By Mark Leslie

You're into computers and golf, and you happen to be in the vicinity of Sioux City, Iowa, you might want to pack your golf bag — er, 9 iron and putter — and visit the folks at Computer Support out on West Gordon Drive.

When Kenneth and Harry Keairns decided to build a new facility for their burgeoning company, the golfing brothers decided to build in some extras for themselves and their employees. You might call it "staying on a straight course for employee happiness," or "playing into the hands of your friends."

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Leonard said, "Every lunch period it's really well used. Others play after work. Harry sometimes brings his family down in the evening,"

Keairns said a foursome can play the course in 45 minutes — an added plus for a busy schedule.

The course record? "Probably one over par," he said. "They're small, elevated greens. You've got to be deadly accurate. If you hit it up on the green, it's cause for celebration." No one has knocked in a hole in one yet, Leonard said, "and the company's golfers are putting in a stock of prizes for the lucky moment."

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