

## "HALE TO THE CHIEF ..."

Irwin Joined by Native American Tribe to Celebrate New Colorado Course



Hale Irwin and Mark Wing on the first tee

of the new Mountain Course at Glacier.

**DURANGO, Colo. (Sept. 6, 2017)** – A traditional "first tee shot" by three-time U.S. Open champion Hale Irwin, along with a Native American blessing ritual led by local Ute tribal leader Mark Wing, highlighted the official grand opening celebration for the new Mountain Course at Glacier on Saturday, Sept. 2, 2017.

Irwin, now in his  $30^{th}$  year as an award-winning golf course designer, co-designed the Mountain Course with Todd Schoeder (iCon Golf Studios), a long-time friend and associate.

The private Mountain Course is situated in a dense forest of Ponderosa pines at an elevation of 8,000 feet, where the landscape features dramatic elevation changes, rock outcroppings, and stunning vistas of the San Juan Mountains. Featuring six sets of tees, the par 71 plays to a maximum of 7,035 yards and minimum of 4,744 yards.

"The views are absolutely spectacular," Irwin said of Glacier, which is surrounded by the San Juan National Forest. "Each hole is uniquely different and pleasing to the eye. At Glacier, we've had this great canvas on which to paint a beautiful golf course."

The Mountain Course gives the luxurious Rocky Mountain destination community 36 holes of exhilarating golf, in addition to the Valley Course, which is open to Glacier members and guests, as well as guests of the adjoining resort.