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*Twenty top picks from 2008 and a look ahead at 10 things to watch in 2009*

# Back & Forth

FROM EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES and golf courses to convertibles and airline seats, these 20 products, services, people, and places piqued our interest in 2008. And, since the end of one year signals the beginning of another, we also offer a glimpse of what promises to capture our attention in 2009. *[The Editors]*





Cornerstone Colorado's 12th Hole

## Setting the Stable

*The equestrian facilities at Palmetto Bluff*

**T**he Longfield Stables at Palmetto Bluff, a 20,000-acre resort and residential community located 10 miles east of Hilton Head, South Carolina, set the standard for professional horse care. The 173-acre facility, which opened in May and offers training for every experience level, features 24 oversize stalls designed for optimum ventilation, a rubber mat system for comfort, and a wing for indoor grooming.

Riders enjoy a variety of terrain as well as a covered riding arena, an Olympic-size outdoor dressage area, a five-acre turf event field for schooling horses, and a cross-country course. The facility also offers a minimum of two acres of pasture per horse, more than 15 miles of trails, and a special blend of coastal Bermuda grass for optimum dietary supplies. Guests staying at the Auberge Resorts-managed Inn at Palmetto Bluff can use the facility's temporary stabling, which includes a 14-stall receiving barn and 24-hour caretaking services.

While extensive, Longfield Stables covers only a portion of Palmetto Bluff, which also has a Jack Nicklaus golf course, tennis courts, and a



The Longfield Stables at Palmetto Bluff

spa. Currently, 130 of the planned 2,900 homes have been completed and are priced from \$1.15 million to \$4.95 million. [T.H.]

Palmetto Bluff, 866.316.5262, [www.palmetto-bluff.com](http://www.palmetto-bluff.com)

## Rocky Mountain Highlight

*The Greg Norman-designed Golf Course at Cornerstone*

**A**fter playing his first round at Cornerstone Colorado last August, Greg Norman called his latest creation "the best mountain golf course in the world." Norman's enthusiasm is understandable; the course, set at an elevation of 9,000 feet, plays for nearly 8,000 yards through aspen groves and flower-filled meadows atop the majestic Uncompahgre Plateau in southwestern Colorado.

The front nine at Cornerstone opened for play in 2007, but the club saved its better half for this summer: Set on a treeless expanse of the plateau, the first few holes of the newly opened back nine offer unfettered views of such geological wonders as the Grand Mesa, the jagged pinnacles of Cimarron Ridge, and the 14,150-foot-high Mount Sneffels in the San Juan Mountains. Each hole at Cornerstone features five sets of tees and a massive green complex, making the course playable for golfers of all skill levels.

Cornerstone members can improve their skills at the club's new 20-acre practice facility, which features a double-headed driving range and a pitch-and-putt course. In addition to a golf club, the 6,000-acre resort community, located about an hour's drive north of Telluride, offers fly-fishing ponds, a swimming hole, 20 miles of equestrian trails, and a members' clubhouse in the village at Telluride. Cornerstone's first phase includes 59 homesites that range from \$300,000 for a quarter-acre lot to \$1.98 million for a 130-acre ranch. [Bruce Wallin]

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