



Newest Focal Point in Borrego Springs

RAMS HILL COUNTRY CLUB



One of two lakes which come into play on the 399-yard 14th hole.

Rams Hill Country Club is the focal point of a new 3,140-acre Ram's Hill resort-residential community being developed in Borrego Springs by the Di Giorgio Development Corp.

The championship 18-hole, par-72 course, which was opened for play in November 1982, already has drawn the praise of those who played it in its first season.

"It's just a matter of time until the Rams Hill course gains national recognition," opined Hank Litten, company vice president and a former

member of Hacienda, La Jolla and San Diego Country Clubs.

Designed by internationally renowned golf course architect Ted Robinson, the Rams Hill course measures 7,076 yards from the championship tees and has an SCGA rating of 72.8. From the regular markers the length is 6,328 yards with a 69.9 rating.

The ladies' course is 5,694 yards and has been rated 71.6 by the San Diego County Women's Golf Assn.

With the Anza-Borrego Mountains as a backdrop, Robinson took advantage of the differing elevations of the rolling foothills to create a golf course with unusual Desert character. Rises or falls of more than 100 feet on several holes give broad vistas of the Bor-

A GOLFER blasts from one of the 56 bunkers at Rams Hill.



climated trees have been planted on the course to define fairways and help outline the greens. The trees were grown in the developer's 210-acre nursery, and a computerized water system with individual "gurglers" for each tree assures their survival and growth for early golf course maturity.

John Bell, the Class A PGA professional, gave some tips on playing Rams Hill. He warned that Robinson has placed 56 bunkers on the course to catch errant shots and to protect the greens, while giving the skilled player a fair shot.

No.1 (449 championship yards, 398 regular), par 4—Length off the tee is important on this downhill, slight dog-leg left. Second shot is to a huge sloping green, well bunkered on the left front and behind.

No.2 (565 and 518 yards), par 5—An accurate tee shot is a must as a large lake to the left comes into play. Third shot is to a well bunkered two-tier green. This is the longest hole on the course.

No.3 (186 and 164 yards), par 3—Miss the green here and you create a variety of problems. There is almost always a cross wind off the tee. The green is elevated and guarded by a deep bunker at the right.

No.4 (433 and 385 yards), par 4—A straight and long tee shot is a must on this No. 1 handicap hole. Fairway bunkers on both sides create a narrow landing area. The second shot is very demanding as three bunkers surround the green.

No.5 (507 and 468 yards), par 5—This is a straight-away hole, but you

must avoid a series of bunkers to the right when approaching the wide but shallow green.

No.6 (197 and 168 yards), par 3—An ominous challenge with a large lake guarding the front and winding around the right side of the green. Although the green is large, if you're short, you're in the water and if long, you're in the sand.

No.7 (410 and 371 yards), par 4—There's lots of room off the tee, if you keep the ball left. Rated as the No. 3 handicap hole because of the severely sloped, well bunkered green.

No.8 (380 and 349 yards), par 4—Don't be fooled because this is a shortish par-4. The approach shot is tricky to a tiered green sloping away, and a deep bunker guards the left side.

No.9 (401 and 357 yards), par 4—A fairway bunker to the right and a deep greenside bunker to the left trap a log of balls. With a huge three-tiered green, the golfer must select the right club for the approach shot or expect a sure three-putt.

The Out Nine measures 3,528 and 3,178 yards and plays to a regulation 36. The home nine is 3,548 and 3,150 yards, also with a par of 36.

No. 10 (392 and 355 yards), par 4—Here you must clear a lake off the tee and keep the ball straight to avoid a deep fairway bunker. The sand surrounding the narrow, elevated green makes for an extremely difficult approach.

No. 11 (434 and 378 yards), par 4—Length off the tee is a big factor, but watch out for a tricky grass bunker to the right. Here the approach is to a

RAMS HILL'S 420-yard finishing hole requires an approach shot over a lake and waterfall to a deep, three-tiered green.

regio Valley and help to create golf holes with distinct uphill, downhill and sidehill play.

Elevation ranges from 520 feet on the fifth tee to 850 feet on the 13th green. Strategic landing areas are designed into all four and five par holes, with the average straight drive enjoying a flat lie.

Where nature didn't provide enough roll, Robinson added contours and mounds which extend from one side of the fairway to the other. Each hole has three separate tees.

The course features seven lakes which can come into play on six holes, and large multi-tiered greens can be set up to test the most skilled putter.

More than 2,600 mature, desert-ac-





The green on No. 17 is long and undulating, with a lake guarding the approach.

very large sloping green with a deep bunker guarding the front.

No. 12 (532 and 476 yards), par 5—This is a long, uphill dogleg left. There are very few flat areas on the fairway and a very tricky pot bunker guards the front of the big three-tiered green.

No. 13 (170 and 145 yards), par 3—Shortest hole on the course with a green 146 feet deep. A deep bunker guards the left front of the green.

(This green is the highest elevation on the course at 820 feet and affords a spectacular view of the Borrego Valley and Salton Sea to the east.)

No. 14 (399 and 362 yards), par 4—Placement off the tee is crucial with the first of two lakes coming into play

on the right. Approach requires an accurate shot over a second lake bordering the front of the green.

(If you take a bogey or worse here, blame it on the beauty of the hole and the spectacular view of the mountains which are often snow capped in the winter.)

No. 15 (439 and 380 yards), par 4—This is another lengthy par-4 with a rolling fairway. Avoid a fairway trap to the left and a lake to the right to have a chance at reaching the small, well bunkered green.

No. 16 (220 and 180 yards), par 3—This is a long, demanding par-3 with traps surrounding the green. With a small breeze in your face, expect to hit

your driver.

No. 17 (542 and 505 yards), par 5—Accuracy off the tee can mean an extra 75 to 100 yards in distance and a chance for the long hitters to reach the green in two strokes over a huge lake. Most golfers lay up short of the water for a tricky 90 to 100-yard approach to a very large green.

No. 18 (420 and 369 yards), par 4—This is a well-guarded dogleg left sloping down toward the water. There's no way to avoid an approach over the lake and waterfall directly in front of the deep, three level green. A great finishing hole!

After a tour of the Rams Hill Course, you'll be ready for refresh-

The scenery on No.14 can distract the golfer from his approach shot.



ments in the 20,000-square-foot southwest contemporary-styled clubhouse which is nearing completion for opening later this year.

Entry is through dramatic stained glass doors into a foyer and a hexagonal shaped golf shop overlooking the first tee. The lounge with a sunken bar allows members and guests to view the ninth green and the Borrego Valley all the way to the Salton Sea. A floor-to-ceiling fireplace is mirrored to give everyone a view.

The separate adjoining 100-seat two-level, gourmet dining room also overlooks the ninth green, and there is a covered snack bar and buffet counter with outside dining.

Other clubhouse amenities include a \$200,000 kitchen, administrative offices and men's and ladies' showers and locker rooms.

The 7,500-square-foot basement has storage for 100 golf carts, the cart maintenance shop, club storage and repair area and a temperature-controlled wine cellar.

With the fine course completed, it is easy to understand why Rams Hill has gained 51 charter members through mid-summer.

Planning the Rams Hill community and its early development has taken 10 years and more than \$25 million, by the DiGiorgio Corp., a billion-dollar company listed on the New York Stock Exchange, which has been active in Borrego Springs since 1946.

Rams Hill was designed for second-home owners, active retirees and the new, young and affluent professionals.

The overall plan calls for 15 "neighborhoods" including golf course home sites, estate lots, single-family patio homes, attached patio homes and "casitas."

The golf course homesite "neighborhood" will include a recreation center with a tennis court, swimming pool, spa and cabana. Patio home "neighborhoods" will include a tennis court, swimming pool, spa and cabana.

Scheduled to go on sale in October are 98 golf course homesites adjacent to Fairways 15, 16 and 17. Strict architectural controls are planned for the custom homes built by buyers.

Construction was begun in May for the model complex and recreation center for 75 patio homes along the 17th and 18th fairways. Planned are 29 single-family homes, ranging in size from 1,745 to 2,086 square feet. There also will be 46 homes from

1,513 to 1,780 square feet, built in duplex, triplex and fourplex configurations.

The estate lots, ranging from two to five acres, will be master-planned on the highest elevation in Rams Hill. Many of the custom homes on these lots will have views of the Salton Sea.

Prices and complete information are available from: DiGiorgio Development Corp., P.O. Box 664, Borrego Springs, CA 92004.

The sales offices are in the east wing of the Scripps Clinic, at the entrance to Rams Hill and at the country club. The sales office is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the telephone number is (619) 767-5101 or 767-5125.

Already established at Rams Hill is a satellite clinic of the world renowned Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation. Its staff of doctors, specialists, technicians and nurses provide patients with the best in medical services across the wide range of patient needs.

Some 40 acres at the entrance to Rams Hill opposite the 7,000-square-foot Scripps Clinic have been reserved for commercial development. A fire station also is planned.

Rams Hill's innovative water management system diverts rain runoff from the nearby mountains around the development in water collector channels and also recycles water to irrigate the golf course.

The DiGiorgio Corp. is no newcomer to the Borrego Springs area, having been a pioneer developer since 1946. The Rams Hill management team brings many years of business and golf experience to the project.

Corporate board chairman is Bob DiGiorgio, an enthusiastic golfer.

President and chief executive officer of DiGiorgio is Pete Scott, a 14 handicapper and a member of Hillsborough C.C. in San Francisco and De Anza Desert C.C. in Borrego Springs.

George J. Kuhrt III, president of Rams Hill, is a founder-developer of De Anza C.C., host to the Ryder Cup team matches in the 1950s.

Litten, in addition to the club memberships mentioned earlier, was a member of the development team at Los Coyotes, Mesa Verde, Lake Lindero and San Vicente Country Clubs.

Head professional John Bell was on the Braemar C.C. staff before coming to Rams Hill. Superintendent Joe Gomez was formerly superintendent at

Marrakesh and assistant at Ironwood in Palm Springs.

Rams Hill derives its name from the Spanish word "borrego" for Big Horn sheep which inhabit the Santa Rosa and San Ysidro mountain ranges which surround Borrego Springs. Some 400 of the sheep, representing one-half of the world's remaining Big Horn population, are Borrego residents.

They number many less than the 2,500 year-round residents of the community adjacent to the 560,000-acre Anza-Borrego State Park. This population grows to more than 6,000 during the October through May winter season.

More than 1.5 million visitors come to Borrego Springs each year. It is 80 miles northeast of San Diego and 75 miles southwest of Palm Springs. The drive to Borrego Springs is through some of Southern California's most beautiful mountain and agricultural areas.

From Los Angeles and Orange County areas, take I-5 to Hwy. 91 and go east to Corona. Turn right (south) on Hwy. 71 (I-215 and then I-15) and continue to Hwy. 79 just South of Temecula. Continue east on Hwy. 79 through Warner Springs to S-2. Turn left and continue for 4.5 miles to S-22. Turn left and continue 18 miles to Borrego Springs. Then follow signs to Rams Hill.

From San Diego, go east on I-8 and turn left on Hwy. 67 for 22 miles to Ramona. Continue through town (Hwy. 67 becomes Hwy. 78) to Santa Ysabel. Here there are two options, one of which is: Stay on Hwy. 78 for seven miles through the quaint gold rush town of Julian and continue 11 miles to S-3. Turn left at Borrego Springs sign and continue five miles to Rams Hill entrance.

The other option: At San Ysabel, turn left on Hwy. 79 and continue 11 miles to S-2. Turn right at the power station and continue 4.5 miles to the S-22 turnoff. Turn left on S-22 and continue for 18 miles to Borrego Springs. Follow signs to Rams Hill.

From Palm Springs, take Interstate 10 or Hwy. 111 to Indio. Turn right on Hwy. 86 and continue through the Coachella Valley to Salton City. Turn right on S-22 and continue to the first stop sign past the Borrego Springs Airport. Turn left on Borrego Valley Road and continue six miles to the Rams Hill entrance.