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The Golf Club of California

Very few things can beat a round of golf to escape the hustle and bustle of the everyday. And there aren't many golf courses in Southern California that can match the game and amenities at The Golf Club of California in Fallbrook.

Located about 45 minutes north of San Diego between Oceanside and Temecula, the course may as well be in paradise. Designed by Johnny Pott, a well-known former tour player, and Wade Cable, a talented local amateur golfer, the course naturally integrates the ancient oaks, majestic sycamores, towering eucalyptus trees, and beautiful red-top grasses that line the manicured fairways and undulating greens. Challenging bunkers and colorful wildflowers add beautiful contrast to the course, while a variety of elevation changes provide tranquil back-country views.

The club is owned by Wetrustin Partners, a notable player in the commercial real estate sector, which acquired the course in December 2021.

"We believe golf courses hold a promising future due to their unique, diverse and challenging aspects," said BH Lee of Wetrustin Partners. "We intend to amplify the distinct charm of each hole and offer golfers a truly exceptional experience. We want to transform golf courses into more than mere facilities but into arenas for innovative and multifaceted experiences and usher in a new era of golf."

'The Summit'

The highlight of the course is "The Summit," as holes 6, 7 and 8 are

known collectively. Opened on September 1, the eagerly anticipated locale is expected to provide intriguing hidden charms and provide golf aficionados with fresh challenges. The sixth hole, called "Ascension," is an uphill par 5, followed by a downhill par 3 with a bunker situated right in the middle of green, dubbed "The Cyclops." The eighth hole, called "Descension," is a downhill par 4 with a split fairway.

In addition to the course itself, there's a beautiful clubhouse with a pro shop, plus a bar and restaurant that offers patio dining overlooking the 18th hole over water, which makes it a perfect spot to have a cocktail after your round. The venue hosts weddings and special events. Through collaboration with Wedgewood, new menus and vibrant atmospheres infuse the golf course with energy, creating a more lively and invigorating experience for public golfers. There's also a driving range for a quick warm up before a round and PGA instruction is available.

Originally a private-only club when it opened in 2002, The Golf Club of California is now also open to the public and challenges players of all skill levels, from competitive and avid golfers to those new to the game.

"Our goal is to provide great experiences for our members and guests and create friendships and relationships through this great game," Lee said. "Our owners and management team are committed to investing in the property and providing not only a challenging layout but offering a fun and welcoming experience with great amenities and great service."