



Rockwind Community Links Ranked #3 in New Mexico in Golfweek Magazine's Annual Best Courses You Can Play List

Award winning Public Course Advances from Prior 9th Position

Hobbs, NM (April 16, 2018) - Golfweek Magazine released its annual Best Courses You Can Play in each state rankings in the April issue and Rockwind Community Links in Hobbs, New Mexico, earned a significant accolade by advancing to #3 on the highly regarded list. The stunning top rating eclipsed the course's 2017 position, which was #9 in the state.

The Andy Staples design opened in May 2015 and has since received numerous awards from leading industry publications including: inclusion in Golf Digest's 2017 Best in State course ratings at #8; named one of Golf Digest's Best New Courses of 2015; a Top Five New Golf Development in the World by Golf Inc. Magazine; and a 2017 Best Courses You Can Play recognition by Golfweek. The United States Golf Association also singled out Rockwind for breaking the mold and being more than just a golf course in a special video entitled "A Model Muni: Rockwind Community Links."

"What a great honor to move up six places on such a prestigious list," said Linda Howell, Rockwind's PGA General Manager and Head Professional. "We look forward to validating that honor by continuing to present a remarkable golf course at affordable prices."

The facility is considered a trailblazer in uniting golf with the local community. "Community Links" is a concept introduced by Staples where the focus of the entire project was to link the golf course to the fabric of life in Hobbs. A special feature is a surrounding trail system complete with multiple trail heads, various outdoor seating areas, picnic spaces and scenic viewing points, including access to the site's five acre lake that overlooks the golf course.

About Rockwind Community Links

The main course, which offers five sets of tees with playing lengths ranging from over 7,100 yards for the accomplished player down to approximately 4,200 yards for the forward "express" tees, has been designed to embrace the flat nature of the southeastern New Mexico landscape, keeping irrigation to a minimum and the turf fast and firm. The design provides challenging features such as large elevated greens, disguised bunkers and interesting ground contours.

Architect Andy Staples has incorporated characteristics typically found on courses along the eastern seaboard of the U.S. built during the turn of the 20th century. Rock walls line fairways and a large interior lake is in play on a few holes that attractively punctuates the course routing. The 9-hole par-3 course called Li'l Rock is meant to complement the dual-ended practice range and short game area. It was built to facilitate walking, families, beginner golfers and kids. The length of shots ranges from a sand wedge to a driver. Rockwind Community Links also is a site for The First Tee of Southeastern New Mexico.

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