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Circling Raven Ranks No. 19 Nationally in 'Golfweek's Best U.S. Casino Courses'

(Worley, Idaho; July 12, 2021) – Circling Raven Golf Club garnered the No. 19 ranking in “Golfweek’s Best U.S. Casino Courses, 2021,” the annual compilation of America’s finest casino resort golf amenities.

The Gene Bates-designed layout has climbed higher in the annual rankings in three of the last four years. Owned and operated by the Coeur d’Alene Tribe, it spreads out over more than 600 acres of ancestral homelands – nearly five times more than the average course globally.

The Palouse Region terrain, the Tribe’s mandate that Circling Raven provide a first-class experience and superb playing conditions and Bates’ inspired vision combined to create a memorable course. An array of diverse yet complementary holes rout through pristine countryside with no surrounding development.

Golfweek course raters clearly value the Tribe’s mission and its admirable execution at Circling Raven. Not only is it honored as a Best Casino Course, but it was rated the No. 1 public course in Idaho earlier this year by the national magazine. To construct its rankings, more than 850 evaluators survey more than 3,600 courses annually – grading each nominated course on Golfweek’s 10 strict standards of evaluation.

“Casino courses play a significant role in our Golfweek’s Best course rankings,” said Golfweek Travel Editor Jason Lusk. “The best public-access courses in several states are owned by casinos, and the accompanying amenities and venues often present the opportunity for travelers to turn a round of golf into a longer, more enjoyable trip.”

Golfweek wrote the following about Circling Raven, an amenity of the Tribe’s Coeur d’Alene Casino Resort:

“The earth seems to stretch out in all directions, with miles of yellow grasses stretching to the Coeur d’Alene Mountains, part of the Bitterroot Range of the Rockies. It’s a visual treat, crossing ridges between greens and tees to see the next hole framed in one of three distinct environments: woodlands, wetlands and Palouse – a geologic term involving wind-blown hills, moguls and fertile sandy soil.”

Located approximately 55 minutes from Spokane International Airport (GEG), Circling Raven measures 7,189 yards from the rear tees. A nationally honored retail shop and the excellent Twisted Earth restaurant with bar complement the award-winning course that is named for a prominent Tribal Chief.

The course and Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel will host the Circling Raven Championship presented by KXLY News 4 Now, Aug. 23-29. A Symetra "Road to the LPGA" Tour event, rising-star women professional golfers will compete for shares of the \$200,000 prize purse and a chance to qualify for LPGA Tour membership.

For more information about Circling Raven and Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel, visit www.cdacasino.com or 800-523-2464.

About Circling Raven Golf Club and Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel

Owned and operated by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Circling Raven is in the scenic Idaho panhandle approximately 55 minutes from Spokane International Airport (GEG). Measuring 7,189 yards from the rear tees, the 18-hole layout sprawls magnificently through 620 acres of woodlands, wetlands, and Palouse grasses. Its gleaming white sand bunkers are large and strategically placed and its hole variety ingenious. The course will host the inaugural Circling Raven Championship in August, a Symetra "Road to the LPGA" Tour event.

Other Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel amenities and activities include the full-service Spa Ssakwa'q'n (pronounced Sock-wock-en); 300 hotel rooms; bars, restaurants, lounges, and eateries; cultural immersion options; and more. The casino completed a \$15 million renovation of its gaming floor and Events Center in 2019. Circling Raven has garnered numerous best-in-kind honors since opening, including being rated a Top 100 Resort Course, Best in State, and a Top U.S. Casino Course. Its golf shop has won national and regional awards for its excellence and its variety of products, displays, and performance.

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