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**EAGLE RIDGE RESORT & SPA ANNOUNCES NEW KEY STAFF ADDITIONS  
AND GOLF COURSE RECONSTRUCTION COMPLETION**

**GALENA, ILL.** - Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa has announced the following recent appointments to their management staff.

Rick Remington of Arlington Heights, Illinois, has been named as the resort's new Director of Food & Beverage. His primary responsibilities will be in the overall management, success and profitability of Eagle Ridge's entire food and beverage operations as it pertains to its award winning culinary department, two restaurants, banquet and catering operations, in addition to the resort's Italian deli, coffee shop and four golf course grills.

Remington comes to Eagle Ridge with over 20 years of experience in food and beverage management within a wide variety of hospitality operations such as the Kellogg School of Management, Autobahn Country Club, Interstate Hotels & Resorts, Hilton Hotels and Resorts and Starwood Hotels & Resorts. Remington is also a certified Sommelier.

"Rick is not a stranger to Eagle Ridge, having spent February and March of 2004 at Eagle Ridge as the Interim Director of Food & Beverage as a member of the transitional team for Interstate Hotels & Resorts when they were here," said Ikhlas Ahmed, General Manager for the resort. "We are very pleased to bring him on board as part of our executive team."

Michael Stewart has been named as the resort's Golf Operations Manager. A Dubuque native, Stewart had spent seven years with the International Management Group as the Director of Golf in 15 different countries managing world class golf resorts. Returning to the states in 2002 he joined the staff at Royal Tee Golf Club in Cape Coral, Florida, as the Director of Golf. Michael came to the resort in March of 2011 as Head Teaching Professional and Supervisor at "The General Golf Course," Eagle Ridge's crowning achievement.

His new responsibilities will include the overall management of all four championship golf courses and golf operations staff at Eagle Ridge, as well as promoting and nurturing customer relations and enhancement of the quality of the golf experience.

“Michael brings with him not only a diverse background in golf at an international level, but also the leadership we need in showcasing our multi million dollar golf course renovations that have just been completed,” Ahmed said.

The reconstruction project included the rebuilding of over 100 bunkers throughout all four golf courses, improved drainage by reshaping several creeks, removal of select trees to improve play, restoration of tee boxes, and several bridge repairs. One of the more impressive, final results of the redesign and reconstruction was the ability to bring back the bunkers to their original USGA quality.

"The reconstruction project was spearheaded by the resort's Golf Operations Department with the assistance of Oliphant, an industry leading golf course development, construction, and management company," concluded Ahmed. "The results are phenomenal and are ready to be showcased as soon as the 2012 season opens."

### **About Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa**

Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa is located 150 miles west of Chicago in the heart of The Galena Territory, a 6,800 acre recreational, residential and resort community nestled amid the rolling hills of northwestern Galena, Illinois. Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa is a full-spectrum resort and showcases superior golf with 63 holes on four acclaimed courses which include the North Course; the South Course; the East Course (9-holes); and the resort's crowning achievement, The General, with over 250 feet of elevation changes throughout the 18 holes.

Lodging accommodations at Eagle Ridge are delightfully unique with 80 quaint Inn rooms and over 250 villas and distinctive homes to choose from throughout the property. For the resort's corporate clients Eagle Ridge boasts 15,000 square feet of state-of-the-art meeting space, in addition to beautiful conference homes for small, elegant meetings. The entire facility is also the perfect venue for banquets, weddings and theme parties. Eagle Ridge offers three distinctive restaurants that include award-winning Woodlands Restaurant, along with Spikes Bar & Grill and Paisanos. Other amenities include the tranquil Stonedrift Spa, providing ten treatment rooms for a complete sensory experience, and a state-of-the-art fitness center with a beautiful indoor/outdoor pool, sauna and steam room.

The resort lays claim to numerous industry awards and recognition, such as:

- **Successful Meetings** - Honored Eagle Ridge with the “Pinnacle Award” as voted by readers in the Hotels & Resorts category for 2011. The resort also won the award in 2008 and 2009.
- **Golfweek** - The General was named as one of the best resort courses in their annual "Best Resort Courses" listing for 2012. The resort laid claim to the ranking in both 2009 and 2010. In 2009, the same magazine named The General second in the state of Illinois for *Golfweek's Best Courses You Can Play* listing.
- **Meetings MidAmerica** - Eagle Ridge was honored with the "Best of Mid-America" award for outstanding corporate meeting space as voted by readers in 2011. The resort was given the honor in 2007, 2008 and 2010.
- In 2010, **Golf Magazine** listed The General as the #4 “Best in Illinois” course to play alongside the “Top 100 Courses You Can Play” ranking. In 2000, 2008 and 2010, The General was listed as one of the "Top 100 Courses You Can Play" in the magazine's ranking.

- In 2009, [\*Golf Digest\*](#) named The General one of the best golf courses in the state of Illinois for *The World's Greatest Golf* rankings, 2009-2010. The General was named #24 in the state of Illinois. The rankings were put out as a supplement to the May 2009 issue of Golf Digest.
- In 2009, [\*Zagat\*](#) ranked Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa's The General, North and South courses in the 2009 America's Top Golf Courses, sixth edition as ranked and reviewed by players.

The property is the perfect backdrop to an incredible selection of outdoor activities including miles of biking, hiking and horseback riding trails, as well as tennis, hot air balloon rides, boating and fishing on the picturesque 225-acre Lake Galena. For reservations or additional information, call (800) 892-2269 or visit [www.eagleridge.com](http://www.eagleridge.com).