

Arizona's Greatest Post-Golf Watering Holes

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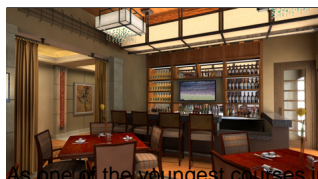


The golf experience doesn't end after the last putt drops, rather the tell-tale sign of an exceptional golf facility is how enticed golfers are to stick around for post-round drinks.

There are few feelings as fulfilling as reaching the cart barn after braving 18 holes in 100 plus degree heat, except, maybe that first sudsy sip of lager in the clubhouse. Arizona is blessed with an abundance of affordable tees in the blisteringly hot summer months, however recouping some electrolytes and rehydrating (if you want to call it that) is best done while kicking back with your buds in the club's bar or grill.

Perhaps, the most well-known watering hole in the Valley is that which bears the name of one of the Valley's greatest golf contributions, Phil Mickelson. Tucked away between Hayden and Pima Roads just off Thompson Peak in North Scottsdale, Phil's Grill, named for former Scottsdale resident and PGA Tour player Phil Mickelson, has long been the place to hangout with your foursome and discuss that bogey-free stretch on the front while downing a cup of their famous corn chowder. The grill also boasts an impressive collection of tequila and concoctions made from the distilled agave plant that range from \$7 up to nearly \$200.

Known for providing the Tour player experience to local avid golfers, The Grill at TPC Scottsdale is as Tour worthy as the venue's championship golf courses. Upon entering the grill, a large bar encompasses the left side of the room and sets the tone for a relaxed, yet distinguished dining experience. Grab a table overlooking 18 or simply aim your bar stool toward the windows to maximize sweeping course views while appreciating that glass of brandy patiently waiting near your fingertips.



As one of the youngest courses in Arizona, the Ritz Golf Club at Dove Mountain not only showcases 27 enchanting holes of Nicklaus design but also a primo dining establishment known as Cayton's. And although the club carries with it a Ritzzy reputation, the venue couldn't be more down to earth. With happy hour specials seven nights a week, Cayton's patio is an ideal place to unwind and take in a post-round desert sunset. Cocktails and appetizers are served from 3 p.m. until dusk with half off select appetizers and beer and wine specials from 5-7 p.m. Flat screen plasma TVs and signature cocktails like the prickly pear margarita or strawberry mojito parlay a relaxing atmosphere further punctuated by live acoustical guitar music every Friday evening.



The Dynamite Bar and Grille at Troon North Golf Club is another Valley hot spot for kicking back after a day on the links. Open every day of the week, Dynamite Bar and Grille is known for its classic American-style cuisine like burgers grilled to a tee and clubhouse staples done up gourmet style. The Grille's windows and patio capture breathtaking views of the Pinnacle course's 18th hole.

Whether you're celebrating your lowest round ever or nursing a rough day spent out of bounds, the club's watering hole is the best place to reminisce or forget about it all.

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