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**TURTLEBACK MOUNTAIN GOLF & RESORT RECEIVES  
DISTINGUISHED GOLF DESTINATION AWARD FROM BOARDROOM MAGAZINE  
AND FORBES TRAVEL GUIDE**

**Elephant Butte, NM (August 13, 2025)** - Turtleback Mountain Golf & Resort has been awarded the Distinguished Golf Destination ELITE Designation, placing it among a select group of golf courses worldwide recognized for exceptional playing conditions, amenities, and guest service. The designation, presented by BoardRoom Magazine in partnership with Forbes Travel Guide, is considered one of the most rigorous and respected honors in the golf industry.

The ELITE status is conferred only after a comprehensive evaluation of a property's facilities, course quality, governance, and overall golf experience. Turtleback Mountain's recognition reflects high scores across all categories, including course conditions, clubhouse facilities, and the professionalism of its staff and leadership team.

"Every part of our operation, from the fairways and greens to the way guests are greeted, was evaluated against the highest standards in the game," said Jon "JC" Wright, General Manager of Turtleback Mountain Golf & Resort. "This recognition belongs to our entire team, whose dedication and hard work make Turtleback a destination where golfers know they will receive a truly exceptional experience."

The Distinguished Golf Destination program was developed by industry leaders at BoardRoom Magazine and Forbes Travel Guide to recognize properties that consistently deliver excellence. Unlike awards determined by popularity or insider opinion, the program uses a structured review process to assess the total golf experience from start to finish.

"This award confirms our vision for Turtleback Mountain Golf & Resort as a destination built on excellence, hospitality, and a commitment to creating something remarkable for both our guests and the broader Sierra County, New Mexico community," added James Prendamano, CEO and Co-Founder of PreReal Investments, which owns Turtleback Mountain Golf & Resort.



"Turtleback Mountain Golf & Resort, under the ownership of James Prendamano and David Berman of PreReal Investments, and the management of JC Wright, has achieved an exceptional standard of excellence," said John Fornaro, Publisher and Co-founder of BoardRoom. "They have created the ideal balance between an outstanding golf experience, strong governance, and first-class facilities. Their commitment to quality sets a benchmark in the industry and provides golfers with an environment that is both inspiring and memorable."

### **About Turtleback Mountain Golf & Resort**

Turtleback Mountain Golf & Resort is the home of the New Mexico Open and southern New Mexico's premier golf and lifestyle destination, offering championship golf, upscale residential living, and exceptional lifestyle amenities. Nestled in the scenic Rio Grande Valley, the resort's 18-hole championship golf course challenges players of all levels while providing breathtaking desert views. Beyond golf, the resort is expanding rapidly, with 1,300 planned home sites, a new driving range, leading resort amenities, including pickleball courts, tennis courts, a spa, a fitness center, and a tranquility garden. With a commitment to comfort, recreation, and community, Turtleback Mountain Golf & Resort is redefining what it means to live, play, and relax in the heart of Southern New Mexico. Visit <https://turtlebackmountainresort.com>.