson, AIA and Alexandra Lemos of Phoenix-based Douglas Fredrikson Architects, the 19,500-square-foot building includes retail and office space, locker rooms for members, fitting rooms, restrooms and over 13,000 square feet of underground golf cart storage.



The new golf shop is just phase one of a multiphase clubhouse enhancement project. The next step takes place later in March will include a new clubhouse and restaurant, taking over the current event tent and clubhouse. Additional on-site parking and landscape improvements are also included in phase two that are contracted by Tempe-based Sundt Construction.

Constructed to fit the mold of luxury, the new golf shop building blends in perfectly with the surrounding area. The single-story building's architecture took inspiration from Frank Lloyd Wright by combining modern southwest designs with different elements of the Biltmore Resort and community, most notably the signature concrete Biltmore block and patina copper fascia prominent in the resort's motif.

As guests arrive, the modern interior provides a comforting feeling as they walk past the merchandise displays to the check-in counter. Encompassed by large windows, breathtaking views of the Club's Adobe Golf Course and the downtown Phoenix skyline in the background provide a truly unique view.

Outside the golf shop guests and members dropping off their golf clubs come across a magnificent steel sculpture serving as the centerpiece of a new roundabout. Designed by Douglas Fredrikson, AIA, the golf ball-like structure was manufactured by two Phoenix-based companies, Custom Steel Works and Symmetry Construction. Don't worry, the Arizona Biltmore Golf Club's iconic hot dog stand remains as a vital part of the historic facility.

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"The beautiful new golf shop and its ancillary facilities are an exciting first step in our journey to build a better Biltmore Golf Club," says JDM Partners Principal Jerry Colangelo. "We've assembled an all-Arizona-based team of professionals to accomplish this multi-phase project, including architects, designers, engineers, contractors and merchandisers. We thank our friends and neighbors for their passion and patience as we continue to improve the facilities and courses to ensure they are preserved for future generations."

Beginning in April, the Arizona Biltmore Golf Club will undergo a significant renovation of the Adobe Gold Course, which first opened in 1929. Led by the Lehman Design Group and Scottsdale resident Tom Lehman, the golf course renovation includes a more efficient irrigation system and planting new drought-tolerant TiffTuf Bermudagrass throughout the golf course. The green complexes will be renovated as well as tee boxes will be laser leveled and bunkers will be rebuilt incorporating a technically advanced drainage and liner system. The golf course's general routing and par (71) will remain consistent with Adobe's famous parkland setting. The Adobe Course is expected to reopen for public and member play this fall.

The significant investments made by the Arizona Biltmore Golf Club's ownership group, the Phoenix-based JDM Partners, follow consultation with neighbors, community stakeholders, the City of Phoenix and industry experts. Upon completion of the project next year, the facilities are expected to mirror the recent investments in the Arizona Biltmore Hotel and Wrigley Mansion, allowing the Arizona Biltmore Golf Club to stay on par with all the top-notch facilities.



The Arizona Biltmore Golf Club is in the shadow of the Phoenix Mountain Preserve. The 36-hole golf facility includes the Adobe Course and the Links Course. The Adobe's wide fairways and spacious layout are a reminder of the way the game was meant to be played. The Links Course, the younger of the two Biltmore courses, has earned the respect of golfers as one of Arizona's premier golf courses. Rolling fairways lined with

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Pinos meander through some of the most stunning homes in Phoenix. For nearly a century, the Arizona Biltmore Golf Club has been a destination for Phoenix residents, corporate leaders, celebrities and dignitaries.

For more information on the Arizona Biltmore Golf Club, visit www.azbiltmoregc.com.

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