

Business Review: Apache Gold Casino Resort

We had the opportunity to stay at the Apache Gold Casino Resort last month; while attending this year's Run to the Rez event. It is located on Old West Hwy 70, 5 miles east of Globe, in the San Carlos Apache Reservation. The hotel is a Best Western property. The outdoor views are big and unobstructed by homes, buildings, condos, shopping centers, or any other such detractors from the high desert beauty.

For those of you who prefer to bring your 'home away from home' with you, there is an RV area with full hookups and numerous amenities.

The hotel rooms & hallways are recently renovated; in appealing, desert colors. Our generous-sized room was clean, well-kept, & fresh. The

decor was pleasant and the furnishings comfortable. A sliding glass door led out to a veranda with table & chairs. The bed was extremely comfortable. The pillows were downright exceptional. We learned the next day that mornings offered us a view of the moon set. It was an impressive sight.

After settling in, we started exploring. The various staff we spoke with throughout the weekend were each very helpful & friendly.

The lobby had computers with printers, ATM, a meeting table, coffee 24/7, and a sitting area.

The gaming area of course emits the cheery, enticing sounds of the games. Noticeable was

a less cramped feeling that you can sometimes get on a casino floor. There is no shortage of games, just a layout that feels a bit more inviting & a little less hectic.

Two restaurants, Apache Grill and Wickiup Buffet, provide for lunch and dinner patrons; with The Grill also open for breakfast.

As we were there for an event that already had an exceptional lineup of entertainment, we made no visit to the Cabaret Lounge, located just off the gaming floor. Saturday night's concert was held at the Pavilion, located on the Resort property but separate from the main buildings. Here, depending upon the schedule, they host music concerts, rodeo action, and other large scale events.

As many people know; when traveling, healthy routines such as exercising can be disrupted. Having the means to maintain continuity is helpful. The fitness center at Apache Gold Hotel includes treadmills and weight machines. The pool & spa are located just outside. No takers this day at the outdoor pool. Heated as it is, it was still a little chilly this time of year...

Apache Stronghold Golf Club is an 18-hole, par 72 course. Not being golfers ourselves, I went to golfcourseranking.com to read what golfers think about the course. What I read was very positive.

This is a beautiful facility, offering entertainment & comforts to gamblers & non-gamblers alike. I share that because in addition to above-mentioned in-house entertainments, there are numerous sightseeing opportunities close by. The town of Globe, with its antique shops & historic sites, is just down the road. Boyce Thompson Arboretum, and spectacular natural sites such as El Capitan Pass and Salt River Canyon are also among the nearby attractions.

We were impressed with our accommodations, and would recommend Apache Gold Casino Hotel to anyone. Find them on the web at www.apache-gold-casino.com or call 800-APACHE-8 (800-272-2438).

Betsy

