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Golf Course and Clubhouse at Snowmass Club Setting a Green Standard

SNOWMASS VILLAGE, CO...The golf course and clubhouse at Snowmass Club make being green look pretty easy. An active member of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program, the Snowmass Club golf course was certified in environmental planning in March of 2006, the first in a six-step certification process expected to be completed within two years. Certification validates the management practices Snowmass Club has in place to reduce environmental impact on water, wildlife, land, and habitat.

With the completion of the redesigned golf course in 2004, Snowmass Club radically reduced irrigated turf area, improved the storm drainage system, and installed a state-of-the-art irrigation system. The club also finalized a stream diversion project that improves the fisheries habitat and substantially lessens the sediment load of nearby Brush Creek. As part of the certification process, Snowmass Club is further bettering management practices by cataloging birds and mammals, testing water, and tracking pesticide use.

The golf clubhouse at Snowmass Club is LEED Silver Certified, and is one of the greenest commercial buildings in Colorado. Fewer than 30 structures in the state are LEED certified. LEED, which stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is the most respected and widely-recognized third-party certification standard in the country. It was established by the U.S. Green Building Council. The clubhouse was also honored with the Colorado Renewable Energy Society Award in 2005.

Designed by Cottle Graybeal Yaw architects, the clubhouse uses 30% less water than the average commercial structure in Snowmass. It is 100% wind-powered, and is orientated east to west so that occupied spaces, including the bar, dining area, and pro shop face south and receive solar warming in the winter and natural sunlight year round. Other green-friendly features in the clubhouse include rugs made from recycled materials, dual flush toilets that use 30% less water, walls painted with non-toxic paints, and heat pumps with variable speed circulation drives to conserve energy. As part of Snowmass Club, the course offers a full slate of amenities including a full PGA/LPGA teaching staff headed by Ken Everett, practice facilities, a full-service golf pro shop, club rentals, caddy program, group lessons and bookings, and the Black Saddle Bar & Grille.

Snowmass Club golf course is a private course with limited public access. In addition to priority tee time reservations and unlimited golf, a club golf membership provides access to the club's athletic and tennis facilities and events. For membership information or to tour the club, please contact the Membership Office at (970) 923-0929 or visit www.snowmassclub.com.

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Snowmass Club Golf Course Fits Golfers of All Levels

SNOWMASS VILLAGE, CO...Designed by award-winning architect Jim Engh, the Snowmass Club golf course draws on Engh's 23 years of architectural experience to create a course designed specifically for the breathtaking Snowmass valley. Framed by Mt. Daly, Snowmass Peak, and the majestic Elk Mountain Range, the 18-hole, par-72 course offers something for golfers of every level, from the casual novice to the seasoned professional.

"We have a bit of everything here," says Ken Everett, Head Golf Professional at Snowmass Club golf course. "Our 7,008 yard course features an undulating landscape with seven different grasses including bent greens, blue-grass fairways, and native Colorado mix, creating one-of-a-kind course terrain with incomparable mountain views." Everett is joined by an experienced and enthusiastic staff of professionals and personally brings over 25 years of golf experience to the club.

Given the contribution of unrivaled design and a spectacular mountain backdrop, it came as little surprise when Snowmass Club golf course was named *Colorado Golf Magazine's* "#1 Best New Golf Course in 2004." Recently, the course also garnered the sixth spot in *Golf Digest's* "Best New Upscale Golf Courses."

With undulating fairways and stadium greens, more than 7,000 yards from the back tees, and more than 8,000 feet above sea level, the course has a rating of 71.9. The club offers a full slate of amenities including a full PGA/LPGA teaching staff headed by Everett, practice facilities, a full-service golf pro-shop, club rentals, a caddy program, and the Black Saddle Bar & Grille located in the clubhouse. Groups of up to 50 are also encouraged to book the golf course for group lessons, team building, and tournaments.

A recently short-course practice area consists of a putting green, practice sand bunker and a chipping area. "The short-game practice area is an excellent addition to a course of our caliber," tells Everett. "Unlike other clubs in the area, our short course is surrounded by serene mountain views. Golfers can tune up their skills without the distracting buzz of nearby traffic."

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