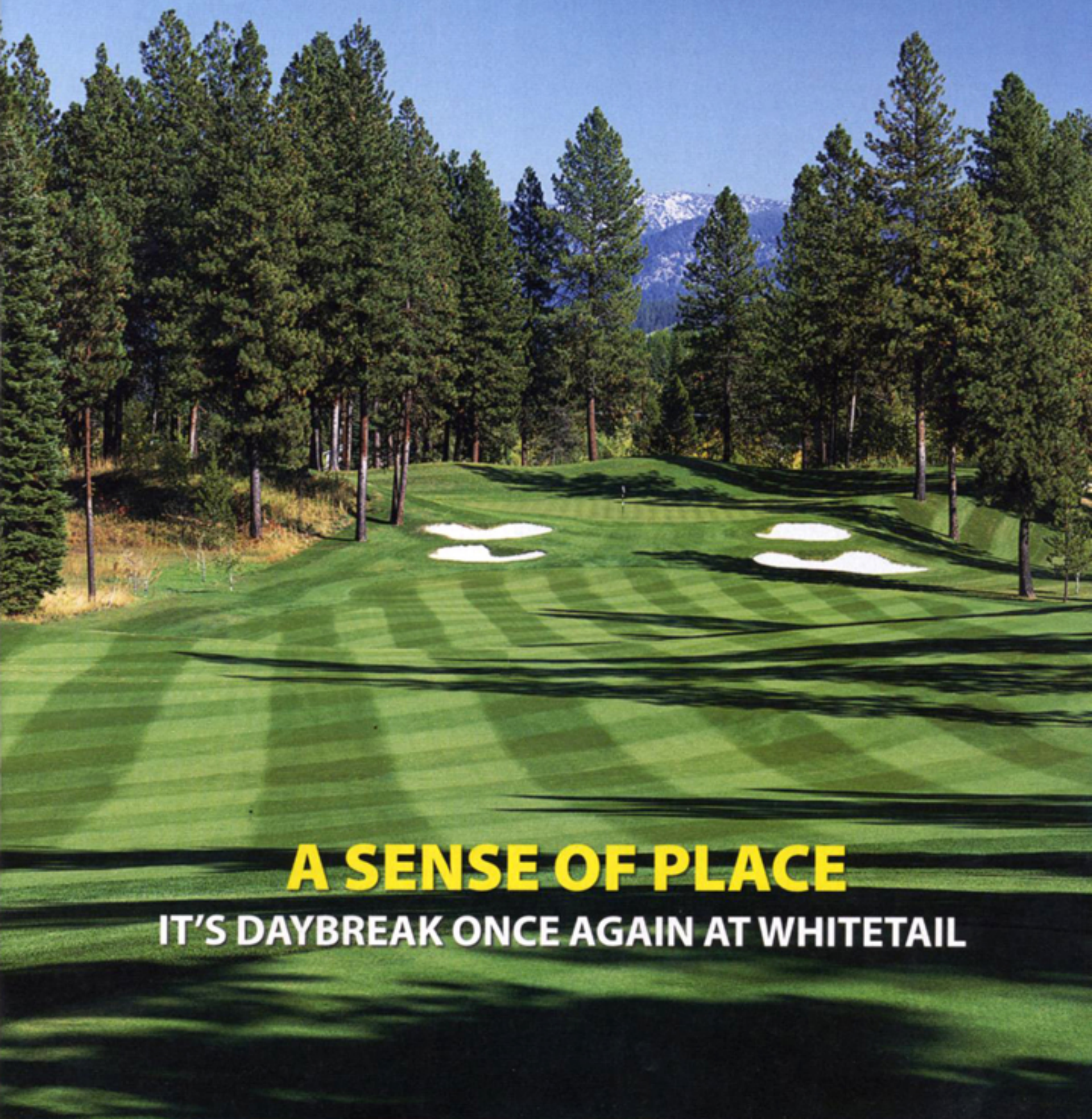


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**A SENSE OF PLACE**

**IT'S DAYBREAK ONCE AGAIN AT WHITETAIL**

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# MANY HAPPY RETURNS

It's *play* time once again at Whitetail Club in McCall



## at a glance

### WHITETAIL CLUB

McCall, Idaho  
Whitetailclub.com  
208.630.0221

Designed by Roger Packard and  
Andy North

18 holes/Par 72  
Black 7,149  
Gold 6,575  
Silver 6,096  
Jade 5,023

### Awards

- No. 74 on Golfweek's 2009 Best Resort Courses
- No. 6 overall in Idaho by Golf Digest

### Whitetail Amenities

- Andy North championship golf course
- Athletic complex
- Paved walking and biking paths
- Groomed Nordic ski trails

### Fish & Swim Club:

- Dining room, lounge and patio
- Swimming pool
- Spin and fly fishing
- Paddleboats

### Shore Lodge:

- Payette Lake access with private beach
- Marina privileges
- Fine dining and casual dining
- Private movie theater
- Lakefront swimming pool and water trampoline
- Racquetball and tennis

Stay-and-Play packages available  
Group meetings, events and weddings  
800.657.6464  
shorelodgemccall.com

### NEW OWNERS AT WHITETAIL

Alscott Real Estate is headed by Joe Scott, the chairman of the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation and grandson of Joe Albertson. Scott's family owns a home on Payette Lake and has been vacationing in McCall for the past 50 years.

RMH Company develops residential, commercial and mixed-use properties and is owned by the Hormaechea family of Boise. Rich Hormaechea and his family have been part-time residents of McCall for 30 years.

### FAMILIAR FACE IN THE PRO SHOP

Todd Bindner, an Eagle resident for the past 18 years and longtime pro at Quail Hollow Golf Course and Hillcrest Country Club, is the new head PGA Professional at Whitetail golf course.

### COMING IN THE JULY ISSUE!

Look for a complete course review of Whitetail in the July issue of Golf Idaho. We may even reveal the secret of how they cut those beautiful checkerboard fairways.

OF COURSE, THAT MEANS THE SNOW IS GONE, ONCE AGAIN REVEALING WHITETAIL'S CHECKERBOARD FAIRWAYS AND CRYSTAL WHITE BUNKERS TO EAGER GOLFERS.

But the emphasis on play also reflects the more relaxed atmosphere to be found this summer at Whitetail under its new ownership. Rich Hormaechea and Joe Scott, two Boiseans with longtime family traditions in the McCall area, purchased Whitetail last August, attaining full ownership of the property that includes Shore Lodge on Payette Lake.

"We are Idaho natives who grew up here with our families and friends," Hormaechea said. "We value the many memories, traditions and heritage of this special place."

The new owners restored the Shore Lodge moniker that made the waterfront resort a McCall landmark from 1948 through 1989, but decided to keep the Whitetail name for the golf course and club.

Whitetail thus remains McCall's only private golf community with access to Payette Lake, marina privileges and finished amenities (see list). While the golf course remains semi-private, attractive stay-and-play packages are available through Shore Lodge.

Whether they be members or guests, golfers are sure to notice changes in the golfing atmosphere this season. "Our vision for the club is creating a sense of place consistent with the longstanding cultural and recreational values of McCall, with a relaxed and authentic ambience," says Hormaechea.

Golfers won't be able to relax too much, however, when they take on the Whitetail layout designed by Roger Packard and two-time U.S. Open winner Andy North. Whitetail is ranked No. 74 in Golfweek's 2009 Best Resort Course rankings. By comparison, the Blue Monster at Doral, host of the CA Championship (one of the four World Golf Championships, recently won by Phil Mickelson),

ranks No. 84.

On hand to help golfers increase their enjoyment of the game is Todd Bindner, the new head PGA Professional at Whitetail. Bindner has lived in Eagle for the past 18 years and was the head professional at Hillcrest Country Club, site of the Boise Open, for many years. Bindner is known for progressive techniques in linking fitness to better success on the golf course.

"Playing the game is fun, but playing the game well is even more fun," Bindner said.

So, as the snow recedes and spring gives way to another spectacular summer in McCall, the new owners see a fresh vision of Whitetail emerging as well.

"We are confident that Whitetail is coming of age as one of the finest private clubs anywhere – the best place to enjoy the people, golf and town of McCall in a safe, fun and family-friendly environment," said Hormaechea.