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**WE-KO-PA RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER MAKES COLORADO AVIDGOLFER'S "BEST PHOENIX/SCOTTSDALE STAY & PLAY" LIST**

*"Reader's Choice" Award Recognizes AAA Four Diamond Property as a Top-Tier Arizona Independent Golf Destination*

**(Scottsdale, Arizona) March 25, 2015** – In *Colorado AvidGolfer's* recent 2015 CAGGY Awards lauding the nation's top golf destinations, the We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center was recognized as a "Best Phoenix/Scottsdale Stay & Play" by the publication's readers along with the Four Seasons Scottsdale at Troon and The Boulders.

An enterprise of the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, the property was rebranded last October as an independent golf resort to strengthen its synergistic relationship with nearby We-Ko-Pa Golf Club. Honored as one of the best golf facilities in the country by *Golfweek* and others, the golf club features two award-winning 18-hole courses designed by Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw (Saguaro) and Scott Miller (Cholla).

"Over the past six months, we've strategically aligned ourselves even more with We-Ko-Pa Golf Club to offer our guests luxurious accommodations along with exceptional golf," said Craig Benell, acting general manager of the We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center. "Our stay-and-play packages offer visitors the best of both worlds by giving them the opportunity to play the nationally acclaimed Saguaro and Cholla courses plus experience our resort's lavish amenities and delicious cuisine. We're thrilled that *Colorado AvidGolfer* readers have recognized this as well."

Published eight times a year, *Colorado AvidGolfer* is the state's leading resource for golf and the lifestyle that surrounds it. Online voting for the 2015 CAGGY Awards was held between August 16 and December 16, 2014. Participants were required to vote for a minimum of 20 categories acknowledging top golf facilities in the state as well as nationwide, resulting in more than 60,880 votes.

**About the We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center**

Conveniently located 20 minutes from the airport, the new We-Ko-Pa Resort & Conference Center ([www.wekoparesort.com](http://www.wekoparesort.com)) features 246 contemporary guestrooms and suites designed with Native American traditions, bold Southwestern cuisine at Ahnala Restaurant, luxurious spa treatments and salon services at the Amethyst Spa, and a spacious heated outdoor pool with two whirlpools. The resort's proximity to the award-winning courses at We-Ko-Pa Golf Club, gaming and entertainment at Fort McDowell Casino, and the numerous outdoor activities at Fort McDowell Adventures make it the ideal destination for a vacation, business function or special event.

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