

Superstition Mountain Golf & Country Club Caps Off First Official Private Season Since Receivership with Positive Momentum

Club Embraces Its Past – Gives Credit for Club's Revitalization to Susan Hladky, a Non-Traditional Owner with Exceptional Vision

GOLD CANYON, Ariz. (May 28, 2014) – Superstition Mountain Golf & Country Club is wrapping up its first official completely private season since its receivership with positive momentum and success. The course, which has a well-documented past and has taken what some may call a bumpy ride to its current condition, gives much of the credit to owner and developer Susan Hladky. Her vision and determination are the driving factors that brought the Club back to what many are calling its “glory days.”

Located at the foot of the Superstition Mountains, just 35 minutes from Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport, Superstition Mountain Golf & Country Club is one of the premier private clubs in the region. The 878-acre luxury gated community is home to two spectacular Nicklaus designed golf courses, the Prospector Course and the Lost Gold Course. Both are recognized for their inspirational views and challenging play.

The Club's storied past is one many other clubs in the country have not had to endure. In 2008 the property went into receivership and was forced to open its doors to public play. Much uncertainty surrounded homeowners and members until 2009, when Susan Hladky purchased the Club's assets out of receivership and began the job of bringing the course back to its well-known premiere status.

Hladky is not the traditional “golf industry” CEO, but she is a successful businesswoman. She is making her presence known in a traditionally male-dominated field. Hladky purchased the property with her husband who passed away in 2011. In addition to her role as golf club owner, she is also the developer of record for the entire property.

“We own a home here and love the area,” said Hladky. “We saw this Club as a diamond in the rough, and knew despite our lack of traditional golf industry experience, if we ran it like a business we could restore it to glory and I'm proud to say that has happened.”

One of the first things Hladky did was to hire a new General Manager to run the club. She looked for someone with serious credentials and Mark Gurnow was her choice.

“I knew if I didn't hire someone with a strong background, the membership would eat them up,” Hladky said. “Mark was that person. He is always working to bring the club to the next level.”

Hladky's investment in the Club didn't stop there. She also knew, as owner, she needed to understand how the Club operated from top to bottom.

Hladky added, “I jumped in and helped where I could. I worked in the kitchen, learned what all the departments dealt with on a daily basis. When the owner jumps in staff notice and see firsthand your commitment to not just the members, but to them as well.”

“The rebirth of this Club and our ability to go back to completely private is a direct result of the leadership we see from Mrs. Hladky,” said Gurnow. “Her dedication, energy and willingness to do what it takes to compete in this industry are why we are in such a great position today.”

Add to the vision of Hladky, the dedication of the staff and the unmatched beauty of the surroundings and you find a premier private club.

To learn more about membership at Superstition Mountain Golf & Country Club go to www.superstitionmountain.com or call (toll free) 877-983-3200.

About Superstition Mountain Golf & Country Club

Superstition Mountain Golf & Country Club is an 878-acre luxury gated community located in Gold Canyon, Ariz. at the base of the Superstition Mountains. It is just 25 minutes from Phoenix and 45 minutes from Scottsdale. Two well-known Nicklaus designed golf courses make up the centerpiece of this premiere private club: the Prospector Course, which opened in 1998 and Lost Gold, which opened in 1999. The stunning 50,000 square-foot Tuscan-inspired clubhouse is the hub of activity for members and their guests.

Superstition Mountain returned to completely private status in 2014, after a journey through financial difficulties and receivership. The revitalization was realized as a result of the vision of the owner as well as the Club’s premier location, remarkable lifestyle offered and its world-class golf. www.superstitionmountain.com

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