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of hiking and biking trails wind through the surrounding mountains. The new sports club offers fitness classes and equipment as well as tennis, basketball and volleyball courts and more. Fine dining and fellowship in the award-winning clubhouse complete the privileges available to members.

The Gallery has recently announced availability of 82 new homesites, as well as an innovative one-year membership that allows prospects to enjoy all of the club amenities on a one-year, one-time basis. Please contact the club for more information.

Longbow has for a decade hosted the prestigious AJGA Heather Farr Classic. Ryder Cup player Hunter Mahan and LPGA sensation Paula Creamer have both won on the course.

"It's just a great mix of holes," Strauss says, "and you'll remember the 16th, with a green that rises as an island in the sand, forever."

To get a different look at desert golf, make the short drive to **Eagle Mountain Golf Club** (866-569-8850, *EagleMtn.com*). Situated in Fountain Hills on a rugged site in the McDowell Mountains, this Scott Miller design is packed with thrills but friendly to golfers.

"This is a fun place to play golf," Strauss says. "There are a lot of downhill tee shots, incredible views. It's a little intimidating visually, but what you'll find is that there are some good bounces out there. We want people to enjoy their rounds, and they do."



Above: The 185-yard, par-3 13th at Eagle Mountain
 Right: Longbow's 193-yard, par-3 2nd

Sisters of the Sun: Longbow and Eagle Mountain

The anticipation builds as your flight descends. You are minutes away from touchdown in a desert paradise. Start with a round at **Longbow Golf Club** (800-954-6016, *LongbowGolf.com*), a 20-minute drive from Sky Harbor International Airport.

"Longbow makes for a perfect first round," says Kris Strauss, director of sales and marketing at OB Sports, "it's near the airport, and it's a real desert golf experience, but the groomed native areas make it very playable."

Acclaimed architect Ken Kavanaugh led a 2003 redesign at Longbow, which is now a fixture in local and national rankings of Arizona courses. Named in honor of the Native American weapon feared for its accuracy and length,

Eagle Mountain saves its best for last. The long par-four finishing hole plays toward Red Mountain, with a tee shot that drops some 150 feet. Water and sand protect the green, and many a match has turned on the finale.

Eagle Mountain is close to Old Scottsdale, and just a short drive from the attractions of Phoenix. The Inn at Eagle Mountain features 42 casitas along the 18th fairway, making for a perfect home base.

Longbow and Eagle Mountain are part of the OB Sports family of golf courses. Visitors can book tee times under each course's Best Rate Guarantee at *LongbowGolf.com* and *EagleMtn.com*. ❄