

Billionaire Barn Debuts At Quaint 850-Acre Silo Ridge Field Club

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The Barn is Silo Ridge Field Club's new 11,000-square-foot multipurpose family entertainment, activity and casual dining space.

If you're wondering about the weather lately, luxury developer Mike Meldman is "making it rain." He branded Casamigos Tequila with actor George Clooney and entrepreneur Rande Gerber into a reported \$1 billion windfall. Since then, he's branded 'quaint' among the rolling hills, farms, meadows and wineries of Upstate New York. The windfall and everything around him is green—except when autumn foliage colors this landscape. Hudson Valley is designed that way, like a smooth tequila—an ultimate relaxer. Meldman's brand of quaint is attracting city slickers (celebrities, athletes, business moguls) to Silo Ridge Field Club, his idyllic members-only heirloom community near the historic towns of Amenia and Millbrook.



Silo Ridge Field Club's member's-only 18-hole golf course was designed by renowned golf architect Tom Fazio



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A Discovery Land Company property, Silo Ridge is nestled along a countryside ridge between New York and Connecticut—90 minutes north of New York City. The expansive property is privatized by verdant trees, rusty silos and charming lodges.

One crisp autumn day, I bore witness to this billionaire Shangri-La during a phenomenal family day open house attended by potential wealthy investors and celebrities (like Gisele Bündchen)—lured by golf, savory cuisine, farm-fresh produce, handmade crafts, fire pits, autumn leaves, and echoes of an awesome Eagles cover band singing “Take It Easy.” Taking it easy here is a breeze—literally.

The environmentally-conscious, gated community spans 850 acres with 245 residences, an 18-hole golf course (designed by famed golf architect Tom Fazio), lake, boathouse, equestrian and wellness facilities, pool, organic garden, event lawn, and a new activity center called *The Barn*.

Residences include spacious townhouses, cottages, lodges, New England Commons-style condos, and rustic single-family homes. Condos start at \$2.6 million and single family homes in the Village Green neighborhood

start at \$3.5 million. According to published reports, Bündchen and Tom Brady, iHeartMedia COO Richard Bressler, and Weight Watchers (WW International) CEO Mindy Grossman all own residences at Silo Ridge.

Primarily a second residence community, Silo Ridge has been an ideal quarantine escape. More than 100 owners have ridden out the coronavirus epidemic in the socially-distanced enclave—playing virtual bingo, bakeoffs, and Zoom workouts. Thirty-five percent sold, there’s still time to escape the city for this quaint getaway.



Rusty silos and comfort stations are among charming outposts along Silo Ridge’s golf course.



Ridge House amid a verdant landscape. More than 100 members rode out the coronavirus shutdown at Silo Ridge Field Club, an 850-acre gated community.



The Barn's design utilized traditional construction, weaving, and milk paint finishing techniques.

Now, as New York state successfully lowers COVID-19 cases, a new phase of reopening coincides with the debut of *The Barn*, Silo Ridge's brand new 11,000-square-foot multipurpose family entertainment, activity and casual dining space.

This isn't your average barn. Sure it's crafted from reclaimed wood and milk paint, but the soaring, expansive space is overflowing with luxurious amenities.

Here, resident members can enjoy concerts, movies, televised sports, arts-and-crafts, and local terrain-to-table fare at private or communal tables. *The Barn* includes a relaxed 120-seat dining room, bar, double-height fireplace, and long farmhouse-style tables for family and friend gatherings.



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Sweeping view of lake, pool and landscape from The Barn's expansive upper deck.

The lower-level houses a movie theater, bowling alley, game room, arts-and-crafts room, and a wood-fired pottery kiln. This kid-friendly level is decorated with whimsical colors and child-sized Shaker furniture.

“*The Barn* is the hub of family life at Silo Ridge,” says Meldman, founder and CEO of Discovery Land Company. “It’s an important part of our DNA—generations of families who get to know each other and love spending time together.”

Collaboratively designed by Alder & Tweed, WC Ralston Architects and others, the sustainable facility is inspired by Hudson Valley architecture and executed by local artisans who infused Shaker-style furnishings and vintage accessories into the design.



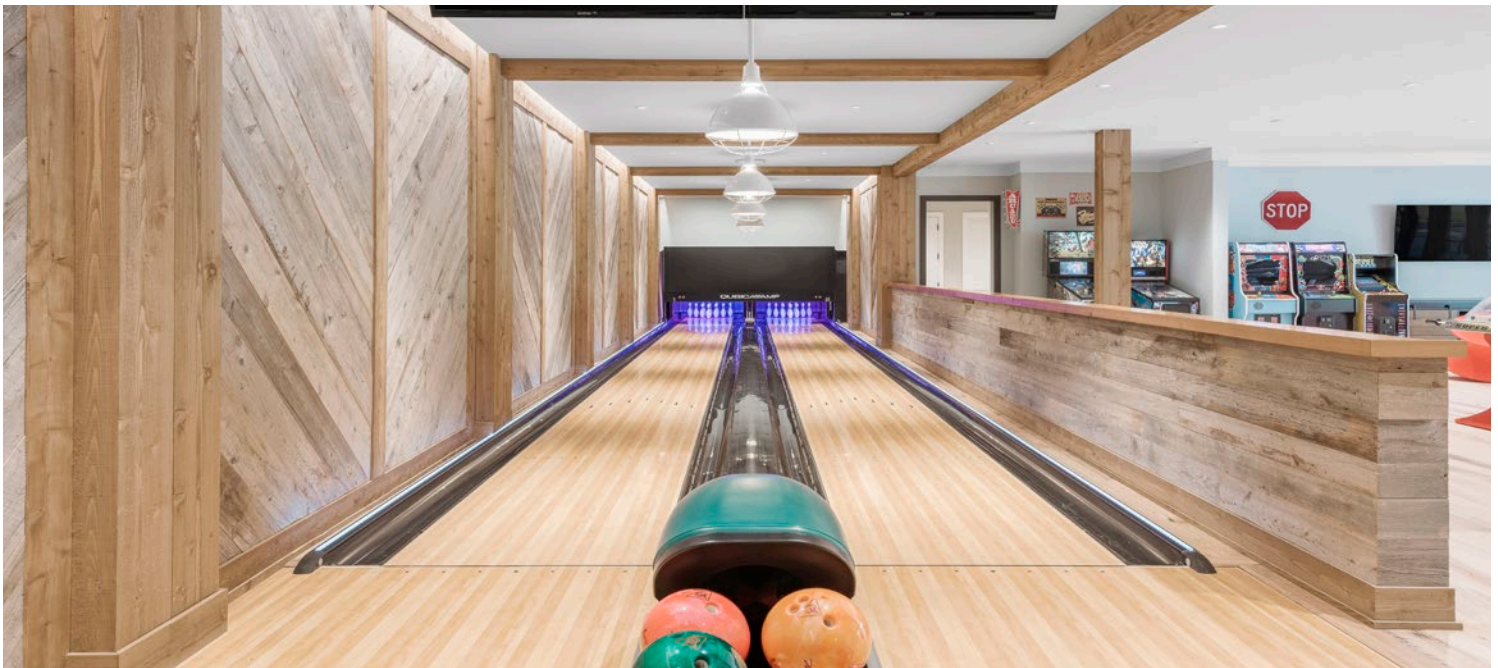
Whimsical candy station



Kids game room on The Barn's lower level



The Barn movie theater



The Barn's bowling alley



Silo Ridge Field Club's lake offers paddleboarding, kayaking, canoeing and fishing.



The Barn's kid-friendly lower level is decorated with reclaimed wood and whimsical colors.



Silo Ridge Field Club's Outdoor Pursuits program offers members guided excursions, including horseback riding.

Oak floors, reclaimed wood, locally-sourced stone, folk art, and Americana relics lend authenticity to *The Barn's* flexible spaces and the cultural landscape. Even *The Barn's* exterior boasts reclaimed wood from a local barn.

"Utilizing traditional techniques for construction, weaving, and milk paint finishing, we were able to translate historical patterns and colors into stunning modern-day adaptations," says design director Stephanie Balvin.

Silo Ridge's Outdoor Pursuits program offers members excursions such as guided hiking, biking, archery, luxury camping, fly fishing, skeet shooting, paddleboarding, kayaking and canoeing on the lake. Winter sports include sledding, snow shoeing, cross-country skiing and downhill skiing on local mountains.

All 22 Discovery Land Company communities design Outdoor Pursuits programs around family bonding and regional activities.

