



“Well done upgrade to the abode southwestern-style theme. Expanded windows create wonderful views of the surrounding landscape and the updated deck and fire pits create a draw for guests to an area that was underutilized.” — *Jim Richerson*

## RENOVATION

### 2nd Place

Desert Highlands Golf Club  
Scottsdale, Ariz.

**Owner:** Desert Highlands

**Clubhouse Architect:** Swaback Partners

**Interior Design:** SB Design

**Contractor:** Linthicum

### BY THE NUMBERS

Private Club

**Size:** 32,373 sq. ft.

**Cost:** \$4 million

**Dining:** Main, 107; Private Dining, 48; Mixed Grill, 76

Oh no! The clubhouse at Desert Highlands Golf Club had hit the big 3-0! You know what that means.

Just as people have a tendency to do a bit of self-evaluation on that landmark birthday, club operators felt it was time to make changes to the clubhouse to make it more modern and appealing.

“The remodel was focused on accommodating shifts occurring in the member and guest demographics, as well as shifts in the golfing experience during the 30 years since the club was originally constructed,” the entry states.

One striking touch was turning a storage area into an elegant wine tasting room. Goodbye Bud, hello pinot noir.

But the biggest changes were done to take advantage of the unique and spectacular scenery at this Scottsdale, Ariz., club.

It sits in the Sonoran Desert and the developer went to great strides not to disturb the surrounding environment when the course was built.

The dining room was moved to take advantage of views, and panels of bi-fold glass were installed at key points to enhance the club experience. Fireplaces and fire pits were added inside and out to for ambiance and warmth.

Turning 30 never looked this good.