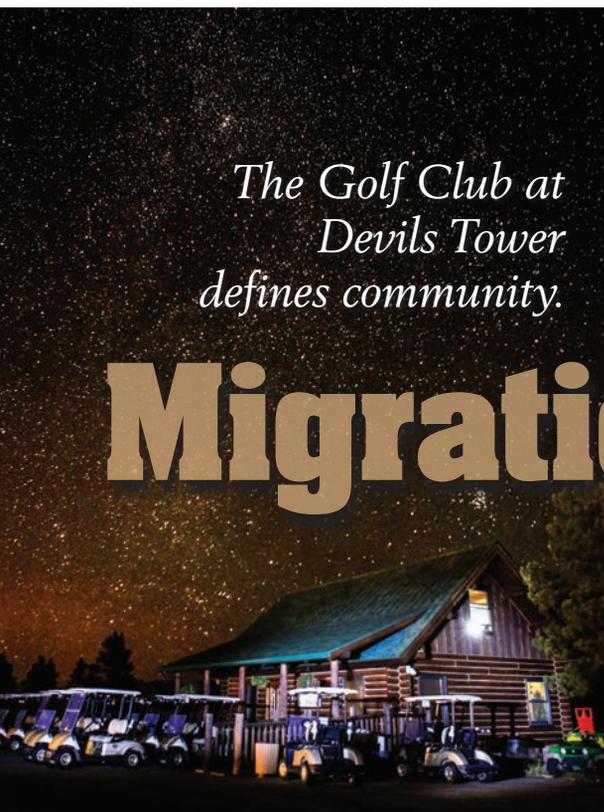


*The Golf Club at
Devils Tower
defines community.*

Migration West



HULETT, WYOMING: “You hear that song out my window?” inquired Todd Coover, general manager at The Golf Club at Devils Tower. “That’s the Western Meadowlark, Wyoming’s state bird, migrating north. To a birder, that’s a wonderful sound to hear, meaning spring has come.”

There’s been a different type of migration taking place across the country as urbanites seek more space. “Unlike towns in the western part of the state that are trampled by tourists and are surprisingly crowded, eastern Wyoming remains open and the kindred spirits of pioneers still resonate among large ranches that have been passed down for generations,” said Coover. “Our club offers a piece of the ‘Old West’ for an affordable price where crime is nonexistent and neighbors are true neighbors.

“You may have heard of *towns* with no stop lights. In our *county*, we don’t have a stop light. The closest thing to a traffic jam is a flock of wild turkeys blocking the

The back bar in the clubhouse saloon dates to the late 1890s. Rumor has it that a few of the more notorious Black Hills pioneers, including Seth Bullock, bellied up to the bar. Saloon tables are crafted out of Jack Daniels oak barrels and, during season, there are weekly whiskey tastings.



Devils Tower rises above the surrounding grassland and ponderosa pine forests like a rocky sentinel. Most geologists agree that Devils Tower began as magma buried beneath the Earth’s surface. What they cannot agree upon are the processes by which the magma cooled to form the Tower, or its relationship to the surrounding geology of the area.

road. If you live in a big city and tire of road rage and virus concerns, you will relish a friendly wave from a passerby and the romance of small town Americana.”

A NATIONAL TREASURE

A full decade before the National Park Service was established, President Roosevelt (in 1906) recognized Devils Tower as the first United States National Monument in order to protect the astounding geologic feature that

“Our goal establishing the golf club was threefold. First, provide a recreational outlet for the employees of our family-owned mill operations. Second, create an environment that would attract entrepreneurs to town. And finally, establish a golf experience so special that you would pick us as your summer destination. I think we succeeded on all accounts and, to boot, we carry no debt on the club.” — JIM NEIMAN JR., OWNER AND FOUNDER OF THE GOLF CLUB AT DEVILS TOWER

protrudes out of the prairie surrounding the Black Hills.

Considered “Best Little Town in the West,” with a population that tops out at 400 and nine miles from Devils Tower, is Hulett, home to The Golf Club at Devils Tower. The community’s member amenities include a new clubhouse, a skeet range, an onsite airstrip, the nearby modern medical center, overnight accommodations, and a culinary program that includes a ranch-to-table partnership with Durham Ranch in nearby Wright, Wyoming (one of the largest bison ranches in North America). “Most importantly, it is common to see kids playing in the street,” continued Coover. “Crime is nonexistent. Our safe setting provides peace of mind.”

Membership at The Golf Club at Devils Tower has doubled over the past 18 months. “Destination private golf clubs represent less than one percent of private golf clubs nationwide, but they are the fastest growing lifestyle option in golf. Demand is robust, showing me remoteness works,” relayed Coover. “I am proud to report that we are close to our max membership cap.

“Our golf course is natural, set against a craggy backdrop,” described Coover. “Bunkers are rough around the edges and fairways are framed by native grasses. The front nine plays through an open prairie and the back nine has more trees and an elevation change. The trio of holes 11, 12, and 13 play to the canyon rim with clear views of Devils Tower in the distance.”

RARE BUT TRUE

A turkey shoot at The Golf Club at Devils Tower carries a different meaning than most private clubs. “Typically, ‘turkey shoot’ is synonymous with a Thanksgiving holiday themed golf tournament,” smiled Coover. “Not here. Some of the best game hunting in North America surrounds us.

“Here, deer are plentiful, beautiful to look at, and



“Where the West never ends” is the slogan on the Interstate entry sign into Wyoming. Hulett celebrates the Old West. At Devils Tower, the Country Grocery Store and Ponderosa Saloon are within walking distance of the clubhouse. Cards, karaoke, and darts are popular pastimes.

possess a natural instinct. If you don’t see deer around, there’s likely a mountain lion or fox lurking about,” said Coover. “While rare, last fall when my wife and I were driving to the club, two yearling cubs crossed the road right in front of us. It reminded us why our ‘corner of the country’ is worthy of its national designation.” ■

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