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**INCOMPARABLE SERVICE, CONVENIENCE AT CORDILLERA VAIL CLUB**

- *Limited Number of Memberships now available to non-Cordillera homeowners for a fraction of what it costs to join other, similar clubs.*
- *Luxurious private club offers a warm, welcoming, year-round retreat in the heart of Vail Village.*

CORDILLERA, Colo. (Feb. 26, 2009) — When it comes to convenience, luxury, value and service with a smile, there's just no comparison to what's available at one of the Vail Valley's finest private clubs.

Cordillera Vail Club, located in the heart of Vail Village, is inviting non-Cordillera property owners to join them. Now, anyone — including those who don't own a home or property in Cordillera, the Vail Valley's premiere resort community — can enjoy a variety of amenities while skiing, snowshoeing, hiking, mountain-biking, dining, shopping or enjoying the ambiance of Vail Village, whatever the season.

“You can live anywhere in the world and be a member here,” says Bart Sigler, Director of Business Enterprises for the Cordillera Property Owners Association and Cordillera Metro District, who manages the private ski club at the base of Vail Mountain just steps from the Vista Bahn Express Lift. “The first two years have been fantastic. The members are so enthusiastic about this place.”

The Cordillera Vail Club, which opened in 2007, is a 3,800-square-foot, seasonal facility located on the top floor of the Vista Bahn Building, at the top of Bridge Street. This handsome facility, with a luxurious lounge, premiere services and two outdoor decks, offers a warm, welcoming, year-round retreat with ample equipment storage, stunning views and exceptional access to both Vail Village and Vail Mountain.

“It's like having a home base right next to the lift. You walk up Bridge Street in your street shoes and walk out ready to ski or ride,” says Sigler, adding the customer service members receive is second to none. “I'm so proud of this staff, so friendly and personable and on top of the needs of every member and guest.”

Amenities and privileges available to Cordillera Vail Club members and their guests seven days a week during the ski season include:

- Luxurious hearth from and lounge with fireplace.
- Private locker for two people w/guest privileges.
- Ski butler service and equipment storage.
- Continental breakfast and après-ski service.
- Private access to facility.
- Computer and Internet access.
- Overnight ski tune services and rental program available.
- Boot dryer, disinfectant and heater system.
- Changing room and restrooms.
- Flat-screen televisions.
- Daily newspapers, including the *New York Times*, *Denver Post* and *USA Today*.

Cordillera Vail Club is available to members as a meeting place before and after sporting events, art shows, concerts, pre- or post-performance gatherings for Bravo!, Vail Valley Music Festival, Vail International Dance Festival, or for private functions.

Longtime Cordillera homeowner and founding Club member John Glendenning says he uses the Cordillera Vail Club often during the ski season as his daily “starting point.” “I’ve been in many other, similar clubs, that just don’t compare,” says Glendenning, adding he appreciates great customer service as a Vail Village-based ski instructor with the Vail Snowsports School. “More than just the location, which you can’t beat, Bart and the staff are what make it such a quality club. It’s such a welcoming place.”

Non-property owner memberships to the Cordillera Vail Club — \$22,500 plus \$2,500 annual dues — are priced far below those of other, similar, often exclusive private clubs in Vail, which range from about \$45,000 to more than \$200,000 to join, says Sigler.

For more information about the Cordillera Vail Club, contact Bart Sigler at the Cordillera Vail Club, 970-479-1229 or e-mail him at [vailclub@cordillera.com](mailto:vailclub@cordillera.com).

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### **Cordillera's going 'green'**

*Green Team aims to make community  
as environmentally friendly as possible*

CORDILLERA, Colo. (April 29, 2009) — Cordillera is taking its environmental efforts to a whole new level.

Located above the Vail Valley within more than 7,000 acres of Colorado High Country ranchland, Cordillera's property owners, members and employees understand the need to protect what makes it North America's premiere residential mountain community.

That understanding led to Cordillera's being nominated for the Vail Valley Partnership's 2008 Green Business of the Year Award.

Now, with a mission of serving, sustaining and protecting natural resources and the environment throughout the community, and beyond, the new Cordillera Green Team — comprising representatives from all facets of the Cordillera Metro District, the Club at Cordillera and the Lodge & Spa at Cordillera — has been brainstorming on a long list of new "green ideas" for implementation in 2009.

"We're working together to identify and implement the most economical green practices," says Green Team Leader Lisa Isom, director of recreation for the Club at Cordillera. "From composting to 'pre-cycling' there are many ways to preserve the environment without spending a lot of money."

Green initiatives planned by the Cordillera Green Team include:

#### **• Composting Operations**

Employees at Cordillera's golf course, equestrian and restaurant facilities will be storing organic materials, such as grass clippings, manures, etc., on-site in newly built "tumblers," or 55-gallon drums modified for the purpose. The resulting compost material will be transported regularly to a site near Cordillera's Town Park, scheduled to open June 1.

"We hope to be able to compost almost all of the corn-based containers used in the Clubhouses this summer," says Isom. "These containers won't break down in the landfill, but they should make great fodder for our gardens and flower beds."

### • **Community Gardens**

Fenced-in Community Gardens, also scheduled to open June 1, will be open to Cordillera property owners and Club members to grow their own herbs and vegetables; employees from Cordillera's Timber Hearth Grille and Chaparral restaurants also may use the Community Gardens as testing grounds for their own fresh produce, herbs and flowers. The fenced-in, raised planting beds will be constructed using timbers of pine-beetle-killed trees from the local area.

"It's exciting to be able to use the beetle-killed trees to enhance the community by using in the construction of the planting beds," says Jeff Hartman, Design Review Board coordinator for the Cordillera Metro District.

### • **"Pre-cycling"**

Based on the concept of "think before you buy," Cordillera Green Team members have identified methods for using and/or developing items that create less waste, including:

- Purchasing supplies, from landscaping items to vehicle-maintenance products to food stocks, in bulk when possible, instead of in individual containers.
- Going "paperless" with payroll and other administrative operations.
- Moving away from bulky, expensive brochures and toward DVDs and Web-based materials for marketing purposes.
- Printing the Club's annual magazine, *Cordillera Living*, on recycled paper

### • **Community involvement**

- Cordillera offers the service of dozens of its employees on Friday, May 1, to the 10th Annual Community Pride Highway Clean Up, a project of the Eagle River Watershed Council, to pick up trash from the sides of Interstate 70, U.S. Highways 6 and 24 and Colorado Highway 131.
- Cordillera employees also volunteer for the Eagle River Watershed Council's Annual Community River Clean Up in the fall, scheduled this year for Sept. 12.
- Cordillera has joined Destination Preservation and Environmental Sustainability, a joint environmental program of the Vail Valley Partnership and the Town of Vail.

### • **Adopting "green" policies**

The Cordillera Property Owners Association and the Cordillera Metro District have adopted a policy statement entitled "Greening Cordillera," which establishes procedures and programs to execute new federal "greening" laws and regulations.

For more information on the Cordillera Green Team, call Isom at 926-9669 or e-mail her at [lisom@cordillera-vail.com](mailto:lisom@cordillera-vail.com). For more information about Cordillera, visit [www.cordillerametro.org](http://www.cordillerametro.org) or [www.cordilleracolorado.com](http://www.cordilleracolorado.com).

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### **A new beginning for Cordillera's Bearcat Stables**

*Newly restored Bearden homestead enhances  
the Vail Valley horseback riding experience*

CORDILLERA, Colo. (March 19, 2009) — One of the Vail Valley's most nostalgic horse outfitters sees the upcoming summer riding season as a new beginning.

Cordillera-based Bearcat Stables, which offers a variety of horseback and horse-drawn recreational activities throughout the year, is looking forward to operating out of its newly restored facilities at the historic Bearden family homestead, in the scenic Squaw Creek Valley.

Restoration work on the Bearden Cabin, built in 1915, was completed last year; and preservation of Bearcat's Cabin, home to Ellis "Bearcat" Bearden until his death in 1993, is scheduled for completion this summer.

"We promised the Bearden family we'd restore the property," says Gavin Selway, owner of Bearcat Stables, which performed much of the preservation work, in conjunction with the Cordillera Preservation Foundation. "That was our goal, to keep the ranch the way it was."

Teams of horses from Bearcat Stables hit the trail year-round with rides for people of all ages — from those with limited experience with horses to expert riders — who would like to enjoy a horseback ride amid the majestic scenery of the Colorado High Country.

Within the boundaries of Cordillera, the Vail Valley's premiere residential mountain community, Bearcat Stables offers one-, one and a half- and two-hour rides through wide-open meadows and immense groves of aspen trees with breathtaking views of Bellyache Ridge and glimpses of the New York and Gore Mountain Ranges. For the more adventurous, backcountry rides of three and six hours in length allow guests to experience a part of the Rocky Mountains that few people see — with a gourmet lunch along the way.

“For people who are used to the hustle and bustle, these rides are very relaxing,” says Leeds Butcher, managing partner of Bearcat Stables. “A hundred years ago, horses did all the work. This gives a real sense of heritage.”

The outfitter also offers spectacular, multi-day horseback trips. Its marquee excursion is the Vail to Aspen Ride, a four-day journey from Bearcat Stables to the historic mining town of Aspen. The four-day, three-night ride traverses some of the most spectacular wilderness in the Rocky Mountains, with nights spent at 10th Mountain Division Huts and private guest ranches.

Each ride begins and ends at Bearcat Stables, on the Bearden family’s historic Squaw Creek Valley homestead, with transportation available from and to anywhere in the Vail Valley. Backcountry rides are customized to match the guest’s idea of the perfect horseback adventure. The number of guests is limited to ensure a quality horseback ride experience. Larger group rides are available only by special request.

Another multi-day excursion is the Monument Valley Utah Trip, a four-night, three-day ride conducted on private land that only a horse will be able to travel, offering one of the most spectacular experiences available in the Utah backcountry, with base camp near Monument Valley.

Also available are winter sleigh rides through Cordillera’s Ranch golf course — best enjoyed with a gourmet dinner at the Timber Hearth Grille — and private, romantic horse-drawn carriage rides for weddings and other special occasions.

“With the Bearcat Stables widely utilized by Cordillera residents and visitors, trail rides and tours of the area are a regular pastime,” says John Rainey, director of the Cordillera Preservation Foundation, which has raised money for and conducted the restoration. “The newly restored Bearden homesteads — Bearden Cabin and Bearcat’s Cabin — enhance the Vail Valley horseback riding experience.”

For more information about Bearcat Stables, visit [www.bearcatstables.com](http://www.bearcatstables.com), call Gavin Selway or Leeds Butcher at 970-926-1578 or e-mail them at [insummer@vail.net](mailto:insummer@vail.net). Other useful links include [www.cordillerapreservation.com](http://www.cordillerapreservation.com), [www.cordilleracolorado.com](http://www.cordilleracolorado.com) and [www.cordillerametro.org](http://www.cordillerametro.org).

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