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The Club at Ravenna Wins Six CAGGY Awards from Colorado Avid Golfer

Ranks Second Among "Private Club-Staff Picks"

Millions Invested Elevates Ravenna Above Most Established Private Colorado Courses

LITTLETON, Colo. – Reflecting a series of ongoing improvements in the past few years, "<u>The Club at Ravenna</u>" golf club in Littleton ranks second in the number of awards received in the Private Club/Staff Picks category of the 2023 *Colorado Avid Golfer* magazine's <u>CAGGY Awards</u>.

Among 28 private Colorado golf clubs ranked by the publication's expert staff, Ravenna, with six awards, trails only the venerable Castle Pines Golf Club, with nine wins, and eclipses many famous and well-established clubs across the centennial state.

"With well-placed capital investments and the hard work of many talented people, we achieved our vision of becoming Colorado's next great club," said Kevin Collins, president and CEO. "With six 'staff picks' awards from *Colorado Avid Golfer*, we're unquestionably one of the state's top private clubs. Quite simply, judge us by the company we keep."

Announced on Friday, Ravenna was a staff pick in the "Best Overall Experience," "Most Underrated Club," "Best Club to Hold a Tournament," "Best Men's Locker Room", "Best Food" and "Best Clubhouse" categories.

The "Best Clubhouse" award is particularly gratifying since Ravenna was known for years as a golf club without a real clubhouse. Ravenna opened its new \$17 million, 25,000-square-foot clubhouse seven months ago.

The new clubhouse caps \$38 million invested in the club since Collins assumed control and ownership in 2014.

In addition to the new clubhouse, under Collins' leadership Ravenna stabilized ownership, addressed legacy issues, erected a new state-of-the-art fitness center and pool, constructed a mid-

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course halfway house, , rebuilt several course greens and fairways, redesigned tee boxes, expanded the putting green and built a short-game practice area.

Ravenna has invested significantly in state-of-the-art groundskeeping equipment, including remote sensing and mapping technology, to achieve the best possible playing surface on an uncrowded course with a fluid pace of play that is eminently playable by golfers of all skill levels.

"To keep our course uncrowded with readily available tee times, we've capped our full golf memberships at 395," said Collins. "We're quickly approaching the cap but still have room for a few new golf memberships."

The new clubhouse presented the opportunity to build a state-of-the-art kitchen for the club's Chef de Cuisine David Lazarus and his team. They create a gourmet aura around a menu that ranges from continental fine dining to handhelds and comfort food.

The exquisite dining recognized by the CAGGY award is complimented by an extensive wine cellar, wine program and hand-built, solid-masonry "wine cave" featuring a barrel-vault ceiling and can double as a dining room or meeting and events venue.

Ravenna, and the residential community surrounding the course, is set in the beautiful Rocky Mountain foothills on the southwest side of the Denver metro area. For more information visit <a href="https://www.ravennagolf.com">www.ravennagolf.com</a> or call (303) 481-0224.

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