

Fazio course at Cliffs among top 10 new, private courses

SIX MILE — Recognized for its “gently rolling mountainside layout,” the Tom Fazio championship course at The Cliffs at Keowee Springs was named one of the Top 10 New Private Golf Courses by GOLF Magazine.

The annual ranking appears in the January 2009 issue of the publication.

“The Cliffs Communities has such an enviable track record, I was predisposed going in to expect something special at Keowee Springs. I wasn’t disappointed,” says Joe Passov, senior editor for travel and rankings at GOLF Magazine. “Tom Fazio and his team had their skills on full display here, in transforming a challenging piece of property into their trademark layout — one that’s a stiff test from the tips, but one that’s remarkably playable for the Average Joe.

“What really made this course stand out for me,” Passov adds, “is how the layout intentionally incorporated three loops of six holes, plus a set of ‘family’ tees. Few courses I’ve played in recent memory offer such terrific flexibility.”

Opened in September 2008, The Cliffs at Keowee Springs golf course plays 7,100 yards from the championship tees and features the distinction of having two turns at six-hole increments.

“We are honored to be recognized by GOLF Magazine,” said John Mitchell, The Cliffs at Keowee Springs PGA Professional. “We pay particular attention to course conditions, so the subtle nuances of the Fazio design are evident on each hole. Whether it is from the back tees measuring 7,100 yards or the family tees measuring 4,600 yards, the appeal of Keowee Springs is that players of all skill levels can enjoy the course on a daily basis while also finding ways to challenge their skills.”

The Cliffs at Keowee Springs is also the home of the International Institute of Golf, led by esteemed instructors Steve Bann and Dale Lynch. The International Institute of Golf’s training facility at Keowee Springs is scheduled to open this spring.



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The Fazio layout at Keowee Springs is evident in this aerial photo.