

Shooting Star

A private, sensitively planned golf community created by a ranching family, with roots dating back over 75 years, in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

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JACKSON HOLE WYOMING: Shooting Star's president, John Resor, casually dressed in work boots, jeans, and a cowboy shirt, declared, "Even in this tough economic environment, we didn't cut any corners. We've stuck to our plan and brought the course and clubhouse in on budget and ahead of schedule. Our family is going to be here for a long time. Therefore, we had to get it right. Our reputation is our most important asset. *(continued)*

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“Last year, volume was way down but the average sales price of Shooting Star homesites was up 16 percent from our record year in 2007. In fact, last year one hundred percent of all sales in Teton Village over \$2 million have been at Shooting Star,” said Resor. “Why? Because of our reputation and our product, which is a tribute to the quality of our design team. On a national and an international level, it simply doesn’t get any better than Tom Fazio, Hart Howerton [clubhouse architects] and Brayton Hughes [interior designers]. Locally, Jonathan L. Foote & Associates [cabin architects] and Hershberger Design [land planners] are unique in their approach and rank with anyone in the country. We couldn’t be more pleased with what they and our construction crews have achieved.

“Once you have the product designed, real estate pricing is based on scarcity and location. In Teton Village, we have both. Less than three percent of the land in all Jackson Hole is privately owned and one-half of that three percent is unsuitable for development. The County has just approved a ten-year master plan at the Village that allows no new free market housing. And as far as location, how could you improve on a Fazio golf course that is within walking distance of an internationally acclaimed ski resort and bordered by a cattle ranch.”

The Resor family has been highly instrumental in the planning of Teton Village for over 20 years. The family has always been a staunch opponent of unplanned growth. In fact, John’s brothers and sister-in-law helped found the Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance, and his father and brother Bill have been long-standing board members of the Jackson Hole Land Trust, which has protected over 20,000 acres in Teton County. But the family has supported smart growth. Its first development, Granite Ridge, protected 130 acres of open space, created the first real estate transfer fee in Wyoming that funds additional open space, and helped pay for important affordable housing in the town of Jackson.

Shooting Star is limited to 100 single family lots, 34 hand-hewn cabins, and 48 townhouses. Over 75 percent of the homesites are adjacent to lakes, ponds or streams, and Fish Creek, a Class I trout stream, winds through the property. Prices are available upon request.

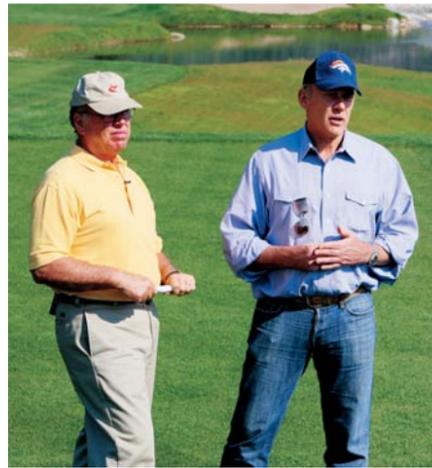
A CORE GOLF COURSE

Choosing Shooting Star’s golf course designer was no gimme. The process was meticulous, according to General Manager/Director of Golf Mark Aulerich. “After two years of research to determine the course designer, it was evident that Tom Fazio was the preferred choice. We studied his design philosophy and recognized the high percentage of golfers, with both low and high handicaps, who enjoy his courses because of their playability. About 95 percent of the individuals interviewed by Mr. Resor said Tom Fazio was their favorite designer. When Fazio was hired, he was given a mandate to protect the environment and provide magnificent views. And he did it in spades,” beamed Aulerich.

“You’ll notice Hole No. 2, for example, is special from the moment you step onto the tee. To your left are dramatic views of the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort. As you pan to the right, you have stunning, long-range views of the snowcapped Tetons. And, in the distance, you can make out the mountains framing the edge of Yellowstone National Park.

“I think you will notice the special touches on our course,” said Aulerich. “The tan bunker sand was shipped in from Northern Utah and we planted a mix of fescues, sagebrush, and other native grasses on the course. Over 2,500 trees have been planted at Shooting Star. John’s brother, Bill, harvested seeds from the cottonwood and aspen trees that grow on the family ranch and nurtured the saplings for three years in a nursery in Montana. The work paid off. The color of the trees in the fall is amazing and consistent with the native species.”

When I asked Fazio about Shooting Star he was com-



Tom Fazio and John Resor survey a golf hole.



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plementary about both the land and the developer. “This is the Resor family’s land and they vehemently protect Jackson Hole’s environment,” recalled Fazio. “Jackson Hole has an excellent worldwide reputation and the Resors are well respected in the community.

“To make sure I delivered to their level of expectation, I built a core golf course to protect the open space around Teton Village and made the Tetons an awesome backdrop on many of the 18 holes. My core-design concept eliminated the intrusion of interior streets, homes, and long walks from greens to tees. Playing the course feels like a walk in a park rather than a ride through a crowded subdivision.”

ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE

Shooting Star provides three distinct facilities: the clubhouse, the Alpine Barn, and the Golf Pro Shop/Nordic Center. Here’s the rundown:

THE CLUBHOUSE: The architecture reflects western traditions. The siding is reverse board and batten made from reclaimed poplar, the timbers are reclaimed Douglas Fir, and the stone is Oklahoma Moss rock and Frontier stone. The south and west sides of the clubhouse offer western-style porches with ample outdoor seating.

- *The Main Dining Room*, which overlooks the 10th tee and a large lake, has an intimate, residential feel. It has a copper bar; a circular, wood-burning fireplace; an elegant wine storage display; and beautiful light fixtures made from rawhide and hammered steel.

- *The Fitness Center* is 2,400 square feet and offers magnificent views of the Tetons while you exercise on state-of-the-art equipment. There is also a large Yoga/Pilates studio and a separate spinning room.

- *The Spa* was designed by Health Spa Napa Valley and Natural Resources Spas, who between them have designed three of the most highly acclaimed spas in the world: The spas at Kukio on Kona in Hawaii; and in California, at the Montage Hotel in Laguna Beach and at The Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Niguel.

The spa at Shooting Star includes a salon, two steam rooms, and six treatment rooms, including a spacious couple’s suite with a fireplace and a stainless steel Jacuzzi.

THE ALPINE BARN: It is designed to accommodate parties, wedding receptions and special events. It has a separate catering kitchen, an activity room for kids, and a large screen for movies. In the winter, it houses ski lockers with boot driers and ample storage space for all your skiing and snowboard gear. A ski concierge and shuttle will provide direct access to the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort.

Outside is a 25-meter tension-edge lap pool, a kids pool, two Jacuzzis, and a fire pit overlooking the lake.

THE GOLF PRO SHOP/NORDIC CENTER: It serves as a golf shop during the golf season and as a Nordic shop during the winter. You’ll love the club’s miles of Nordic trails that include a dog loop. Golf Course Manager Bill Shrum was quick to point out extra features for golfers. “There are two amenities golfers will love. We have a large room housing a golf simulator and a launch monitor.

After a golfer’s exact specs are determined, he or she can walk over to our club repair room and tinker with their equipment.”

FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED

While John heads up Shooting Star, his brother Bill and cousins Barbara Hauge and Henry Laughlin are the managing partners of the Snake River Ranch, which runs 3,800 steers on over 6,000 acres of ranch land. The ranch has been in the family since 1930. “We intend to be here for a long time,” says John. “Nobody can predict the future but with the golf course and clubhouse, we believe we’ve laid the foundation for a successful club that will serve its members and the community well.” ■

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Mark Aulerich and Bill Shrum assess the course.

