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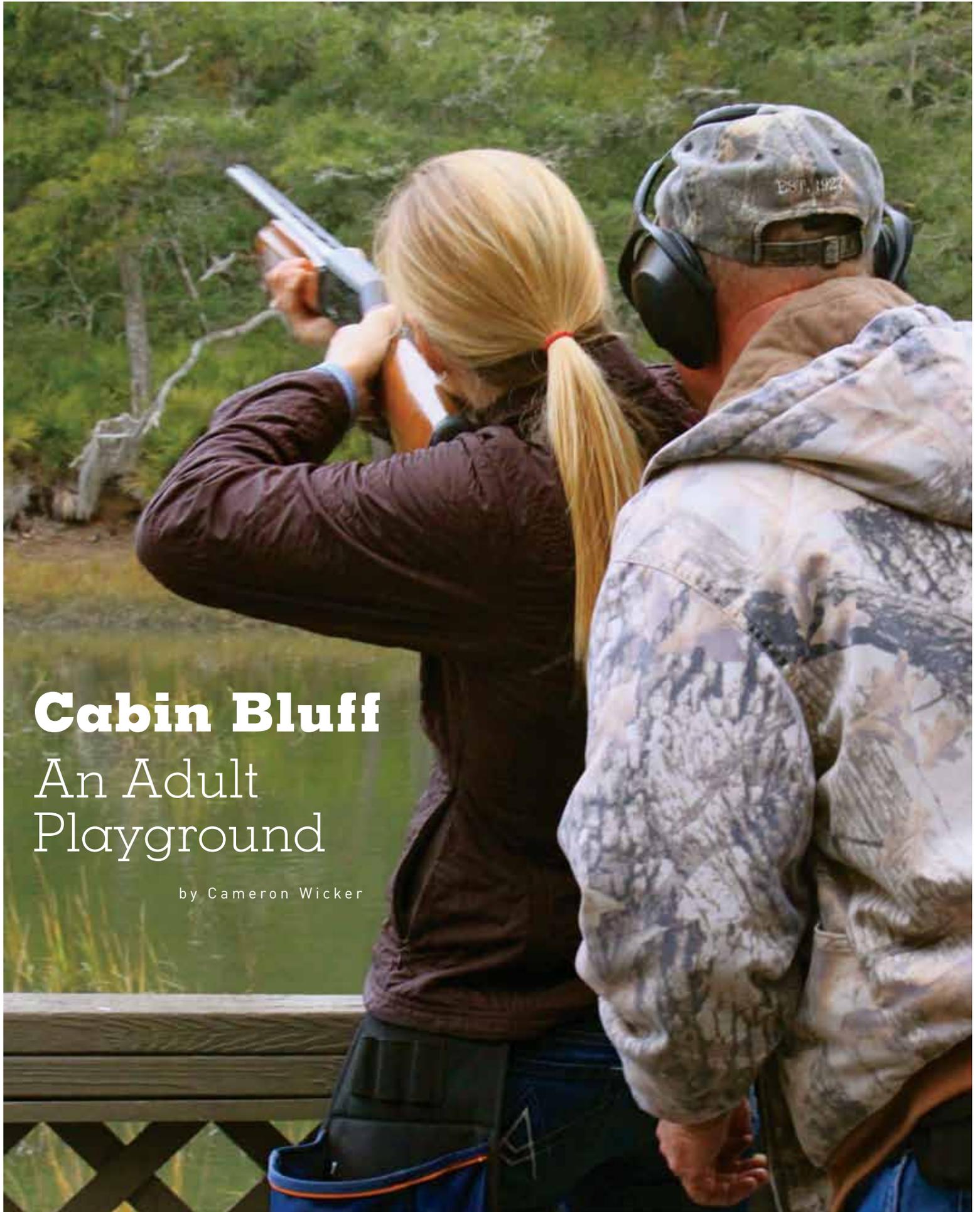
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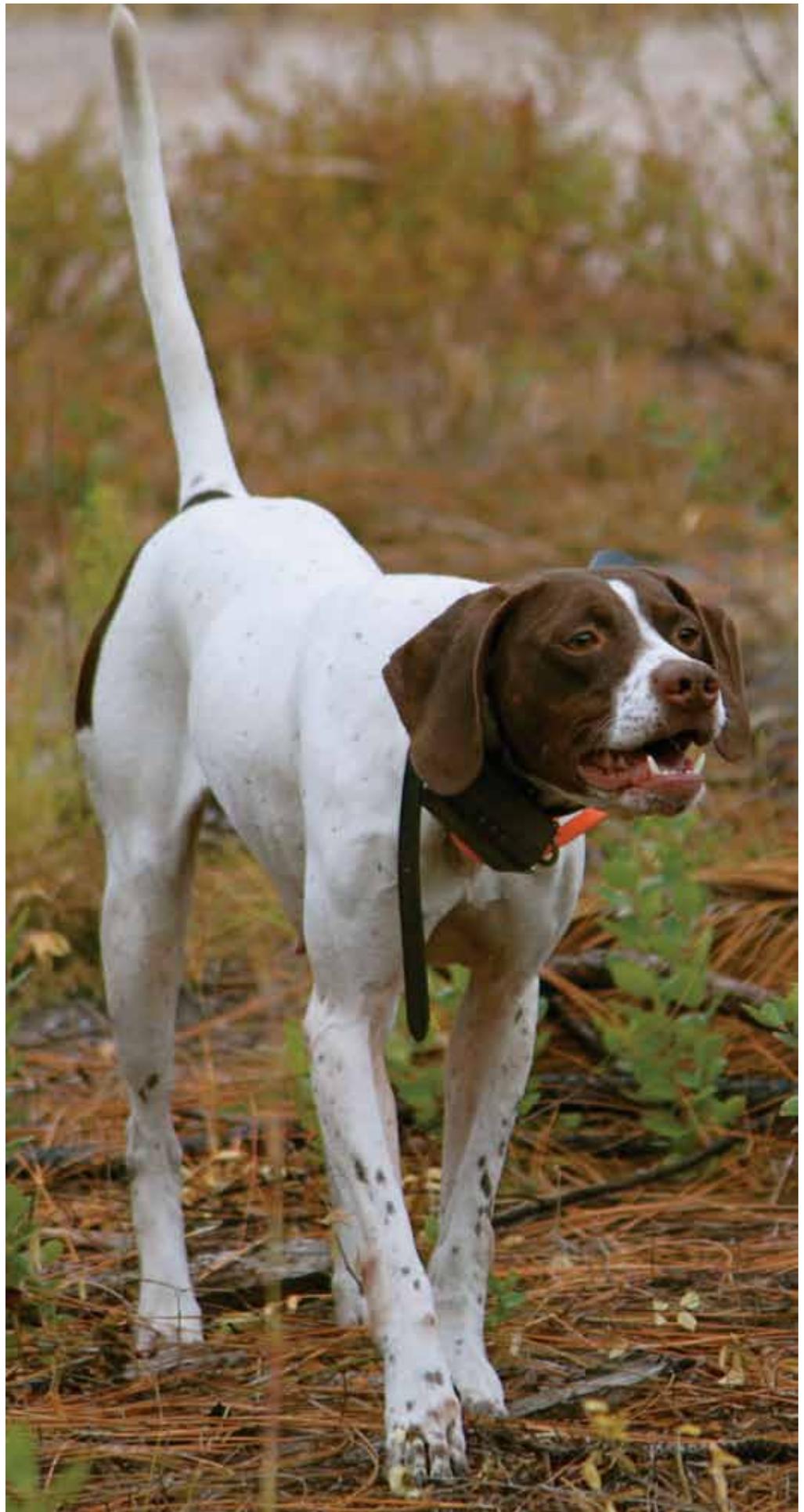
## An Adult Playground

by Cameron Wicker

**D**uring the roaring 20s, Howard Coffin was acquiring acreage and islands along the Georgia coast at a time when most considered the area an overgrown mosquito-infested swampland. A ride along Sea Island Drive today proves just what a visionary he was. While The Cloister was Mr. Coffin's public playground, Cabin Bluff was his private retreat.

Located on the banks of the Cumberland River, Cabin Bluff is a 24,000-acre sportsman's paradise. While the property is vast, the hub of activity is centered at the river-front lodge and its seven guest cabins. Cabin Bluff can be described as "rustic," but it's a type of rustic elegance you might imagine Ralph Lauren himself enjoying. And like an idyllic Polo ad spread, guests move effortlessly from hunting and shooting to tennis and golf, but there are also plenty of front porches and rocking chairs to simply take in the scenery. It's as if a nine-year-old mind designed a summer camp during middle age – a stunning playground with modern comforts and southern hospitality.

Since opening in 1928, Cabin Bluff has been owned by Sea Island Company's owners both individually and jointly with paper and packaging company MeadWestvaco. The latter has recently taken over full ownership of the property and embarked on \$1.5 million in renovations, the first in many years. "With the historical charm and significance, we didn't change the character of Cabin Bluff," says Andy Ippensen, Sales and Marketing Manager, "rather we made improvements that will enhance the experience for corporate and social (*continues*)





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groups.” Renovations include guest room improvements, a golf course redesign, conference center upgrades and landscape enhancements.

Guest cabins offer 20 private rooms with private baths that accommodate up to forty guests at a time. Just one group at a time can reserve the property, which is ideal for corporate group team building, weddings, reunions or group getaways.

### GAME PRESERVE

“Two Gobblers,” boasts the framed, handwritten account of all hunters and their game during the 1930 hunting season. The records from several years were meticulously documented, framed and hung in the main lodge to remind everyone that you’re in the middle of a game preserve. Reminders, in fact, are everywhere—dear heads, an albino squirrel, a bobcat, boar, and a 15-foot gator peering down from the ceiling. Cabin Bluff’s experienced guides take both beginners and expert hunters on excursions for quail, dove, turkey, deer and wild boar. And for practice, there is a 13-station sporting clays course that is regarded as one of the finest in the country.

The entire camp is situated along the banks of the Cumberland River, abundant with redfish, sea trout, bluefish, tarpon and more. It’s no surprise that fishing is among the activities. Experienced guides navigate the waters, often sending you back to your cabin after having caught your own dinner. Canoes and kayaks

are also available for a different kind of experience on the water, particularly for bird watchers—more than 300 species of birds have been documented in the area.

### MUCH TO DO

Though it’s a quiet, isolated spot, Cabin Bluff does not lack for things to do. One of only a few of its kind, the six-green golf course has different tee and pin configurations so it plays as an 18-hole course. Designed by Davis Love III, the course has recently undergone a redesign that features wider greens and landscape improvements that make for better visual play. As Davis and Cabin Bluff staffers say, it’s just more fun to play. And at the recreation center, there’s a pub house, large deck, swimming pool and tennis courts to round out the activities.

### DINING

Mealtime at Cabin Bluff is another enjoyable experience. Breakfast and lunch take place in the dining cabin adjacent to the main lodge. The casual, drop-in, serve-yourself fare includes down-home favorites like scrambled eggs & sausage and fried chicken that always satisfies before your next outing. Dinner typically begins with cocktail hour in the main lodge or perhaps an outdoor oyster roast around the fire pit. A short walk to the “Coolidge Tavern” leads guests to the family-style dining room where you may be served fresh-caught fish, quail or any number of tasty dishes.

### ALL INCLUSIVE

The Cabin Bluff experience is the definition of

“all inclusive.” A core package includes lodging, golf, pool, tennis, dock fishing, meals and beverages. A la carte activities such as sporting clays, charter fishing, kayak excursions or a day trip to Cumberland Island can be added along with customized activities designed for your group’s interests.

### CONFERENCES

With all there is to do, I’m not sure where people find the time or motivation to meet, but lo and behold, there is a conference center. With recent updates, the conference center features 1,700 square feet of meeting space including two breakout rooms. The main conference room has space for 38 and all of the technology needed to project inside and connect to the outside.

### AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

During most of its history, Cabin Bluff has been a private retreat. With the recent changes, Cabin Bluff is now available for corporate retreats and social groups. In the coming months, there will be opportunities to visit Cabin Bluff during an “open hunt” when individuals and couples have the unique opportunity to reserve a single room for a three-night stay. Available today to more people and groups than ever before, now is the time to experience what Howard Coffin held so dear: the ideal haven for sporting enthusiasts. For assistance in planning your stay at Cabin Bluff, visit [www.cabinbluff.com](http://www.cabinbluff.com), call 912.729.5960 or email [contact@cabinbluff.com](mailto:contact@cabinbluff.com).



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