



# Hole in one

## Custom home fits relaxation, recreation needs of whole family

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Different people have different passions, even — perhaps especially — within one family. While the kids may enjoy privately listening to music or watching action-adventure movies in surround sound, maybe other family members take pleasure in assembling gourmet creations in the kitchen or enjoying the great outdoors.

This former Parade home in the growing Monument area allows family members the space and privacy to pursue their own passions while simultaneously providing an open floor plan for family bonding and fun.

"You can do everything you want in this house, or outside," says Ron Mangiarelli of RE/MAX Properties, who lists the home for \$669,000. He envisions the home pleasing families from all walks of life, from those with small children to empty nesters, saying, "It's total one-level living. It's a great floor plan for anyone."

Nestled in the pines on a quiet cul-de-sac, the Craftsman-style exterior of stucco and stone blends in with the home's surroundings, including a vibrant grove of aspen trees and an unobstructed view of Bald Mountain.

"Having three kids, our favorite aspect has been the property," says the seller, who was also the builder, about the .85-acre lot. "We're on this quiet cul-de-sac with so many other families with kids, and there's no traffic. It's not like living in the city."

"But when you forget that can of olives on Thanksgiving," adds Mangiarelli, "you can be back and forth to the store in 20 minutes."

An expansive front porch of Trex decking with elegant, wrought-iron light fixtures leads to the front door, which is bordered by stained glass in traditional Craftsman shapes and colors. Past the front door, both the open floor plan and the attention to detail become obvious.

Windows with evergreen views surround the dining room to the left, and extra-large 2-by-2-foot ceramic tiles lead from the entry into the great room. Rich, earth tones and a hand-troweled finish on the walls continue the feeling of Craftsman rusticity.

"There's the light fixtures, the architecture of the fireplace, the tile, the oil-rubbed bronze, the stainless steel — so much of that is inspired by the Craftsman," the seller notes. The seller points out the one variation from this theme: the upgraded kitchen. "We maintained the Craftsman style on the exterior and some on the inside, but with a French-style, modern kitchen."

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A few of the many custom details the seller insisted upon for the kitchen include an oversized island, slab granite counter tops, stainless steel drawer pulls and Maple cabinetry with inset, black highlights. A stainless steel hood hovers above the six-burner gas range, and other appliances include a compactor, double ovens and a six-foot-wide, commercial-grade refrigerator, which is paneled to coordinate with the cabinets.

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An eating nook flooded with light from stylish, oblong windows offers a walk-out to a second Trex deck, which the seller uses often. "We use it every night for barbecuing, and it's so peaceful here. You can really take advantage of living in Colorado."

Also open to the kitchen is a 20-by-17-foot living room with built-in cabinetry to hide video components, an art niche the perfect size for a flat-screen TV, a stacked stone fireplace with wood surround and a built-in speaker system. In fact, the speaker system runs through the entire house, the speakers artfully hidden in walls and ceilings.

The seller explains that the combined great room has been ideal. "It's really family space ... I wanted an area where we could be cooking and have the home

theater," he says. He preferred that to a detached theater room because, "The kitchen is where the popcorn is, where the nachos are."

Completing the main level is a combined mud room and laundry area off the three-car garage, a second bedroom which is currently a home office, a full bath and the master suite. The latter features a walk-out to the back deck, a tray ceiling and French doors, while the master bath is frosted with custom tile and boasts a soaking tub, a walk-in shower with six shower heads and a walk-in closet with built-in shelving.

Downstairs in the finished basement with 10-foot ceilings, a whole separate area of the house unfolds. Four large bedrooms each include spacious closets, and two full baths with shower-tub combinations provide facilities for both residents and guests.

The lower level's star attraction, however, is in the 26-by-19-foot recreation room: a full-size, Full Swing golf simulator.

"It's computerized to track your golf ball, and you can play Castle Pines, Pebble Beach or any of 18 different courses," explains the seller with excitement. "While watching golf on TV, you can actually be playing the same course in your home and it's measured down to the inch."

A sliding door leads out to a concrete patio overlooking the natural plants and trees of the backyard, causing Mangiarelli to remark, "With the trees and the views and the space, this lot is Colorado. You've got the walk-out and the Trex decking: It's a huge amount of outdoor space."

In general, the seller notes the home has been "incredible" for his family. "The functional part of main-level living — how all the rooms are combined — is so neat. It's big enough for anyone's needs," he says. ■

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