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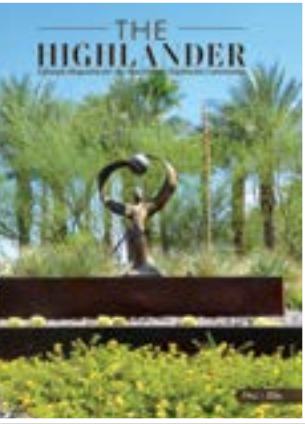
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FROM THE DEVELOPER RICHARD C. MACDONALD

Quite a few people have mentioned my last article on “Plan B”. We were out of town on “summer leave” when it came out, so I am reprinting it one last time:

EVERYBODY NEEDS A PLAN “B”

Many years ago, my family moved to Hawaii, and I chose to stay in Las Vegas and finish my semester at the University. That summer I couldn't find a job due to a local recession. The plan I came up with was to drive to Alaska and get a high paying construction job to do earthquake repairs. When I called my father to tell him of my plan, his first comment was, “Do you think your car will make it” and then a long silence ensued. No, my car probably wouldn't make it. He asked, “Do you have a plan B?” I said no, do you? “Yes”, he said. I will send you a ticket to stay with us, get a job as a waiter or busboy, and chase girls on Waikiki Beach. I said, “Dad, I'm there, send the ticket”. That Plan B proved to be one of the most eventful of my life.

That trip saw me getting over shyness to become a good salesman, became of the youngest real estate brokers in Hawaii, met and married Claire and I learned about developing on a hillside. Those events actually helped shape the rest of my life. So, I am a great believer in having a Plan “B”!

Now, I don't want to get political, but when Biden got elected, I thought it wise to have assets out of the country, so I came up with another Plan “B”. After reviewing several countries, I did significant research and decided on Panama. Panama checked most of the boxes; stable, democratic government, pro-business, low taxes, safe and incredible economy. The people I have met there are fantastic, friendly, interesting and industrious. I started buying condominiums for income and during that process I met some of the best quality developers there and we have become partners on several projects. We just completed moving into a two-story penthouse on a private island, minutes from downtown Panama City. I can't begin to describe how beautiful the place is! It is breathtaking with city and ocean views and a constant soft cool ocean breeze. When one of our club members asked me why I go to Panama, I answered, “because it's my happy place”.

Over the years I have brought several of the best projects from Panama to the club and on this trip, I had a chance to check up on the status of some of the developments.

1. Gran Central (the block downtown): I was able to see the excavation/demolition of the project. Sales are moving along, not surprising due to the good CAP rate.
2. Ipanema – Two iconic towers in Costa Del Este. I drove



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by the project and the first of several floors are going up, which is very exciting.

3. Bosco. Located on the golf course at Santa Maria community. One of the finest golf course (Nicklaus) developments. Inexpensive by our standards and these units are selling well. They even have golf fronting houses in the two million range.

I think it is important for all of us to have a Plan “B”, especially the way the world is today. It is comforting to know that whatever happens in the world, we have a safe place to go with assets and an income stream! Obviously, all of us are different and your choice may be another country, but I believe it's a good idea to diversify and internationalize your assets. I don't earn anything if anyone purchases anything. I am bringing projects in because I believe it's a smart thing to do and I want all of you to be protected the way my family is.

I want to wish all of you a great summer vacation season. Enjoy and we'll see you at the club.

Now, I want to welcome everyone back. It's good to see so many old friends returning and we're focusing on having the club ready for your return. The Montrose dining room, which many of you have discovered, has a great new menu, as does the Grille and of course the Sushi Bar always has new and exciting choices.

We are also looking into initiating a lady's organization. We are wrestling with a name but once done we will come up with an array of events and programs, which will be a terrific amenity for our ladies.

As most of you know we just wrapped up overseeding the



golf course. With all the challenges that it brings due to the higher temperatures, our staff has done a phenomenal job. The bottom line is everyone is making sure that the club continues to be a great source of fun for all of our members.

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Both Towers are rising quickly with 19 floors poured out of 25 in the North Tower and 17 floors poured out of 24 in the South Tower, as work on the amenity levels continues alongside. The Towers remains on schedule to top out by the end of the year. In the coming weeks glass installation will begin, making both buildings airtight and allowing us to progress with interior finishes.

At the amenity level, concrete work is now complete, giving a clear sense of the spaces future residents will enjoy. Excavation has begun on the pool pavilion, and the Wolfgang Puck restaurant space has been poured, a standout location on the project with sweeping views of the Las Vegas Strip and beyond.

The signature selections process, through which owners worked with the design team to choose from a curated suite of materials, finishes, and furniture packages by RH, has been completed successfully.

The project is now 85% sold, with more than \$870 million in sales to date. Availability remains in nearly every residence category, though pricing will continue to rise, making now an ideal time to visit the Discovery Studio and explore ownership at Four Seasons Private Residences Las Vegas.



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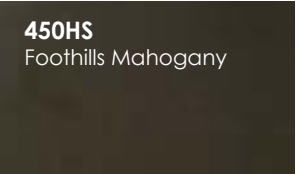
A BEAUTIFUL COMMUNITY STARTS AT HOME...

By Dori Sampson

It is that time of year to focus on property maintenance! During our regular community inspections, fence maintenance and painting have been identified as items needing attention.

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JIMMY & BUNNY OTTO

Jimmy Otto joined the Army planning to stay for four years. Twenty-three years later, he is retiring as a Chief Warrant Officer 4 after spending much of his career in Special Operations.

Retirement is still a new word for Jimmy, and slowing down does not appear to be part of it.

He is growing his financial business, leading a nonprofit that helps Special Operations service members transition into civilian careers, planning to train for an Ironman in New Zealand and spending more time at DragonRidge. For the first time in his adult life, he can travel without asking permission and decide for himself what comes next.

If that means spending an afternoon in the wine cellar with a bottle of champagne and a Cubs game, he can do that too.

Anyone who knows Jimmy knows he rarely enters a room quietly. He is almost always smiling, usually has everyone laughing and has a story for just about everything. Some are funny, some are unbelievable and a few are probably better left wherever they happened.

One of the stories he can tell involves flying a Black Hawk over the neighborhood to surprise his

friends. The prank was very popular with some. Club management, not so much. Jimmy got into a little trouble and has promised that particular stunt will not be repeated.

Flying was a large part of his Army career. Jimmy is an accomplished pilot who can fly nearly any aircraft put in front of him, but he entered the Army at the bottom, as a private. Military service was already part of his family. His father served in Vietnam, and both grandfathers served during World War II. After September 11, joining felt personal. It also gave a kid from Wisconsin a way to pay for college, see the world and chase an adventure.

There always seemed to be something else to pursue. Another assessment, assignment or skill to master. After his first few deployments, a commander encouraged him to try out for Special Operations. Jimmy liked the challenge, responsibility and clarity of the work.

But when Jimmy says he never thought he would make it to retirement, he does not mean he expected to leave the Army early. He honestly did not know if he would make it out alive. Every time he left, he understood there was a chance he might not come home.

That is part of what makes this new chapter mean so much to both Jimmy and Bunny. Retirement was never something either of them took for granted.

As Jimmy moved up, he went from joining missions to leading them. By retirement, he had reached CW4, one of the Army's senior warrant officer ranks. Of everything he accomplished during those 23 years, he is proudest that everyone who served on his teams came home.

Jimmy was known for staying calm when things around him were anything but calm.

"Once everyone else settled down, we could figure out how we were going to get through it," he said.

The Army also allowed him to see nearly the entire world, from the Hindu Kush to the Pacific. Antarctica is about the only place still missing from the list.

The career came with a physical cost. Years of carrying heavy loads through mountain terrain caused fractures and serious overuse injuries throughout his legs. During one training exercise, his legs gave out and he collapsed in the mountains, unable to move them. He also suffered significant lung damage while responding to an attack.

At one point, doctors told Jimmy he might not walk again.

He has since completed three triathlons, including the Steamboat Lake Triathlon and Boulder City's Pumpkinman Triathlon twice. When asked which part he enjoyed most, Jimmy was honest: he hated all of it. He only did it because someone told him he might never be able to.

Bunny has been beside him through nearly 15 years of marriage, countless moves and long stretches apart. She grew up in Houston and met Jimmy in Alabama as he was finishing flight school. The Army took them from Alabama to Hawaii, then Nashville and eventually Las Vegas.

She enjoyed something about every place they lived. Hawaii was beautiful, although not necessarily a lifestyle she wanted forever. Las Vegas has become her favorite, largely because they have finally been able to put down roots and build a life they chose for themselves.

Bunny also built a successful career of her own. She earned her real estate license in Alabama, rose to



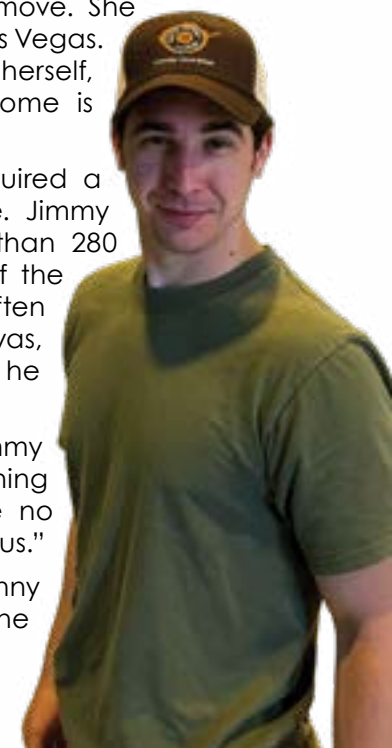
“She took care of everything at home and supported me no matter where the military sent us.”

become the state's top realtor and returned to the business after each military move. She now continues her career in Las Vegas. Having moved so many times herself, Bunny understands that a home is never just an address.

Life as a military spouse required a great deal of independence. Jimmy was sometimes gone more than 280 days a year, and because of the nature of his work, Bunny often could not know where he was, what he was doing or when he would return.

"Bunny never complained," Jimmy said. "She took care of everything at home and supported me no matter where the military sent us."

Whenever Jimmy returned, Bunny had pizza and champagne





waiting. It was their way of celebrating that he had made it home. Every time he walked out the door, part of him wondered whether it might be the last time. When he came back, they opened a bottle.

They still do.

The setting is different now, but champagne continues to mean celebration, even if the occasion is only a Friday afternoon at the Club.

Jimmy's transition out of the Army began before his official retirement. His interest in finance went back to childhood, when his father opened a Roth IRA for him and later taught him about compound interest and the Rule of 72. During deployments, Jimmy began helping younger service members understand budgeting, investing and planning for their families.

He enjoyed watching the information click for someone. When the men returned home, their spouses would thank him for helping their families become more financially secure. Jimmy realized that teaching people about money gave him another way to serve.

Today, he owns Black Hills Advisors, works with clients around the country and holds financial education seminars for military communities. He also hires veterans as the company grows. What he enjoys most is being a resource, especially when people



are worried or unsure what to do.

"When the markets are good, it is a different story," Jimmy said. "When they turn, I am going to be right there, answering the phone and explaining things."

His retirement also showed him how difficult the move into civilian life can be for people leaving Special Operations. Many have spent their careers doing highly specialized work they cannot openly discuss. Writing a resume is difficult when some of your most valuable experience is classified. It can be even harder to walk away from the team, structure and sense of purpose that shaped your adult life.

That is why Jimmy founded the Follow On Initiative, a Nevada-based nonprofit he leads with other veterans. The organization pairs transitioning Special Operations service members with executives and mentors who help with resumes, interview preparation, career guidance and professional connections.



When Jimmy talks about the organization, the pride is obvious. This is when the jokes slow down and you can tell how much the work matters to him. He sees these men and women as leaders and problem solvers who can learn almost anything. They simply need help translating what they know into a civilian career.

For Jimmy, the goal is not only helping someone find a job. He wants them to find something that gives them purpose again.

DragonRidge has played an important role in Jimmy's transition too, although joining was not nearly as serious.

Jimmy first visited on a Friday afternoon as the men's game was coming in. Simon Millington invited him to join the group for a beer, and Simon, Russell Sloan, Jeff Spivack and Greg Aaron gave him a proper welcome.

When Bunny arrived to pick him up, members greeted her by name before she had even met them. By then, Jimmy had found a club, several new friends and perhaps a few more drinks than planned. They signed the membership papers that day.

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"We thought we would come up, golf a little and have dinner every once in a while," Bunny said. "We never expected it to become so much more."

Soon Bunny was playing with a group of women from the Club, and before long roughly eight couples were heading to Scottsdale for a golf trip. What was supposed to be an occasional round of golf had clearly taken on a life of its own.

Bunny was also struck by how involved Rich and Claire MacDonald were with the members. "That is not typical of a club owner," she said. "They were genuinely nice and really interacted with the membership."

After more than 15 years surrounded primarily by the military, Jimmy found himself genuinely interested in the people he was meeting at DragonRidge. He was impressed by how many successful members were here, but even more by how approachable and open they were. People were willing to talk honestly about how they built their businesses, share what they learned and make an introduction when they could. Jimmy enjoys meeting people from different backgrounds, hearing their stories and learning from what they have built. Those experiences helped shape what he now wants to offer other retiring service members through the Follow On Initiative.

For Bunny, the Club became her community too. She built friendships through golf, travel and plenty of evenings that began without much of a plan.

The people remain their favorite part of membership. Jimmy loves the Friday Game and the time afterward around the fire. Bunny loves the friendships and walking into a place where everyone knows them. Both appreciate a staff that remembers their names, their orders and the details that make the Club feel personal.

Jimmy may be retired from the Army, but he is not finished looking for the next challenge. He continues building Black Hills Advisors, growing the Follow On Initiative and preparing himself, at least mentally, for an Ironman. Bunny continues to grow her real estate career, spend time at the gym, travel and get back into golf.

Retirement, in Jimmy's case, does not look much like an ending. It looks more like the first time he and Bunny get to choose the next assignment for themselves. There will be more travel, more golf, one very questionable Ironman plan and lots of time spent at DragonRidge.

Whatever comes next, it is unlikely to be boring. ■



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The first half of 2026 finds the Las Vegas Valley's single-family home market on steady, mature footing. After several years of dramatic swings, the market has settled into a healthier, more balanced rhythm; one defined by consistency rather than volatility.

Through June 2026, closed sales totaled 11,252 homes, virtually even with the same period in 2025, while total sales volume rose 3.1% to \$7.13 billion. That combination tells the real story of the year: activity is holding firm, and growth is being led by the upper end of the market, where sales above \$1 million posted double-digit gains and demand for luxury properties continued to strengthen.

For most buyers and sellers, prices remained remarkably stable, with the median close price steady near \$485,000. At the same time, buyers gained modest negotiating room, as homes spent slightly longer on the market and a larger share sold below their original asking price.

The result is a market that rewards thoughtful pricing and informed decision making on both sides of the transaction.



JANUARY 1, 2026 - SEPTEMBER 22, 2026 SALES YEAR-TO-DATE (YTD) TOP 10 HOME SALES LAS VEGAS VALLEY | HIGHEST SALES

ADDRESS	SF	BED	BATH	CAR	YR	SP/SF	SOLD PRICE
716 Dragon Peak Dr	8,832	5	6	6	2025	\$1,492	\$13,000,000
681 Tranquil Rim Ct	17,868	8	11	9	2012	\$774	\$13,300,000
5 Promontory Ridge	10,621	6	9	6	2007	\$1,318	\$14,000,000
3 Climbing Canyon	15,000	4	5	5	2027	\$1,076	\$16,133,950
555 Magma Peak Dr	10,000	5	5	11	2025	\$1,700	\$17,000,000
3 Heavens Edge Ct	9,588	6	9	6	2022	\$1,799	\$17,250,000
11660 Summit Club	4,929	5	6	2	2022	\$4,261	\$21,000,000
4954 Summit Overlook	7,147	4	6	3	2020	\$3,078	\$22,000,000
10911 Discovery Peak	11,974	6	9	4	2024	\$1,879	\$22,250,000
11308 Canyon Pass	9,857	5	6	5	2025	\$2,536	\$25,000,00

Highlighted Properties are in MacDonald Highlands!

KEY TRENDS FOR FALL 2026

• **Balanced market:** The market is shifting toward a balanced environment, with all indicators suggesting a tilt toward buyers due to higher inventory.

• **Pricing precision:** Sellers need to price their homes accurately based on current market data rather than previous peak prices. Overpricing can lead to longer time on the market, price reductions and winding up in the 60% of listings that are NOT selling. (It all comes down to Pricing and Timing. And, it is most likely Price!)

• **Buyer Behavior:** Luxury buyers are more discerning and have more negotiating power due to the expanded selection of homes. They are prioritizing condition, quality, design, privacy, and amenities.

• **The MOST Popular areas:** Exclusive neighborhoods - MacDonald Highlands, The Ridges and The Summit Club are continuing to drive demand for high-end properties. **Go MacDonald Highlands!!**



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For many, it's a time for reflecting and enjoying life's simple pleasures, like spending a comfortable evening on the patio looking at the best views in Las Vegas. This season of change is often when people consider new beginnings, and that includes finding a new place to call home.

If you're considering a move this Fall and you're ready to build your forever home, we'd be honored to assist you and show you all MacDonald Highlands has to offer BEFORE we are SOLD OUT!

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- Kristen

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Gerry Montiel, PGA
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Overseed is wrapped up, the weather is cooling down, and golf season at DragonRidge is officially here! We've taken advantage of the downtime during overseed to prepare for an event-packed Fall season, and we'll be off cart path only just in time for our Welcome Back – Katz vs. Dawgs event.

There is plenty more to look forward to this fall. Our golf calendar features The Swords & Shields Fall Member-Guest, a Ladies' One-Day Member-Guest, and the addition of a Men's and Ladies' Senior Club Championship! Please reach out to me with any questions or visit the golf calendar through the DragonRidge App for dates, registration, and additional information.

Keep an eye out for upcoming demo and club fitting days featuring your favorite equipment brands. You can also schedule a private fitting with our professional staff in The Cave anytime. We offer TaylorMade, Callaway, Titleist, XXIO, Miura, and PING equipment, along with everything from individual club evaluations to complete full-bag fittings. Best of all, our club pricing will never be higher than the big-box stores, so you can get professionally fit, support your club, and receive personalized service without ever leaving DragonRidge.

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AMANDA'S PICKS

Amanda is constantly refreshing the golf shop, and this fall she has brought in some exciting new collections for both men and women. Look for the latest from

Malbon, Sun Day Red, Vuori, and Melin, along with new selections of hats, shoes, and junior apparel.

Amanda continues to bring the latest golf and lifestyle trends to DragonRidge while keeping many of our member favorites in the mix. Don't see exactly what you're looking for? Ask us! We are happy to assist with special orders and can also help with corporate apparel, uniforms, gifts, and tournament merchandise.

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BETTER GOLF, MORE FUN:

THE BIG FOUR

MASTER THE 4 KEY VARIABLES.
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Control these four fundamentals and you can dramatically improve both the solidness of your contact and where the ball goes.

Jason Edmiston, PGA
Director of Instruction

Technology continues to play an increasingly prominent role in the world of golf instruction. The “launch monitor era” has revolutionized how coaches teach and how golfers learn and practice. We are fortunate here at DragonRidge to be outfitted with some of the most advanced launch monitors in the industry. If you aren't taking advantage of this already, I highly recommend you give it a try.

Those who have done launch monitor sessions with me will testify that I am always preaching about what I call “The Big Four”: Angle of Attack, Strike Location, Face Angle and Club Path. If you can gain control of these four variables and keep them within certain parameters, we can 100% guarantee that you will strike the ball solidly, consistently and accurately. So, let's look at each of these in a little more detail to gain an initial understanding of their importance.



ANGLE OF ATTACK (AOA)

This variable describes the vertical descent or ascent angle of the clubhead at the moment of impact. For example, in 2025 the average AoA for a 7-iron on the PGA Tour was 3.9 degrees down.

For most full swing shots, we want a downward AoA somewhere between 2 and 5 degrees, depending on the club being hit. The notable exception to this is driver, which favors a level or slightly ascending strike.

A proper AoA greatly increases the odds of striking the ball solidly and getting the clubhead to interact appropriately with the turf. Improper AoA typically results in an elevated rate of fat and/or thin shots, and a tendency toward deep or non-existent divots. Golfers with improper AoA often have an especially difficult time playing from tight lies and uneven lies.

STRIKE LOCATION

This variable describes where the ball contacts the clubface at the moment of impact. For irons, hybrids and fairways woods we want this strike location to be horizontally centered from heel to toe, and vertically on the 2nd, 3rd or 4th groove from the bottom of the club. For driver we want the strike to occur right in the middle of the face both horizontally and vertically.



The reason we want to strike most clubs a little low on the face is to prevent the bottom of the club from digging too deeply into the ground, which often results in a fat shot, even if the Angle of Attack was within proper parameters.

LAW #1
ANGLE OF ATTACK + STRIKE LOCATION
= **SOLIDNESS OF CONTACT**

FACE ANGLE



This variable describes where the clubface is pointing (left or right) at the moment of impact. Face angle largely determines the initial starting direction of the golf ball as long as the strike location was somewhere on the flat part of the clubface for irons (slightly more complicated for woods). If you want to make your golf ball take off more to the left or more to the right, this is the primary variable to focus on.

CLUB PATH



This variable describes what direction the clubhead is traveling (left or right) at the moment of impact. While face angle largely determines the initial starting direction of a golf shot, it is the combination of face angle and club path relative to one another which determines how a golf ball will curve during flight. For example, if the club path is travelling farther left than face angle, the golf shot will curve to the right, and vice versa.

LAW #2
FACE ANGLE + CLUB PATH
= **WHERE THE BALL GOES**

As you can see, if we're able to control all four of these variables and keep them within certain parameters, we can greatly influence both Solidness of Contact and Where the Ball Goes.



In my experience, most seasoned golfers are already performing consistently well on some of these variables and need to gain greater control of just one or two in order to dramatically improve their ball striking.

If you would like to have your “Big Four” evaluated and learn how to improve your control of these key variables, please feel free to contact me. Our golf instruction center, aka “The Cave”, is available for all DragonRidge members, including social members. ■

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In all my work the sphere represents the soul and wings represent freedom. In this work, the individual is looking into its soul to get a greater understanding of self. The closer that individual gets to that understanding the greater will be their freedom. This is also an infinite journey so the wings holding the soul is a Mobius (an infinite form).

- Bob Wilfong
"Why"
- Bronze Sculpture

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Community



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Cloaked in mystery, the female form of Nightfall intrigues us. Concealed is a beautiful face, but like nightfall itself, all is not revealed. The globes in each hand suggest the arrival of night and the passage of day, also reference the idea of putting the past behind us, and opening ourselves to the future.

- Richard MacDonald
"Nightfall"
- Bronze Sculpture

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By: Beckie Walters



"Joie de Vivre"
- Bronze Sculpture
Richard MacDonald

Richard C. MacDonald, the visionary founder and developer of MacDonald Highlands, has long held a deep appreciation for fine art and antiquities. Throughout the years, he has thoughtfully curated an inspiring collection of sculptures and artwork displayed throughout the community, creating an environment where art and everyday life seamlessly intertwine.

As you explore MacDonald Highlands, take a moment to admire these remarkable pieces. Each sculpture and painting reflects a passion for artistic excellence and serves as a lasting expression of culture, creativity, and the humanities—an enduring legacy generously shared with the entire community.

One of the first artistic experiences awaiting residents and guests of MacDonald Highlands begins at its distinguished entrances. Today, the community is accessed through two grand gates, with a third currently under construction along Viento Puntero Road to serve the prestigious Four Seasons Private Residences Las Vegas. Each arrival offers more than a welcoming entrance—it introduces visitors to the community's enduring commitment to art and culture.

Adding an interesting coincidence to the community's artistic story, both the founder and developer of MacDonald Highlands and the internationally recognized bronze sculptor share the name Richard MacDonald—they are in fact, two distinct individuals.

At the Stephanie Gate stands **"Nightfall"**, a striking bronze sculpture by acclaimed sculptor Richard MacDonald. Positioned within the gated entry, the piece greets those entering and departing the community with quiet elegance. The hooded female figure, balancing two spheres while poised upon a crescent moon, is intentionally enigmatic. Her concealed face invites curiosity, while the spheres symbolize the transition between day and night, the passage of time, and the opportunity to leave the past behind while embracing the future. The graceful movement of the drapery creates a sense of motion that contrasts with her purposeful stride, producing a captivating visual tension that rewards every viewing.



"SNAFU"
- Steel Sculpture
Joseph Kinnebrew

Just beyond the Valle Verde Gate, another of MacDonald's celebrated bronze works, **"Joie de Vivre" (Joy of Life)**, captures the exuberance of three carefree figures immersed in music. Animated by rhythm and harmony, the sculpture radiates vitality and celebrates the simple beauty of shared moments. The composition invites viewers to pause and imagine the melody filling the air, reminding us that the finest works of art do more than decorate a space—they inspire emotion, spark curiosity, and encourage personal interpretation. It is a fitting welcome to a community where beauty, creativity, and thoughtful design are woven into the everyday experience.

Richard MacDonald begins each sculpture with a spontaneous clay sketch of a live model, capturing the energy and emotion of the moment. The initial maquette is then refined and enlarged through a meticulous process that can take years, culminating in the traditional Lost Wax casting method to create a finished bronze with a distinctive patina.

Born in Pasadena, California, in 1946, MacDonald is a classically trained sculptor whose career has spanned more than five decades. Internationally recognized for his expressive bronze figures and celebrated collaboration with Cirque du Soleil, his work can be found in prestigious public spaces and private

collections around the world. Locally, his sculptures are represented at his gallery in the Bellagio, while his Monterey studio remains the creative home where he continues to shape his enduring artistic legacy.

Moving to just beyond the Fitness Center, adjacent to the pool and basketball courts, stands one of MacDonald Highlands' most recognizable contemporary works of art. Affectionately nicknamed **"The French Fry Sculpture"** by residents, the striking painted steel installation is officially titled **"SNAFU"**, a monumental work created by American sculptor Joseph Kinnebrew in 1999.

Constructed of welded steel and finished in a bold yellow hue, SNAFU is one of only three known editions. Its title is derived from the military acronym coined by United States Marines during World War II, meaning "Situation Normal, All F***ed Up." The sculpture's towering geometric forms appear suspended in a state of controlled instability—seemingly on the verge of collapse, yet perfectly balanced. Through this tension, Kinnebrew transforms the concept of chaos into an elegant composition of order, precision, and restraint. While the title alludes to disorder, the vibrant yellow finish introduces an unexpected sense of optimism, confidence, and vitality.



“Finding Balance”
- Bronze Sculpture
Bob Wilfong

The sculpture has earned an equally colorful reputation beyond MacDonald Highlands. Another edition resides at Utah State University, where students affectionately refer to it as “The Yellow French Fries.” The beloved landmark has inspired decades of campus traditions, including the annual creation of a giant snow hamburger beside the sculpture each winter.

Its popularity was put to the test when the artwork was vandalized and temporarily painted green. Although the sculpture was professionally restored, discussions arose about removing it from campus altogether. Students quickly rallied in its defense, launching the grassroots campaigns “Occufry USU” and “Save the Fries.” Their enthusiasm prevailed, and the sculpture remains a celebrated fixture on campus today—a testament to the emotional connections that great public art can inspire. The location of the third edition remains largely unknown, while the artist’s proof has reportedly entered a private collection, adding an element of rarity to the work displayed within MacDonald Highlands.

Known for his minimalist approach, Joseph Kinnebrew explores the relationship between geometry, color, and spatial balance. His sculptures are defined by clean lines, bold forms, and vibrant monochromatic finishes, with color serving as an essential element that animates each piece with its own distinct energy and personality. SNAFU exemplifies this philosophy, inviting viewers to find beauty in balance, even amid apparent disorder.

Joseph Kinnebrew is an acclaimed sculptor, painter, inventor, author, and lecturer whose work is featured in major museum and private collections worldwide. Renowned for his monumental minimalist sculptures, Kinnebrew has exhibited internationally and was described by The New York Times art critic William Zimmer as creating work that is “the 800-pound gorilla, impossible to ignore.” His bold, innovative style continues to make a lasting impact on contemporary art.

SCULPTURES WITH A VIEW

Christopher Homes has further enriched the artistic landscape of MacDonald Highlands by thoughtfully incorporating distinctive works of art throughout the community. The first of these welcomes residents and visitors at the entrance to The Vu, located at the corner of St. Croix Street and Serenity Point Drive.

Featured on the cover of this publication, the elegant bronze sculpture Why, created by acclaimed artist Bob Wilfong, serves as a striking introduction to The Vu’s sophisticated setting. Wilfong’s expressive style and masterful craftsmanship are showcased in additional works found throughout this neighborhood, each contributing to the community’s commitment to blending exceptional

architecture with meaningful public art.

Wanting to better understand the meaning behind “Why”, that the title is intentionally presented without a question mark or exclamation point. I reached out to artist Bob Wilfong to learn about the inspiration for this remarkable work.

In Wilfong’s own words: **“In all my work the sphere represents the Soul and wings represent freedom. In this work the individual is looking into its soul to get a greater understanding of self. The closer that individual gets to that understanding the greater will be their freedom. This is also an infinite journey so the wings holding the soul is a Mobius (an infinite form).”**

His thoughtful interpretation invites viewers to pause and contemplate their own personal journey. More than a striking bronze sculpture, Why becomes a symbolic expression of self-discovery, inner wisdom, and the enduring pursuit of personal freedom—an inspiring welcome to The Vu and the artistic legacy woven throughout MacDonald Highlands.

As my conversation with Bob Wilfong continued, the story behind his work within MacDonald Highlands began to unfold. He shared that Why is only one of several of his sculptures thoughtfully placed throughout the community.

My search led me to the newest Christopher Homes luxury model residences, where two additional Wilfong sculptures grace the private courtyard. Titled Finding Balance and Tomorrows From Today, each piece reflects the artist’s signature exploration of the human experience through symbolic form.

Of the two, Finding Balance offers a particularly meaningful reflection on relationships and connection. In Bob Wilfong’s own words: **“The idea being that two individuals bring different ideas and emotions to each situation they face in life. This creates a push and pull as these separate opinions are brought to the table. But if they respond to these imbalances from the heart, they will find balance. Note: the form of the heart between the two figures.”**

As with much of Wilfong’s work, the sculpture encourages viewers to look beyond its graceful bronze form and discover the symbolism woven into its design. The subtle heart nestled between the figures serves as a reminder that harmony is not achieved by eliminating differences, but by meeting them with understanding, compassion, and an open heart.

The neighboring sculpture, Tomorrows From Today, offers a quiet meditation on the connection between our present choices and the future we create. Its graceful composition encourages viewers to pause and reflect on the lasting impact of even life’s smallest moments.



“Tomrrows From Today”
- Bronze Sculpture
Bob Wilfong



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In Bob Wilfong's own words: **"This represents our reflections on what we've accomplished today and how those actions will affect our tomorrows."**

Simple yet profound, the sculpture serves as a reminder that every decision, achievement, and act of intention shapes the path ahead. Through its timeless symbolism, Tomorrows From Today inspires a sense of purpose, encouraging us to live thoughtfully today while embracing the promise of tomorrow.

According to Bob Wilfong, there are still more artistic discoveries waiting to be made within MacDonald Highlands. Two additional sculptures—Life's Dance and To Dance as One—are displayed inside the Christopher Homes model residences. It seems another visit is in order, and perhaps the inspiration for a future Highlander feature: More Art Around the Community.

Self-taught sculptor Bob Wilfong draws upon his extensive knowledge of human anatomy to create works that are both visually compelling and deeply symbolic. Since beginning his sculpting career in 1993, Wilfong has remained committed to creating art that inspires reflection, elevates the human spirit, and encourages a deeper understanding of oneself.

Wilfong believes that art, in all its forms, should move people to a higher level of consciousness while fostering pride, purpose, and personal connection. He views the artist's role as creating original, thought-provoking works that serve as a catalyst for inspiration and meaningful dialogue.

Throughout his distinguished career, Wilfong has created more than 40 traditional sculptures, 120 contemporary works, and 25 monumental installations. His bronze sculptures are represented in 48 states and seven countries, with 96 corporate, public, and private monumental commissions installed throughout the United States, Australia, and Mexico.

His sculptures, several of which grace the landscapes of MacDonald Highlands, reflect a remarkable ability to blend artistic beauty with profound symbolism—inviting viewers to discover not only the story behind each work, but perhaps something about themselves as well.

Over the course of his career, Wilfong has created more than 185 sculptures, reflecting his lasting impact as one of today's distinguished contemporary sculptors.



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For those interested in exploring more of Wilfong's work, his sculptures are represented by several distinguished galleries, including Masters Gallery in Cherry Creek, Colorado; C. Anthony Gallery in Beaver Creek, Colorado; Züger Gallery in Vail, Colorado; and Aspen Grove Fine Arts in Aspen, Colorado. While Bob Wilfong does not maintain an official website, a simple search for Bob Wilfong sculpture reveals a wealth of information about his remarkable body of work and the collections in which it is featured.

And one final reminder for residents inspired to add sculptural artwork of their own: be sure to obtain approval from the MacDonald Highlands HOA before installing any outdoor sculpture or artwork on your property. Thoughtful planning helps preserve the architectural integrity and aesthetic harmony that make our community so distinctive.

Art has a unique ability to tell stories, inspire reflection, and deepen our appreciation of the places we call home. As MacDonald Highlands continues to evolve, so too does its growing collection of exceptional artwork—ensuring there will always be another masterpiece waiting to be discovered.

Richard MacDonald, founder and developer of MacDonald Highlands, is truly a passionate patron of the arts whose appreciation for exceptional works continues to enrich the community. His vision, together with the thoughtful contributions of Christopher Homes, has created an environment where art is not merely displayed—it is woven into the very fabric of everyday life.

Behind every sculpture lies a story, a purpose, and an invitation to pause, reflect, and connect. Whether greeting you at the community's grand entrances or quietly enhancing its neighborhoods and gathering places, these remarkable works contribute to the distinctive character and cultural richness of MacDonald Highlands.

The next time you encounter one of these sculptures—or someone asks about the artwork that defines our community—you'll know that each piece represents far more than its beauty. It is part of a carefully curated collection that reflects the vision, creativity, and enduring appreciation for the arts that make MacDonald Highlands truly one of a kind. ■

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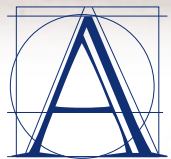
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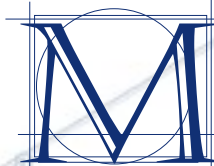
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As far back as he can remember, Mark Giberti has been passionate about building. From a young age in Southern California, he would help his father with projects around the house and in high school created award winning beautiful custom furniture. After graduating from SDSU with a BA degree in Industrial Education, he taught high school industrial arts, however, his true passion remained building – so he built – custom homes from the hills of Escondido to the cliffs of Del Mar, Rancho Santa Fe and up the coast to San Clemente, Newport, San Juan Capistrano and Laguna Beach. The idea to relocate to Nevada came after meeting a group of other builders and craftsmen who had already left California and were prosperous in the Las Vegas

construction boom. In 1993 Mark made Henderson his home and started working as a superintendent for a general contractor getting extensive commercial experience with business parks and hospitals.

In 2000, Mark had the good fortune to go to work for Rich and Claire MacDonald as their dream of Dragon Ridge was starting to become a reality. As their Construction Coordinator, Mark oversaw the construction of the temporary clubhouse, which consisted of a 4-plex of modular units obtained from Anthem Country Club and a cart barn tent – both were located where the parking areas are now. Next came work on the permanent club house and other structures followed.



Mark obtained his GC license in 2005 and became the Qualified Individual (QI) for MacDonald Construction. As the QI, he oversaw 2 Parade of Homes residences, the MacDonald's personal residence on St. Croix, the Fitness Center, and Tennis Parks, many other features inside the Highlands as well as nearby business parks outside the gates.

The challenging economic times of 2009 provided the opportunity for Mark to establish Giberti Construction which allowed him to transition from his role as the MacDonald's QI to their preferred custom home builder. While Giberti Construction has built custom houses in other developments, they specialize in the intricacies of MacDonald Highlands and are very thankful it has been their home for the last 26 years.

Giberti Construction is a family business. Mark's wife, Karen, has brought 30+ years of commercial construction experience to her role as Office Manager; Mark's son, James is excelling as he oversees field operations and is

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THE BEST FEELING IS TO SEE EACH PROJECT COMPLETED; IT STILL AMAZES ME!

~MARK GIBERTI

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becoming familiar with the business management/business development aspects in preparation to take over more of those tasks. Mark's daughter Hannah, her husband Trevor and James' son Vincent are also proud employees. And the amazing team members not carrying the Giberti name are deeply appreciated and adored!

Mark is thankful as he reflects on his career as a licensed contractor in CA and NV for 27 years and his 40+ years in construction. He holds the same enthusiasm for each project as if it was his first and finds great joy when he has the opportunity to present each client with their beautiful new home.

When it comes to building, no custom home is too large, they do remodels and welcome commercial construction (when time allows), but their true passion carries back to Mark's early construction roots – custom homes!





Welcoming RanDee Brems

AS OUR NEW SOMMELIER AT DRAGONRIDGE COUNTRY CLUB

DragonRidge Country Club is pleased to announce the promotion of RanDee Brems to Sommelier, celebrating her continued growth, dedication, and passion for creating exceptional experiences for our members.

RanDee joined DragonRidge in March 2025 as a member of our Food & Beverage Operations team, quickly becoming known for her impeccable attention to detail, gracious approach, and genuine commitment to making every member experience feel personal and memorable.

Her passion for wine has continued to flourish as she deepens her knowledge of the world's renowned wine-growing regions, varietals, agricultural practices, and the environmental influences that contribute to the character and expression of each vintage. For RanDee, wine is more than what is poured into the glass—it is the story of its origin, the artistry of its production, and the experience it creates when shared.

In her new role as Sommelier, RanDee looks

forward to further developing her expertise and bringing that knowledge directly to our members. She will be instrumental in thoughtfully curating the wines featured within our Wine Locker Program, with an emphasis on discovering exceptional selections and creating opportunities for members to explore wines that reflect their individual tastes and preferences.

Whether you have a favorite, are looking to discover your next bottle, or simply wish to learn more about the world of wine, we invite you to connect with RanDee - Rbrems@dragonridgecc.com. She welcomes the opportunity to learn your palate, introduce you to new selections, and provide a more personalized approach to your wine experience at DragonRidge.

Please join us in raising a glass to RanDee and congratulating her on this exciting next chapter. We are proud to celebrate her continued growth and look forward to the expertise, enthusiasm, and elevated wine experiences she will bring to the DragonRidge community.

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DECODING THE 100-POINT SCALE
With Sommelier RanDee Brems

Picture this: you're standing in Total Wine choosing between two virtually identical bottles of a Napa Valley Cabernet Sauvignon, but one is dressed with a sticker that says 91 points and the other has one that says 88. When it comes down to choosing which one you'll be taking home, I bet you'll probably be reaching for the higher number without a second thought. I get it, because I've done the same. It feels like a shortcut to a good decision. But I want to let you in on something every sommelier learns pretty quickly: a high score doesn't mean you'll love what's in the glass.

So where do these numbers even come from? The 100-point wine score was popularized by critic Robert Parker back in the late 1970s and 80s. Before that, wine reviews were mostly descriptive, full of ornate language that told you very little about actual quality. Parker wanted something that felt as familiar as a school report card, so he built a scale where every wine technically starts around 50 points and then earns marks for things like appearance, aroma, flavor, and overall impression. The idea caught on fast, and today most major publications and critics use some version of it.

Now I bet you're asking yourself, why does this all matter to me as a wine drinker? Well, when a wine scores in the 90s, it usually means the critic scoring it felt it was a true, well-made expression of what that grape or region is supposed to taste like. A Napa Cabernet that scores 95 probably has the deep dark fruit, structure, and richness that critics expect from a great Napa Cab. That score, in that instance, is a useful signal about quality and craftsmanship, not a promise that you'll personally enjoy it.

Think about it this way. A bold, tannic red might score beautifully because it's a textbook example of its style, but if you

tend to gravitate toward lighter, brighter wines, that same bottle might taste heavy or harsh to you. Neither reaction is wrong. The critic and you are just measuring different things. They're scoring technical merit and typicity, meaning how well the wine represents its variety. You're scoring pleasure, and pleasure is personal.

Scores can also vary quite a bit between critics and even between publications, since there's no single universal method behind them. A wine that earns 92 from one source might land at 88 from another. None of that means anyone's right or wrong. It just means wine tasting, even at the professional level, still comes down to a human palate and personal preference.

My honest advice is to use scores as a starting point, not a verdict. Let them point you toward well-made wines worth trying, then trust your own palate to tell you the rest of the story. Some of my personal favorite bottles have never carried a big number, and some of the most hyped wines I've tasted just weren't for me. That's completely normal, and honestly, that's the fun part of building your own wine knowledge.

One of the best ways to start figuring out your own palate is through our wine locker program here at DragonRidge. Locker members get to join our bi-weekly tastings, where you try a variety of wines side by side and talk through what makes you gravitate toward one over another. It's a relaxed, no pressure way to build your own sense of taste rather than relying on someone else's score. We currently have a waitlist open for the program, so if you're interested in a locker of your own and access to those tastings, reach out any time and I'll get you on the list.

Cheers!





A DESTINATION TRAVEL:

Winter is Coming...

By Paige MacDonald

I have spent years helping clients swap the winter blues for pristine powder, bespoke alpine experiences, and the unparalleled warmth of the world's finest luxury resorts. When you book a winter getaway with me as your Virtuoso travel advisor, you aren't just reserving a room; you are unlocking exclusive VIP perks—like complimentary daily breakfast, \$100 resort credits, room

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From the majestic peaks of the American West to the timeless glamour of the Swiss Alps, here are three favorite winter destinations and the exclusive Virtuoso vendor experiences that make them unforgettable.



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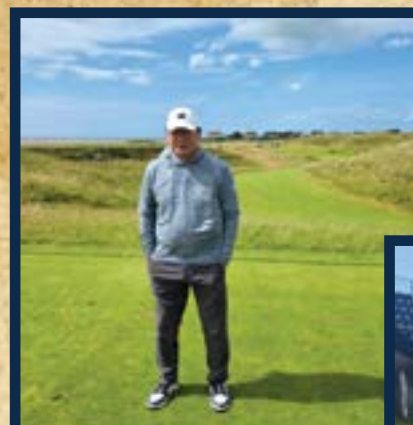


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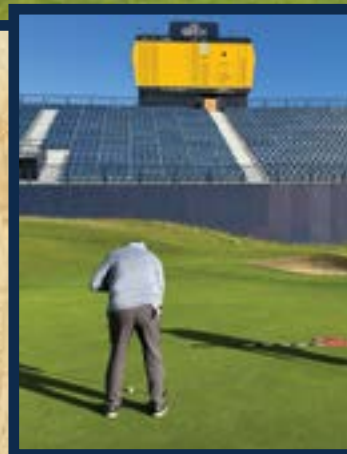
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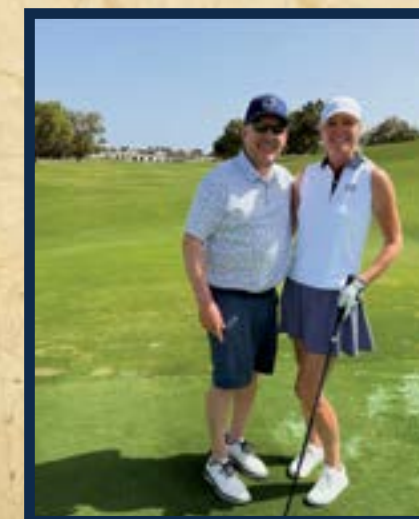
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RECIPE

Velvety CARROT SOUP

A velvety, elegantly crafted carrot soup, delicately balanced with sweet carrots, fragrant aromatics, and a luxurious finish of cream and crème fraîche.

Ingredients | Method

1 TBSP Olive Oil or Butter

1 Yellow Onion, Finely Chopped

2 Garlic Cloves, Minced

1 lb. Fresh Carrots, Peeled and Sliced

4 Cups Vegetable or Chicken Broth

1/2 Cup Heavy Cream or Coconut Milk

2 TBSP Crème Fraîche,
(plus additional for garnish)

Kosher Salt, To Taste

Freshly Ground Black Pepper, to taste

Garnish with Crème Fraîche

*Optional additional garnishes: Fresh Thyme leaves,
Toasted Pumpkin Seeds (pepitas) Crispy Shallots*

In a large saucepan, warm the olive oil or butter over medium heat. Add the onion and garlic and gently sauté until softened and fragrant, approximately 4–5 minutes.

Add the carrots and broth. Bring to a gentle boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for 20–25 minutes, or until the carrots are completely tender.

Using a blender, purée the soup until exceptionally smooth and silky.

Return the soup to low heat and stir in the heavy cream or coconut milk. Season delicately with kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper.

For an elegant finish, ladle into warmed bowls and garnish with a small spoonful of crème fraîche. Serve immediately.

RECIPE

Classic ITALIAN TIRAMISU

An elegant Italian classic layered with espresso-soaked ladyfingers and silky mascarpone cream, finished with a delicate dusting of cocoa.

Ingredients | Method

2 Large Eggs, Separated

1/3 Cup Granulated Sugar

8.8 oz Mascarpone Cheese

1 TBSP Pure Vanilla Extract

1 Package Ladyfingers

**1½ Cups Strong Brewed
Coffee or Espresso, Chilled**

Unsweetened Cocoa Powder
(for finishing)

Separate the eggs, placing the yolks and whites in two clean mixing bowls. Add half of the sugar, approximately 2.5 tablespoons, to the egg yolks. Whisk until the mixture becomes pale, smooth, and noticeably thickened.

Add the remaining 2.5 tablespoons of sugar to the egg whites. Whip until the whites form firm, glossy stiff peaks.

Gently fold the mascarpone cheese and vanilla extract into the sweetened egg yolks until completely smooth and luxurious.

Carefully fold the whipped egg whites into the mascarpone mixture in batches. Use a gentle folding motion to preserve the airiness and create a light, velvety cream.

Briefly dip each ladyfinger into the chilled coffee, allowing it to absorb the espresso without becoming overly saturated. Arrange the ladyfingers in an even layer in your serving dish.

Spread a generous layer of mascarpone cream over the coffee-soaked ladyfingers, smoothing the surface. Add a second layer of coffee-soaked ladyfingers followed by the remaining mascarpone cream.

Lightly dust the surface with unsweetened cocoa powder. Cover and refrigerate overnight to allow the flavors to develop and the layers to set beautifully.



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THE 19TH HOLE

Cocktails with a Little Latin Hair



LA PAMA
DE ESMERALDA

.5 oz Pomegranate Juice
.5 oz Lime Juice
.5 oz Agave Syrup
1oz Pama Liqueur
1.5oz Eleven 20 Tequila Blanco
Splash Orange Bitters

Rim rock glass with sugar. Add ingredients to shaker with ice. Shake. Strain over fresh ice into a sugar rimmed rock glass. Garnish with a lemon wheel and pomegranats seeds.

EL MULLIGANO

.5 oz Bénédictine
.5 oz Sweet Vermouth
.5 oz Mezcal
1.5 oz Eleven 20 Repo
3 Dahes Angostura Bitters
1 Rock Ice
1 Luxardo Marschino Cherry

Add ingredients to a mixing glass, add ice, stir. Strain over large rock ice. Garnish with Luxardo Cherry.

TALKIN' IN
THE BACK SWING

.5oz Luxardo Maraschino Liqueur
.75oz DiSarrono
1.5oz Whistlepig Piggyback Rye
.5oz Lemon Juice
Cherry Bitters (splash)
Pinch of Salt
Lemon horseneck (garnish)

Add Ingredients to a shaker, whip shake (no ice). Add ice - long hard shake. Double strain into a martini glass. Garish with lemon horseneck.

Cocktails with a Little Story

At The Onyx Bar, the 19th Hole is more than a place - it's the part of the round where the scorecard disappears, the stories begin, and another round is poured. Inspired by the spirit, rhythm, and warmth of Latin culture, these three cocktails each tell their own story.

LA PAMA DE ESMERALDA - The Legend of the Emerald
Legend has it that every great golf course has a hidden treasure - one of ours just happens to be served in a glass. La Pama de Esmeralda, or "The Emerald Palm," was inspired by the lush greens of the course and the vibrant spirit of Latin destinations. Its ruby-red pomegranate, bright lime, agave, and tequila create a cocktail as striking as a sunset over the fairway. A little tropical, a little mysterious, and entirely worth discovering.

EL MULLIGANO - The Second Chance
In golf, there's always another shot - at least when your friends are generous enough to give you a mulligan. El Mulligano takes that beloved tradition and gives it a Latin soul.

Smoky mezcal and tequila lead the way, while Bénédictine, sweet vermouth, and bitters bring richness and intrigue. A Luxardo cherry seals the

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TALKIN' IN THE BACK SWING - The Storyteller
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Since our launch, we have already helped DragonRidge members arrange transportation, secure dinner reservations, book tickets to sporting events and local shows, and coordinate a variety of personalized requests. Every request is an opportunity to provide a seamless experience and introduce our members to exceptional businesses and experiences throughout the Las Vegas community.

The Concierge desk is available Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Kimberly Klein is happy to assist with both the everyday and the extraordinary - whether that means arranging a simple home service or helping coordinate an elaborate evening out.

As the program continues to grow, so does our collection of preferred partners. We are continually seeking out exceptional businesses and service providers who share our commitment to quality, professionalism, and personalized service.

Ultimately, the DragonRidge Concierge Program is about more than convenience. It is about creating a level of service that complements the lifestyle our members have come to expect: thoughtful, personalized, and effortless.

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Through poetry, music, workshops, and conversation, the Gathering joins folks from all walks of life to tell authentic stories rooted in lives spent close to the land and in the American West. This signature event is still held in Elko the last week of January each year, attracting up to 8,000 attendees annually.

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JAKE RILEY

Jake Riley was born in Salida, Colorado, and grew up in the upper Arkansas Valley of the Colorado mountains. He began roping and rodeoing as a kid, which led to helping out at local ranches, which spawned his love for cowboy culture. Much of Jake's work involves firsthand ranch and rodeo experiences told from his perspective on the contemporary fringe. He's shared his work from California to Minnesota. Jake now calls the plains of Nebraska home, living there along with his wife Carley and a teeming horde of young'uns with an affection for western ways.

JIMMY CANTWELL

Jimmy Cantwell is a second-generation horseman who's turned a life full of experience into song. From his time as a soldier to riding colts and training horses for both the public and the U.S. Army—topped off with a little day work here and there—he's got plenty of stories to tell. Jimmy's sound is pure country, western, and everything in between. At the end of the day, he's just a "good ol' cowboy singer."



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TRINITY SEELY

Trinity Seely's life has taken her to many different places, from the Chilcotin of British Columbia to the high deserts of central Wyoming to the Big Belts outside Cascade, Montana. She has spent the last 20 years living and working on cattle ranches across the West with her husband and kids. Trinity finds inspiration for her music in the life she has lived and all that comes with it, as well as an appreciation for a lifestyle that some say is disappearing. She currently calls Ojai, California home, where she is the Director of the Horse Program at The Thatcher School. Trinity released her debut album in 2011.

TICKETS FOR THE JANUARY 25-30 EVENT ARE ALSO ON SALE NOW!
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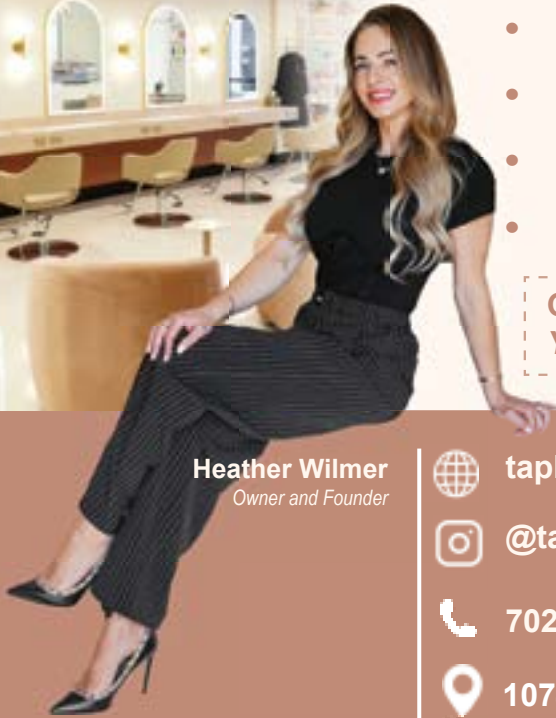
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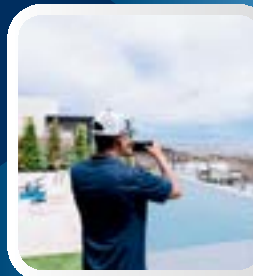
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- 10/24 Trunk or Treat
- 10/28 Ladies' One-Day Member/Guest
- 10/29 Halloween Happy Hour

NOVEMBER

- 11/3 Ladies' Book Club
- 11/8 Fall Festival
- 11/15 Hall Pass
- 11/16 Glow Yoga
- 11/19 Hiking Club
- 11/26 Turkey Trot
- 11/26 Thanksgiving Feast

DECEMBER

- 12/1 Ladies' Book Club
- 12/3 New Member Social
- 12/4 Mistletoe Mixer
- 12/8 Tree Lighting Ceremony
- 12/13 Breakfast with Santa
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- 12/15 Merry Mixology
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