Desert Highlands is a private golf and recreational community with a Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course as its centerpiece. The community and the Golf Club have been recognized by Platinum Clubs of America as being among the top 3 percent in the country. Membership at Desert Highlands is tied to property ownership so upon purchase of a home or home site, a one-time membership fee of $75,000 is paid. Members have access to all of the amenities including golf, 18-hole putting course, Racquet Club, Fitness Center, and award-winning Clubhouse.

A monthly dues/homeowners association fee of $1,275 is directed towards operating expenses such as maintaining the 24-hour guard-gated entry and security patrol, the 12 miles of private streets, expansive grounds and outstanding facilities as well as allowing residents access to all amenities.

Golf Awards and Recognition

- Named as the “Best Scenic Course”: Arizona Foothills Magazine (2017)
- Selected as “#1 Private Golf Course in Arizona”: The Best of Arizona Business (2003 and 2004)
- Named as one of the “Best Private Golf Courses in the U.S.”: Golf Digest (2000 and 2002)
- Nominated for “Best Desert Course in the Country”: Golf Digest

Tennis Awards and Recognition

- Court of the Year Award by Tennis Industry Magazine (2000)
- Winner of the Outstanding Tennis Facility Award (2000), presented by the U.S. Tennis and Track Builders Association
- Featured in November/December 2006 issue of Tennis Magazine as one of the “Six Great Places to Retire”
- Host facility of the Southwest Junior Clay and Grass Court Championships and past host of the USTA National 30-and-Over Grass Courts Championship

Wellness and Fitness Recognition

- Recognized in the Top 10 of America’s Healthiest Clubs by Prevo Health (since 2012)