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Nanette Brown and her husband Jeff Lubin both have successful businesses that require them to travel from London to New York several times a month. So, their leisure time is, understandably, prized. Although both are from the eastern United States, their primary home is in London. Brown owns and runs Mrs. John L. Strong Fine Stationery, a well-respected New York-based enterprise; Lubin is an investment banker.

They keep a home in the Hamptons (Brown calls it “an old farm house”), where they find refuge when in New York. But when occasion arrived to invest in a purely recreational residence, they opted for a membership at Loch Lomond Golf Club in Scotland.

Spread across more than 600 heavily wooded acres on the banks of Loch Lomond and surrounded by the dramatic mountains of the Scottish Highlands, the club provides access to the recreational pursuits each adore.

Lubin loves to golf, but is an equally avid hunter who joins his “syndicate” (group of friends) for regular pheasant shoots when in season. “I’ll go load and do the walks with him,” Brown says, “or I’ll sit and read by a fireplace in the Manor House. Sometimes I go into Glasgow [30 minutes by car] and do a little antiques. We work so much that to go up there, in such a gentrified country setting, is exactly what we need to refresh and renew.”

NANETTE BROWN & JEFF LUBIN

HIGHLANDS HIDEAWAY

Above: A tartan-themed tub at the Rosdhu House, a ca. 1773 castle that now functions as the clubhouse for the Loch Lomond golf course.

Right: The K+M Castle suite, one of six well-appointed guest rooms in the clubhouse.



With an international clientele that boasts members from more than 40 countries, Loch Lomond offers far more than your average country club. When in residence, members have a variety of accommodation choices, all historically renovated with accurate decor, but with all the modern conveniences. Among them are a 1770s-era castle known as Rossdhu House, where six richly appointed suites await; nine suites at the elegant Garden Cottages; and

newer suites at the Point, which overlook the loch from near the eighth tee box of the golf course. A second course, about an hour's drive away, is also owned by the club and available to members.

"We go year-round," Brown says. "We love it as much in winter as in summer. The place is so nicely decorated around the holidays; there's a warm fire burning in the fireplace . . . it's like we've stepped back in time."

The luxurious K+M Drawing Room in the Rossdhu House.

