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Indian Ridge Country Club...

Where Real Living Begins

Have you heard of Indian Ridge Country Club? Probably. It's one of the desert's premier country club communities. You've probably heard that it has a great location in Palm Desert, close to Route 10 and the airport. You have probably heard about the two fantastic Arnold Palmer Signature golf courses. Perhaps you've heard about the Club's outstanding tennis facilities and program. Or the terrific fitness center and full-service day spa. You may be familiar with the Club's two restaurants and the outstanding food. Or the never-ending social calendar.

You may know that Indian Ridge is an equity club and one of the few completely member-owned, member-operated country clubs in the Valley. If you dig a little deeper, you will learn that Indian Ridge is fully developed, established and financially stable – and that means no surprises.

You might also be aware that the Club is surrounded by a gated community with approximately 1000 homes, with a wide variety of sizes and prices. Every home is on the golf course and enjoys a fabulous view.

But what you may not know about Indian Ridge is even more important. Because once you enter the gates, you will discover a lifestyle that you could never imagine existed.

Imagine this...

You wake up in your beautiful desert home. You go out on your patio with a cup of coffee and enjoy the view of a gorgeous, beautifully manicured golf course with snow-capped mountains in the background. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy. And what choices you have.

Pull your personally designed golf cart out of your garage and drive it over to the golf course. Take a short game clinic from one of the IRCC pros before your tee time. Play 18 holes on the Grove or Arroyo course and then stay for lunch with your foursome at the Arroyo Grille or out on the Palmer Patio. Later in the day, drive over to the dog park with your dog in your golf cart (dogs love golf carts!) for yappy hour; meet with your friends while your dog meets with his.

Or play a morning of tennis, have lunch outside at JK's and then spend the afternoon at the Club's full-service day spa. Have a fabulous facial or a memorable massage followed by a haircut and a manicure/pedicure. At night meet some friends in the Ridge Room at the Clubhouse for dinner. It's Maine Lobster Night!

Maybe you want to start your day with a bike ride over to JK's Café for a Starbucks latte and breakfast with some friends. Or maybe you and your neighbor want to take a four-mile walk through the community. Or go to the pool complex and swim laps in the lap pool. Then try a Zumba class before your book club meeting.

Or take a private golf lesson from one of our full crew of golf professionals in the morning; then spend the afternoon in the Kramer Room playing a sanctioned game of duplicate bridge.

Is it Friday? Then you'll want to go up to the Palmer Patio for the Sunset Social. Enjoy a cocktail and complimentary hors d'oeuvres while you compare notes on your golf game with friends, meet some new members and make plans for the coming week. Have a burger from the Bar Menu on the Patio – or go into the Ridge Room for a full dinner of steak or sea bass or one of Chef Bryan's other specialties.

Need more to do?

- We have Mah Johgg, discussion groups, a travel club, gin, poker, canasta, bridge classes, a Porsche club, an art group and wine clubs.
- We have a full calendar of social events ranging from gourmet wine dinners to martinis and jazz on the patio.
- Chef Bryan, our Executive Chef, changes the menu regularly for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and is always focused on enhancing the dining experience.
- We have golf events for men, women and couples.
- We have active 18- and 9-hole women's golf groups.
- We offer one of the most active tennis programs in the desert.
- Our full-service fitness facility has the most up-to-date weights and cardiovascular equipment, a staff of personal trainers and a full range of more than 40 group exercise classes each week, ranging from Spin to Strength.

All of this is yours without leaving the community.

But the most pleasant surprise about Indian Ridge might just be the people. We have a diverse, multi-ethnic membership. Our members are friendly and welcoming and eager to include new members. While Indian Ridge is an upscale club, our members are not at all stuffy.

You will find people like yourself, successful, busy and interesting. Some of our members are newly retired professionals – doctors, lawyers, bankers, corporate executives, business owners. Some are still working and come to their desert home for weekend getaways and vacations – and look forward to the day when they can spend more time. Some work from their homes. Some live in the desert full-time, and some are snowbirds. Most of our members enjoy being physically active and leading a healthy lifestyle. No one at Indian Ridge is bored – there is way too much to do and too many people to do it with!

When thinking about purchasing a home in a country club community, many people do not realize the importance of buying a home in a community where the country club is member-owned. Most clubs in the Valley are owned by a corporation, an investor group or a developer. Corporations and investment groups are generally motivated to make a profit and provide a return on investment to their shareholders. Developers generally provide services significantly below cost in the interest of selling homes. Eventually, as homes are sold, the club is sold either to members or an outside investor. When that happens, dues increase and services decrease.

Indian Ridge went through that turnover eight years ago. We are completely member-owned and member-operated. We are able to provide first-class service and still retain our financial stability. As a not-for-profit organization, we use our funds to provide services for members. Our goal each year is to break even. We control our own destiny. All the decisions made by the Club Board are those that are in the best interests of its members, and only its members.

Member-owned also means that our members understand that having new members is key to the success of the club. We have created a culture of being welcoming to new members and eager to include them in our community. Our flexible membership programs have been created to meet the needs of prospective members. And while we are a top-tier club, we believe that our membership offers a real value.

Upscale club... ideal location...sunshine...36 fabulous holes... great tennis... fitness center... full-service spa... outstanding food...lots of social activities... member-owned...friendly members...wide range of homes...flexible membership offerings...good value...active lifestyle.... What are you waiting for? Contact our Membership Director today at 760-772-7281 or for real estate contact our On-Site Sales at 760-772-7274!