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THE POWDER HORN CLUBHOUSE

Sheridan, Wyoming

When Sheridan, Wyoming architect Dan Stalker called to request our help with landscaping for the new clubhouse at The Powder Horn, we jumped at the opportunity to become involved. The Powder Horn development combines residential properties and a championship 27-hole golf course on a historic ranch property with spectacular views of the Big Horn Mountains. The golf course has been recognized by Golf Digest as one of the best new layouts in the west, and the clubhouse would be the finishing touch for the golfing experience.





Dan had envisioned a water feature to separate the clubhouse from the adjacent pool and spa, and to add drama to the arrival experience at the clubhouse. This concept was expanded; wrapping the lower section of the water feature around a patio located off the locker rooms and then bringing it into play along the right side of the approach to the ninth green.



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A naturalistic water feature design was developed to be reflective of spring fed mountain brooks common along the east slope of the Big Horn Mountains. Along this same theme, the water feature was developed without filtration. An infiltration gallery adjacent to nearby Little Goose Creek was developed to provide the water source. Fiber-optic lighting, which can be programmed to produce a variety of effects, was incorporated in the water feature design and field located during construction. The water feature was published in the national magazine Landscape Architect and Specifier News.

While the water feature was under construction we developed site landscaping plans for the remainder of the clubhouse area, including the arrival designation, pool and parking facilities. A landscape lighting plan was completed to artistically light the grounds and building. Installation of the custom entry signage, irrigation, plantings and landscape lighting completed the clubhouse and pool environment.



