



## DENEHY CLUB THINKING PARTNERS WELCOMES PAT FINLEN AS EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

### *The Leader in Private Club Executive Search & Consulting Expands Team*

**Fairfield, Connecticut, February 17, 2022:** DENEHY Club Thinking Partners (CTP), the leader in executive search and management consulting for the private club and resort industries, announced today that Pat Finlen joined the Firm as the Executive Vice President effective immediately. Leveraging his diverse skillset in Hospitality, Turf Science, Golf Operations and Club Management, Finlen will lead executive search opportunities for the Firm nationwide with a regional focus on the West Coast as well as support CTP’s consulting projects.



Finlen is a prominent leader in the club industry with 36 years of experience in golf operations and private club operations. For over three decades, he has managed exclusive private clubs in various leadership capacities, mastering the core disciplines of Club Management including Agronomy, Golf operations and Club Management, a rare accomplishment only a small group of Club Managers have achieved. Finlen’s professional background includes ascending through the ranks at The Olympic Club in San Francisco, California, one of America’s most iconic clubs with a premier city club and top 100 golf course. During his tenure from 2002 until 2019, Finlen served as the Club’s Director of Golf Course Maintenance Operations, Director of Golf, and was named General

Manager in 2013. Under Finlen’s professional guidance, the Club hosted the US Junior Amateur, US Amateur, US Open & US Four Ball Championships. He also negotiated the contracts for the 2023 US Woman’s Open, The 2028 PGA Championship, and the 2032 Ryder Cup for the Club.

“We are excited to welcome Pat to the team,” said Dan Denehy, President of DENEHY Club Thinking Partners. “I have known Pat since my Firm conducted the general manager search for The Olympic Club in San Francisco. I knew then what I know to be true today--he is a rare talent and a remarkable industry leader. I am confident his unique and considerable expertise will benefit our clients in a multitude of ways.”

Prior to The Olympic Club, Finlen was a Golf Course Superintendent from 1984 - 2002 in Kansas City, Virginia Beach, and Monterey, California. Most recently, he was the General Manager at Winchester Country Club, an exclusive golf course and residential community near Auburn, California where he was involved in building homes within Winchester. Pat has served on the Board of Directors of The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America from 2006-2014 and was the organization’s President in 2013.

“I am thrilled to be joining the CTP team and look forward to contributing to the firm’s exemplary executive search and consulting services,” said Pat Finlen. “I’m eager to hit and ground running to service current and future partner Clubs on the West Coast and nationwide.”

For more information, visit [www.denehyctp.com](http://www.denehyctp.com).

**About DENEHY Club Thinking Partners:** DENEHY Club Thinking Partners is a full-service executive search and management consulting firm serving the private club and boutique resort industries with professional offices in Connecticut, Wyoming, Florida, and California. The Firm’s results oriented executive search and management consulting has positively influenced the member/guest experience at more than 500 clubs and resorts on nearly 1200 projects. Learn more at [www.denehyctp.com](http://www.denehyctp.com).

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