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Shooting Star: Old West meets the New West

You couldn't dream up a better location than Shooting Star, a new residential community at the base of the Tetons.

Set between Snake River Ranch, a working cattle operation since the 1930s, and Teton Village, home of Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, Shooting Star has one foot in Jackson Hole's ranching heritage and another in its newer incarnation as a world-class skiing and outdoor recreation area. Waterways dot the landscape, including Fish Creek, a Class I trout stream. With 1,300 acres of lands protected by conservation easements and views of three mountain ranges, Shooting Star is a place where you feel like you're out in the middle of nowhere, yet it is next to Teton Village and a short drive to the galleries, shops and restaurants of downtown Jackson.

The new community will begin taking shape over the next few years, beginning with construction of an 18-hole golf course and a club house, the sale of 30 single-family home sites and construction of 18 cabins. Reservations for the 30 home sites are being taken now, and on these and every other part of Shooting Star, development will proceed according to a carefully crafted master plan that respects the property's natural resources and Western heritage. Residential development will be limited to a total of 100 home sites, 34 cabins and 48 townhouses, all on the northern portion of the property.

"The family is very committed to ranching, and we didn't want to create sprawl," said John Resor, who heads up the family's development operation and is also an associate broker with Sotheby's International Realty. "This plan allows us to develop next to the village and continue to ranch in other places."

In keeping with Shooting Star's incomparable location, the property's owners have put together a dream team of designers and architects to bring the master plan from drawing board to reality. It started with the selection of Tom Fazio to design the golf course. Fazio has built a reputation for golf courses that are environmentally sound and that fit in with their natural surroundings. He has more credits than any other living designer on *Golf Digest's* list of America's 100 Greatest Golf Courses, and his creations have placed first or second more than a dozen times on the magazine's annual Best New Golf Courses list.

Shooting Star will likely take its own place on *Golf Digest's* rankings some day. It's designed as a "core" course, meaning it will be physically and visually separate from homes and roads. Aspens, cottonwoods, and spruce will frame and seclude each hole so golfers will get a sense of playing in a pristine, secluded environment, one they'll enjoy no matter what the level of their game. And if they happen to be cross-country skiers as well, they'll double their enjoyment, because in winter the course will provide a varied Nordic terrain unlike any other found in Jackson Hole.

Golfers will take their first swings on the Shooting Star course in the summer of 2009. Excavation work began this past October under the supervision of David Owen of Owen Construction, who has his own connections to the history of area, as his father built the original roads on the Snake River Ranch in the 1930s. Owen is one of several well-respected local firms involved in building Shooting Star. Others include Rendezvous Engineering, Hershberger Design, Intermountain Aquatics,



Jorgensen Associates, C & W Excavation, and Grow'n Green.

Shooting Star turned to Hart Howerton, an international architectural and land planning firm, to design its club house, which will be unveiled shortly after the golf course opens. Hart Howerton has built a worldwide reputation for designs that reflect the culture and history of their locations. In addition to a restaurant and locker rooms, Shooting Star's club house will have a spa and a fitness facility, with the workout rooms located on the second floor so that members can enjoy scenic views as they lift weights or pump away on the treadmills and step climbers. Outside will be a lap pool, hot tubs, fire pits and tennis courts, and a barn for children's activities.

To design the first cabins at Shooting Star, the owners tapped one of the best in the business: architect Paul Bertelli of JLF & Associates, a firm founded by Jonathan L. Foote, the man widely acknowledged as the pioneer in the use of reclaimed materials and old-world craftsmanship. Reservations for these three-bedroom homes will be taken starting early next summer.

But the first home ownership opportunities at Shooting Star are already here: the 30 single-family home sites. These average 1.4 acres in size, and most adjoin ponds, lakes or streams. For details on the home sites or other residential offerings at Shooting Star, contact John Resor (307) 739-8062 or toll free (877) 739-8062, or e-mail john.resor@sothebysrealty.com.



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