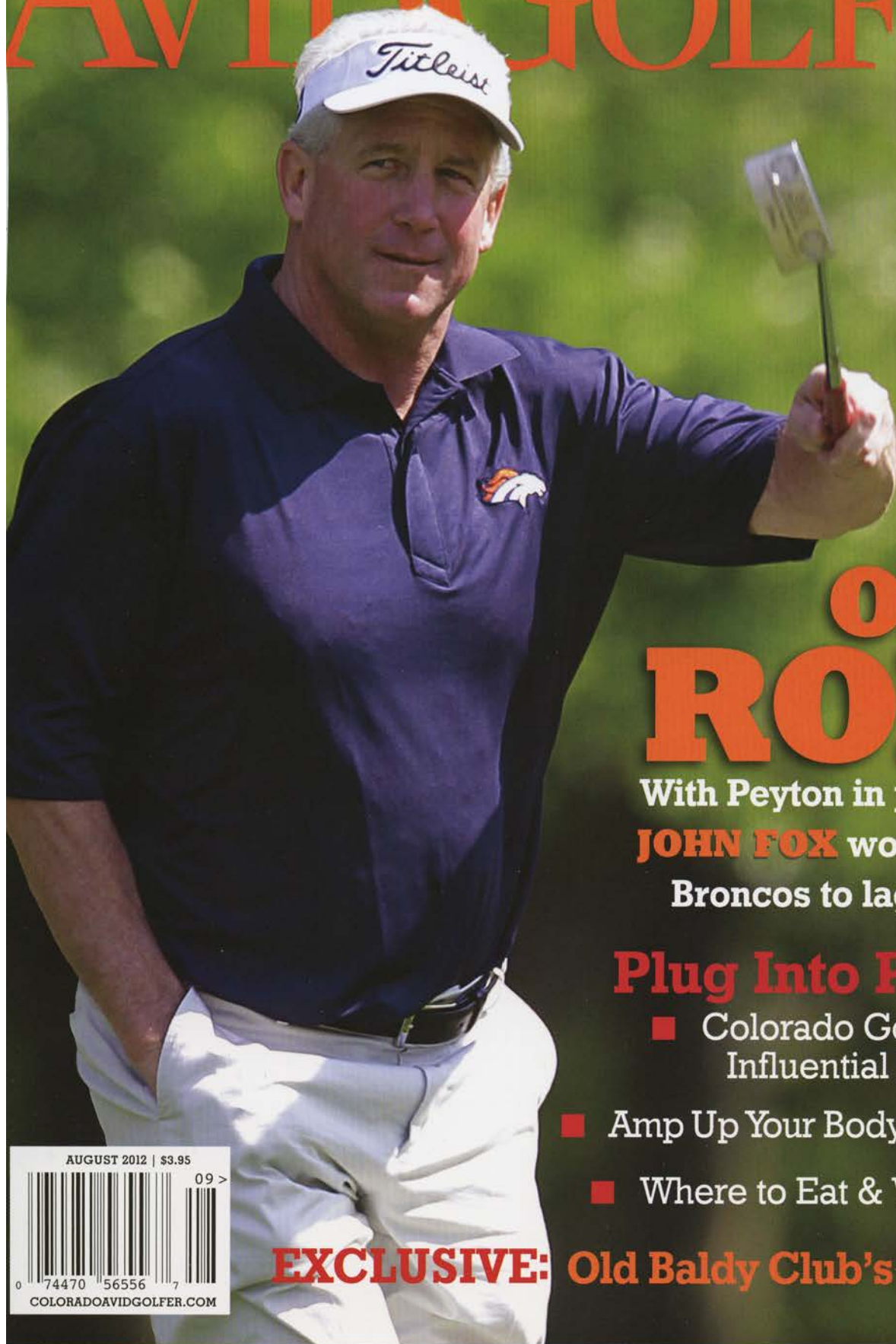


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Where everybody who's somebody goes to see, be seen and meet, greet and eat. By Lori Midson

**ELWAY'S WAY:** The former Broncos signal-caller huddles up over dinner.

### POWER FACES

#### Elway's Cherry Creek

One look at the speed demon sports cars in the parking lot says it all: Elway's Cherry Creek, monikered after the former Denver Broncos quarterback (now the executive vice president), is packed with notables like fashion icon Craig Andrisen and star athletes like Peyton Manning, who was there for a birthday soiree with his brother, Eli, back in March. The stargazer's steakhouse, whose kitchen is commanded by chef Tyler Wiard, knows how to massage (and manage) egos, and Wiard's menu, a feedlot of top-tier steer, ensures that all those famous faces don't saunter off without a full belly. The see-and-be-seen tables are in the bar, especially #82, a high-top that's the ideal

squatting pad from which to savor the eye candy. 2500 E. First Ave., 303-399-5353; [elways.com](http://elways.com).

### POWER DATE

#### The Kitchen

The Kitchen, which opened its original location in Boulder in 2004, unleashed a second outpost in March on the west end of Denver's 16th Street Mall, and the stunningly fashioned restaurant has been generating buzz from day one, drawing downtown executives, name national chefs like Charlie Palmer (who also owns the nearby District Tavern) and red-carpet-ready couples. They flock for the restaurant's seasonality and for the sustainable raw bar, where oysters, clams, smoked mussels, king crab legs and lobster mount a tiered

seafood tower that's the perfect showstopping prelude to cinch a deal or to celebrate any occasion. 1530 16th St., 303-623-3127; [thekitchencommunity.com](http://thekitchencommunity.com).





## POWER BREAKFAST

### Racines

Try not to splatter syrup or dribble butter down your starched white Armani button-up at this iconic breeding ground for brokering deals, especially during the morning hours, when enough lobbyists to form a quorum and other Capitol politicians gather during legislative sessions to gossip, fuss, champion their causes and fuel up on hot java and generous plates of biscuits and gravy, skilletts and banana nut pancakes. Racines is also a magnet for power players in the media, including Fox 31 anchor Ron Zappolo and Blacktie Colorado columnist Penny Parker, who drop in for a bite while catching up on the local buzz. The best table is #72, a C-shaped booth up the stairs that peeks over the dining room, but is sufficiently tucked away to ensure privacy. 650 Sherman St., 303-595-0418; racinesrestaurant.com.

## POWER COUNTRY CLUB

### Cherry Hills Country Club

If you're one of the golf elite, this ultra-exclusive enclave is where you go for heavy schmoozing and power-networking—on and off the course. Word has it that a dinner there that included Johns Elway,

Fox and Lynch—all members—sealed the deal with Peyton Manning. The gorgeous grounds, which include the recently created hall of championships, remodeled dining room, a plush stage, bedecked with curved booths, a marble fireplace and windows that peek over the greens. The kitchen hasn't always been Cherry Hills' strong point, but executive chef Joe Piazza's refined, seasonally-focused, locally-inspired fare has raised the bar. He turns out everything from an asparagus salad draped with Cacio Pecora cheese from Fruition Farms (owned by Fruition chef/owner Alex Seidel) to some of the best Korean pork tacos we've had anywhere. 4125 S. University Blvd., 303-350-5200; chcc.com.

## POWER STEAKHOUSE

### Shanahan's Steakhouse

Despite the fact that Mike Shanahan, the former head coach of the Denver Broncos, no longer resides in the Mile High City, his namesake restaurant remains a magnet for high-rolling, high-esteemed, high-powered carnivores, all of whom wine and dine in style in a swanky dining room with lots of razzmatazz and exuberant single's action at the bar. The bullish clientele includes



Cherry Hills



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power lawyers like Steve Farber and Norm Brownstein, media mogul Dean Singleton and former Colorado Avalanche (and now Hall of Famer) Joe Sakic—in other words, a power mob that's as well-bred as the steakhouse's kingly beef robed in char to seal in the juices. 5085 S. Syracuse St., 303-770-7300; shanahanssteakhouse.com.

## POWER PINSTRIPE LUNCH

**Panzano**

Musicians Marc Cohn, Tony Bennett and Robert Plant have all experienced the heralded cooking of Panzano chef Elise Wiggins, whose unassailable Northern Italian cuisine is also a favorite of the ESPN columnist and commentator Rick Reilly



Panzano

and highbrow downtown dealmakers and shakers and their moneyed pals, who bring their slick suits to the sleek scene. The most coveted seats for a power nooner are the three booths up the stairs to the left of the hostess stand that face 17th Street. Reserve one in advance for those who want to be seen, but not heard. 909 17th St., 303-296-3525; panzano-denver.com. **AG**

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