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## Practice areas at The Bridges named one of the nation's 'Top 50 Private Ranges'

Long ago, the iconic Ben Hogan set the standard every golfer would aspire to when it would come to practicing their



**The Bridges Driving Range.**

golf game. As he famously stated, to improve your game you had to "dig it out of the dirt." Little did he know a half century later that "dirt" would take on the verdant hue of a world class practice facility draped over the gentle hills of The Bridges Club in Rancho Santa Fe.

Recently recognized as one of the "Top 50 Ranges" for a private facility in the United States by the Golf Range Association of America, The Bridges delivers one of the most versatile practice sites ever constructed for a private club.

"When you have a world-class golf course, you need a world-class practice facility," says Ken Ayers, development manager of The Bridges in Rancho Santa Fe.

Featuring six distinct practice areas, The Bridges offers a challenge for every club in the bag for all levels of golfer. From a casual warm-up to an intense, Hoganesque "dig it out of the dirt" workout, the ranges at The Bridges measure up to top tour professional expectations when preparing their games for golf's major championships.

"We wanted to create an environment that was transferable to the golf course to replicate the complete course experience," Director of Golf Steve Wilson said.

Wilson and his fellow teaching professionals feel the range at The Bridges is truly an ideal facility where they can put students, beginners to low handicappers, in situations where they learn to "get comfortable." The experience then transfers to The Bridges and its challenging 18-hole championship course, home of such world-class matches as "Battle At The Bridges" and this year, the American Junior Golf Association's (AGJA) 2013 Wyndham Cup.

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