



QUICK FACTS

Garden of the Gods Club is a legendary private club in Colorado Springs featuring breathtaking views of the Garden of the Gods landmark with its spectacular natural formations, sheer cliffs and abrupt towers, balancing rocks and oak-covered valleys, all framed by the snow-capped Pikes Peak. It is a place where natural beauty, relaxed elegance and standard of excellence are without comparison.

At Garden of the Gods Club, members can spend their days being as active or as pampered as they desire. They can energize their spirits and sharpen their senses at the full-service spa and salon, or they can opt to enjoy the afternoon with a stroll through the crisp mountain air, an invigorating tennis match, or a refreshing swim in one of the property's two swimming pools. Additionally, Garden of the Gods Club offers a 27-hole championship golf course featuring bunkered greens, towering pines and the landscaping of the lush mountain range.

- Overnight lodging
- More than 10,000 square feet of event space ideal for weddings, business meetings, or retreats
- A full complement of audiovisual services and business services, as well as an array of catering choices
- 27-hole championship golf course
 - Driving range
 - Practice greens
 - Golf pro shop
- Tennis courts (11 outdoor, 2 indoor)
- Recreation Center
 - Family pool
 - Children's splash park
 - Playground
- Full-service Spa & Salon
 - Outdoor infinity-edge resort pool heated year-round
 - Hot tub
- Fitness room in the Lodge
- Sports Club in the golf clubhouse
- Fine dining at the Lodge dining room
- Casual dining at the Lodge lounge
- Casual dining at the Kissing Camels Grille and Lounge

Contact Information:

For **membership information**, please call 719.520.4980, email tkalata@ggclub.com, or book online at www.lodgeatggclub.com. For **information on hosting an event at Garden of the Gods Club**, please contact Christina Regnier, sales director, at 719.520.4967 or cregnier@ggclub.com. For **media requests or photos**, please contact the Communications Department, at 719.632.5541 or info@ggclub.com. You are also welcome to use any of the 22 images available on our media site, www.preferredhotelgroupimages.com. To log in, use medialink@ggclub.com and the password Medialink (case-sensitive).



AMENITY DESCRIPTIONS

Championship Golf

Members and guests of Garden of the Gods Club can experience the serenity of the championship Kissing Camels Golf Course. This challenging 27-hole classic course designed by J. Press Maxwell and Mark Rathert features bunkered greens, towering pines and the landscaping of the lush mountain range. Former host of the Senior Women's Amateur Tournament, this 46-year-old course spans more than 7,000 yards per 18 holes. The driving range and practice facilities offer members and guests the opportunity to work on their game, and personalized golf instruction by PGA professional staff is available. The fully stocked golf shop carries the latest golf equipment and fashions and accessories for gentlemen, ladies and children.

Health and Wellness

At Garden of the Gods Club, health and wellness have always been important. In addition to great tennis facilities and a championship golf course, the club offers members and Lodge guests a state-of-the-art fitness experience at its 4,900-square-foot Sports Club. With a stunning location, great equipment and personalized service, the Sports Club is the premier fitness facility in Colorado Springs.

This unique Sports Club features floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking the lush green fairways of the Kissing Camels Golf Course and Pikes Peak. Members and Lodge guests enjoy group exercise classes including yoga and indoor cycling as well as a dedicated Pilates studio outfitted with the latest equipment. With strength training being a vital part of staying fit and strong, the Sports Club features a strength training circuit and free weight area with a staff of personal trainers available to guide members and guests through customized fitness and wellness plans. In addition, a combination of cardiovascular machines lines the large glass windows overlooking the magnificent views. Each cardio machine features a 15-inch personal LCD TV screen, MP3 connection, and built-in virtual trainer, giving Members and their personal trainers the ability to monitor their workouts and progress.

Providing breathtaking views of the majestic surroundings, Garden of the Gods Club features 11 outdoor tennis courts with Plexi-cushion surfaces and two seasonal indoor courts. With a full-time USPTA-certified professional on-site and a full-service tennis shop complete with leading-edge equipment, fashion and accessories, members and guests will always be prepared for a game.

A great place for families during the summer months, the Recreation Center features a junior Olympic-sized swimming pool and wading pools, a children's spray garden, cabanas, locker rooms, a snack bar, a recreation room with table and video games for all ages, a multipurpose room for social events, four tennis courts, a basketball/soccer court and a children's playground.



AMENITY DESCRIPTIONS (CONTINUED)

Spa and Salon

Along with the Sports Club, Garden of the Gods Club's Spa and Salon is devoted to enhancing overall well-being through a variety of professional services that encourage the renewal of mind, body and spirit. Members and guests can enjoy relaxing massages, therapeutic approaches to bodywork, skin care services that relax the mind and nourish the skin as well as those that target a specific skin deficiency and deliver a solution, along with body treatments that range from the thoroughly soothing to the more cosmetically inclined. In addition, the full-service salon offers hair, manicure and pedicure services. The stunning infinity-edge resort pool is perched high on the mesa and is the perfect location to enjoy beautiful Colorado days.

Gourmet Fine and Casual Dining

Ever since Garden of the Gods Club opened in 1951, it has been known for its legendary gourmet dining experience. At the main dining room in the Lodge, the innovative cuisine and impeccable service are set amongst the most magnificent view in Colorado Springs. Located next to the dining room, the lounge at the Lodge offers a relaxing place for members and Lodge guests to enjoy a cocktail before dinner. The lounge also provides casual dining for lunch and dinner 7 days per week year-round.

Overlooking the lush green fairways of the Kissing Camels Golf Course, the completely renovated Kissing Camels Grille offers a comfortable casual dining experience with a warm ambiance. The lounge is perfect for a relaxing cocktail and snack after a round of golf.

Please click on the links below for detailed information:

[Lodge Dining Room and Lounge](#)

[Kissing Camels Grille and Lounge](#)

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LOOKING BACK: GARDEN OF THE GODS CLUB'S HISTORY

From atop the mesa in northwest Colorado Springs, the view has always been magnificent, but Al Hill and his wife Margaret dreamed of developing the land into something more. The couple's purchase of the property in 1949 marked the beginning of a private club, luxury resort and residential community that would pair manmade elegance with an unparalleled natural setting.

Construction of Garden of the Gods Club began in May 1950. In September, the Hills gathered with Colorado and Texas friends for a dedication ceremony involving placement of a copper capsule into the lobby fireplace wall. A snapshot of the times, the capsule contained bubble gum, a bottle of Dr. Pepper, a Coke, a Hopalong Cassidy comic book, a plat of the survey for the development, current magazines and newspapers, brochures and curios commemorating Seven Falls, Jacoby's book on Canasta and "other items" that reportedly included an unlucky chameleon who scurried into the capsule the moment before it was sealed.

On June 10, 1951, the Hills invited local residents to an Open House and donated the fifty-cent admission charge to the Junior League. The official Grand Opening celebration was spread over three days, June 14-16, to allow as many members as possible to participate. The lavish event, which featured gourmet food, live music and dancing, launched Garden of the Gods Club as a premier private club in the western United States. The same year, *The Gazette Telegraph* described the club as "a mecca for those interested in fine taste and splendor."



Garden of the Gods Club quickly became an exclusive retreat for Hollywood's elite, captains of industry, and political and literary luminaries. Visitors included Robert Mitchum, Claudette Colbert, Gene Autry, John Wayne and Walt Disney. Members and guests enjoyed the immaculate tennis courts, gorgeous pool, gourmet dining and extravagant events.

Garden of the Gods Club originally consisted of the lobby, bar, dining room, a small party room, 22 guest rooms and two suites to the north, three suites and four rooms on the second floor of the main building, two tennis courts and a swimming pool. Original members were primarily from Colorado, Texas and Oklahoma. The club was designed to be a tennis club, only open in the summer, but Al Hill's golfing friends eventually convinced him to add a golf course to the property.



LOOKING BACK: GARDEN OF THE GODS CLUB'S HISTORY (CONTINUED)

J. Press Maxwell designed a world-class, 18-hole, 7,000-yard golf course. Over 200 acres of Kentucky bluegrass and bentgrass were planted to create the course, named after the famous Kissing Camels rock formation at nearby Garden of the Gods Park. At the same time, the Hills built a Moroccan-themed clubhouse featuring a golf shop, locker rooms and a dining room and lounge, and forty South Patio rooms were added to the club to accommodate members and their guests. The golf course officially opened for play in June of 1961. In 1962, the grand tradition of the Smoochers Ladies Invitational and the Camel Drivers Men's Invitational began, followed by the Sheiks & Shebas in 1967 and the Golden Camels in 1973. Throughout the years, Members and guests have enjoyed challenge, competition and camaraderie amongst the splendor of the golf course and surrounding scenery.

Tennis continued to be a popular pastime, and the club began hosting the Club Championships in 1967. A few years later, in 1975, Hill family members played in an exhibition that opened the two indoor tennis courts. To accommodate families with children, a Recreation Center was constructed, featuring a junior Olympic-sized pool, wading pool, and four outdoor tennis courts.

As the club continued to attract new members, the original clubhouse was eventually rebuilt. Designed by renowned architects Lake-Flato, its soaring glass and powerful stonework captured stunning views of Garden of the Gods and Pikes Peak. In 1998, golf course architect Mark Rathert added nine holes to the Kissing Camels Golf Course, which brought the course to 27 holes.

In 2007, Sunrise Company purchased Garden of the Gods Club from Hill Development. Since then, Sunrise has invested \$5 million dollars into property improvements, including the following:

- Enhancement of the first eight holes of the west course
- Improvements to many tee boxes and planting of 68 new trees on these holes
- Upgrades to the irrigation system
- Redesign of all bunkers
- Addition of bunkers to strategic locations on the golf course
- Enhancements to the Kissing Camels golf clubhouse
 - All-new fixtures in the Golf Shop
 - New carpeting, paint, and tile throughout the building
 - Addition of state-of-the-art Sports Club
- Remodeling of Garden of the Gods Club's main lobby and lounge
- Redesign of Membership Information Center
- Guest room enhancements
 - New 42" flat-screen televisions
 - New mattresses
 - New bedding
 - New clock radios with smartphone docking

The Hills' original vision for a private club, luxury resort, and residential community is alive and well today. Whether golfing our 27-hole championship course, competing on the tennis courts, staying fit at the Sports Club, relaxing at the Spa, playing with their kids at the Recreation Center, meeting friends for dinner, or dancing the night away at one of our many parties, Garden of the Gods Club members find their days filled with family, friends, and experiences that they will cherish for a lifetime.



LOOKING BACK: GARDEN OF THE GODS CLUB'S HISTORY (CONTINUED)

Sunrise Company

More than 45 years ago, Sunrise Company began developing master-planned, golf-course communities in the Palm Springs, Calif., desert resort area. Today, Sunrise Company is one of the nation's most respected residential and country club community developers. Sunrise Company's record of achievement includes the establishment of Indian Ridge and co-development of PGA West. In addition to its 13 resort communities, Sunrise Company has constructed more than 10,000 homes, built two resort hotels, and developed numerous office buildings, shopping centers and commercial hotels. Sunrise is continually pursuing new opportunities in the country's fastest growing markets. In contrast to most community developers, Sunrise builds the homes in their communities in addition to designing and operating club facilities. This allows Sunrise to control the design and quality of the homes and provides its residents and members with an integrated lifestyle-focused buying experience. With its extensive legacy of successful golf community development and the longevity of the senior management team, who average 15 years with the company, Sunrise Company is one of the most successful and experienced community developers in the United States.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: What sets the Spa & Salon at Garden of the Gods Club apart from other spas in the area?

A: At the Spa & Salon at Garden of the Gods Club, pampering extends beyond the time of service. Before or after their services, guests of the spa can take advantage of luxurious amenities that include a relaxing hot tub, men's and women's steam rooms and heated infinity-edge outdoor pool. The salon's manicure and pedicure stations are positioned in front of floor-to-ceiling windows that feature incredible views of the Garden of the Gods national landmark and Pikes Peak.

Q: How can someone make a dining reservation at Garden of the Gods Club?

A: Garden of the Gods Club's dining facilities are private and available only to members, invited guests of members, and overnight guests of our Lodge. To make a reservation, contact our dining room at 719.329.6901.

Q: Who can use the golf course at Garden of the Gods Club?

A: Golf members, invited guests of golf members, overnight guests of our Lodge have access to our 27-hole course, Kissing Camels, which is open year-round, weather-permitting. Green fees apply.

Q: What is the dress code at the Lodge?

A: Guests of the Lodge at Garden of the Gods Club are encouraged to wear proper attire (resort casual) during their stays. Men are not permitted to wear hats while inside Club buildings. Athletic attire, pool sandals, tee shirts, tank tops, etc. are only permitted at the Spa, Lodge pool, fitness center, and Sports Club. After 6 pm, denim is permitted in lounge areas but not in the main dining room. On Saturday evenings in July and August, gentlemen must wear jackets, and ladies and children are expected to dress accordingly.

Q: What are some of the most popular attractions located near the Lodge at Garden of the Gods Club?

A: Garden of the Gods Park, which is rated #1 on TripAdvisor.com among things to do in Colorado Springs, is located within walking distance of the Lodge at Garden of the Gods Club. Hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, and horseback riding are popular activities in the park. Other nearby attractions include Cave of the Winds, the Manitou Springs Cliff Dwellings, Flying W Ranch, Seven Falls, Rock Ledge Ranch, the Pikes Peak Cog Railway, the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center, and the U.S. Olympic Training Center. For more information on Colorado Springs attractions, please visit www.visitcos.com.

Q: Do I have to be a member of Garden of the Gods Club to have my wedding there?

A: No; anyone is welcome to reserve our venue for a catered wedding, corporate meeting, or other private function.

Q: Are my children welcome at Garden of the Gods Club, and what types of activities will be available to them during our stay?

A: Yes; children's menus are available by request at all of our dining facilities, and our Recreation Center (open from Memorial Day to Labor Day) features a family pool, toddler pool, splash park, playground, and game room.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (CONTINUED)

Q: How many members belong to Garden of the Gods Club?

Garden of the Gods Club has more than 1500 members, some of whom live out-of-state and visit Colorado Springs seasonally.

Q: How diverse is the membership at Garden of the Gods Club?

A: A wide range of ages and backgrounds are represented at Garden of the Gods Club. With a wide variety of both family-oriented and adults-only events, the club offers something for everyone. The club's Young Professionals Golf Membership, which is available to those under age 40, is designed to make membership affordable for those in the earlier stages of life and career.

Q: How much does it cost to become a member of Garden of the Gods Club?

Membership dues currently start at just \$90 per month, and the initiation fees begin at \$1,000 with an early commitment discount available. For more information, refer to our [membership program](#) and [pricing brochure](#) or call Tracey Kalata, director of membership, at 719.520.4980.

Q: How can I stay informed about what is happening at Garden of the Gods Club?

A: Follow us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#), or read [our blog](#), to which you can also subscribe by email. We post helpful tips and advice, fun photos, contests, special offers and more.

RECENT AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

WeddingWire 2012 Bride's Choice Award

America's Top 100 Day Spas (2011 & 2012) – spAWARDS.com

2011 *Gazette* "Best of the Springs" Readers' Choice
Best Wedding Venue (Silver)

Recognized as being among top 10 private clubs in Colorado (2011)
Colorado AvidGolfer magazine

Top 3 Meeting/Event Venue, Hotel, or Resort (Holds Less Than 500) Outside Denver Metro Area (2011)
Colorado Meetings + Events magazine



MANAGEMENT TEAM BIOS



Billy Peterson, PGA
General Manager/CEO

A native of Wilmington, N.C., Billy was a member of the Golf Team at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and became the 47th PGA Master Professional in the PGA of America. He has since developed a distinguished career as an executive. Billy worked for the PGA Tour from 1998 through 2003, where he served as Executive Director of World Golf Championships and Champions Tour Championships. His responsibilities included overseeing event operation in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Tokyo, Japan, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Sonoma, Calif. Most recently, Billy served as the General Manager at the World Golf Village, which includes both resort and private membership facilities and golf courses in St. Augustine, Florida, home to the World of Golf Hall of Fame. Prior to that, he served as General Manager of the Renaissance Club in Scotland, where he was instrumental in opening the property. During that time, Billy met his lovely wife, Nicola. Originally from North Berwick, Scotland, Nicola has lived in the States for three years. In their spare time, Billy and Nicola enjoy cycling, reading, barbecuing, and playing with their new dog Max.



Tracey Kalata
Director of Membership

Tracey moved to Colorado in 1977. She attended Rampart High School and graduated from the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs with a degree in communication. She has been in membership sales for more than 18 years in the Colorado Springs area. Before joining Garden of the Gods Club in 2007, she worked for the Country Club of Colorado. In her free time she loves to spend time with her family and ski in the Colorado Rockies.



MANAGEMENT TEAM BIOS (CONTINUED)



Gene Gabelmann, PGA

Director of Golf

Gene grew up in the rural town Lee Center in northern Illinois. Golf has been his passion since age 12, and he started working at golf courses at age 14. After college he entered the PGA apprenticeship program and became a PGA member when he was 22. He spent most of his career as a golf professional in Arizona and California. Before coming to Colorado Springs, he served as the head golf professional or director of golf at several courses, which included: The Raven at South Mountain, ASU Karsten, Los Coyotes Country Club, and Red Mountain Ranch Country Club. Gene, his wife Angela, and their son Connor joined the Garden of the Gods Club family in 2005. In their spare time, they enjoy golfing and skiing.



Christina Regnier

Sales & Catering Director

Christina was born in St. Louis, Mo. She moved to Colorado with her family in 1985 and later earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration & Management from Colorado State University Pueblo. After college, Christina began working for Sunstone Hotel Investors and was part of the opening team for the Pueblo Marriott. Since then, she has assisted in many hotel transitions in locations such as Arizona, Oregon, and Colorado. In 2003, Christina became Director of Sales and Marketing at the Pueblo Marriott, and four years later, was promoted to General Manager. She later accepted the role of Director of Catering at Antlers Hilton in downtown Colorado Springs. Christina's achievements include being recognized as Sunstone Hotel Investors' Director of Sales of the Year in 2001 and earning Marriott's Service Excellence Award in 2005. Christina cares about her community. She gives what time she can to the American Heart Association in Colorado Springs and sits on the Women's Business Council, which coordinates the annual Athena Conference recognizing female leaders in the community. She manages to do all of this while being a mom to two children: Samantha, age 8, who is active in gymnastics and cheerleading; and Dylan, age 5 months, who loves to play outside.



MANAGEMENT TEAM BIOS (CONTINUED)



Erik Pedersen

Director of Food & Beverage

Erik Pedersen has more than 15 years of experience in the hospitality industry. Most recently, he served as assistant general manager at Hiwan Golf Club in Evergreen, Colo., where he was responsible for all aspects of club operations. Erik has a Bachelor of Science in business and computer information systems from Colorado State University. He joined the hospitality industry in 1996, when he started working seasonally for Hiwan Golf Club as a member of the golf course grounds crew. As the years progressed, Hiwan gave Pedersen opportunities to work in a variety of other roles, including pro shop field supervisor, bartender/server, and clubhouse manager. Erik was born in Boulder, Colo, and grew up in Evergreen, Colo, where both of his parents served as teachers. He also has a younger brother. Erik married his high school sweetheart. When not at the office, he enjoys golfing, skiing, and running. He is also the vice president of Bootstraps, Inc., a non-profit that provides scholarships and interest-free loans to students from the Evergreen/Conifer area to help them pursue their goals of higher education.



Tom Van De Hey

Director of Tennis

Tom has been teaching tennis for more than 30 years, and his experience has included players of all ages and range of abilities. His passion for tennis started after completing a college baseball career. He has two grown children living in New York and Denver. Here in Colorado Springs, Tom enjoys spending time with his wife and watching a multitude of sporting events.



MANAGEMENT TEAM BIOS (CONTINUED)



David Kronshage
Director of Engineering

David graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1989 and began working with Hyatt Hotels and Resorts for eight years in Hawaii and Scottsdale Arizona. He worked for the Milwaukee Athletic Club in Wisconsin for eight years before he joined the Garden of the Gods Club team in June of 2005 with his wife and two boys. David is very active and enjoys running, hiking, and spending time with his family.

MANAGEMENT TEAM BIOS (CONTINUED)



Krystyna Pudlo
Director of Housekeeping

Krystyna moved to the United States from Poland 20 years ago and began her work in the hospitality industry by working for Marriott. After 15 years with that company, she and her husband moved to Colorado Springs in 2001, and she started working for Garden of the Gods Club. When Krystyna is not working, she enjoys cooking and traveling to visit her children and grandchildren, who live out-of-state.