

HONORABLE MENTION

Golf Club of Georgia

Alpharetta, Ga.

Owner: Ben Kenny

Clubhouse architect: Kuo Diedrich/
Richard Diedrich

Interior Design: Traci Rhoads Interiors

Contractor: Choate Construction

Construction cost: \$15 million

Originally developed in the early 1990s, Golf Club of Georgia was purchased by Ben Kenny in 2014 with the goal of turning it into the premier private golf facility in the region. The remodel changed the exterior from a contemporary stucco and stone design to a lodge look using cedar shakes, natural stone and timber trusses. The men's locker room was moved to create a new function space and a private dining room, and the kitchen and back-of-house areas were remodeled.

The club's bar was re-imagined as a tavern that opens into an indoor/outdoor dining terrace centered around two fire pits and



a fireplace. The grill area also was reconfigured, and a porch was added to create a space that can be used for outdoor dining.

An important goal of the renovation, said Mark Diedrich of the Kuo Diedrich architectural firm, was to improve inefficient systems and reduce operating expenses. As part of that effort, new insulation was installed during the exterior remodeling, and all of the doors and

windows, kitchen equipment, plumbing fixtures and lighting were replaced with energy-efficient models.

What the judges said:

This transformation has a cohesive level of detail applied both inside and out. The boutique character utilized in the golf shop merchandising brings a fresh look to a common amenity. —Bryan Webb

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