

Kemper acquires Carolina Springs Golf & CC

Kemper Sports Management has acquired Carolina Springs Golf and Country Club in Fountain Inn, S.C., a 27-hole semi-private facility located 13 miles southeast of Greenville.

"Carolina Springs is the perfect opportunity for us to enter the Greenville-Spartanburg golf market, which we believe has a strong demand for quality facilities," said Tom Lenz, Kemper Sports' Charleston, S.C.-based vice president.

"We look forward to making one of the most popular courses in the area even better," said Lenz, who noted Carolina Springs was voted by *The Greenville News* readers as the best public course in the upstate area.

Carolina Springs opened in 1968 as an 18-hole golf course. An additional nine holes were added in 1988.

Kemper Sports has already made several key improvements. "We will update and modernize the golf shop, grill room and snack bar in the clubhouse. We've also brought in a new fleet of golf carts, and are implementing a golf course maintenance program that will offer consistent, top-quality playing conditions year round," he said.

Kemper Sports and investor Mike Keiser purchased Carolina Springs through a joint venture, Kemper Keiser Lesnik Golf Partnership.

Beer banned at Eagle Valley GC

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Rowdy out-of-town golfers who saddle their cars with cases of beer prompted the Board of Selectmen here to ban coolers from the municipal Eagle Valley Golf Course.

"The people that now bring alcohol on the course are a liability for both the city and the golf professional," Deputy City Manager Patrick Sorensen told the *Carson City Nevada Appeal*.

Pat Milligan, who manages the bar and grill for ARA Leisure Services, said most of the on-course problems are caused by out-of-town

players, usually as part of a tournament. One weekend, 23 beer bottles were found on the course.

"And we don't sell bottles," she explained.

ARA Leisure Services has a written policy that forbids employees from serving intoxicated customers.

There is no ARA policy for drinking on the course.

Although ARA returns a percentage of all food and drink sales to the city, Sorensen said revenue considerations had nothing to do with the new ruling.



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course, Wells said. That has allowed him to rebuild several holes, upgrade the irrigation and drainage systems and undertake more long-range planing.

"We've gone from a C-rated course to one of the best in the area," Wells said.

While at the resort, Wells has done extensive research and experimentation with seed mixes, mowing techniques and refining turf surfaces. He developed a rye seed mix that has excellent frost rigidity and makes a smooth transition from winter to summer.

A Dallas native, Wells is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He served in Vietnam from 1970-72 and received numerous valor medals. He was recently promoted to director of grounds for all resort landscaping and the three courses.

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Lindquist and his staff with "making it work."

Thirty-four of the 138 golfers were playing Stonecreek for the first time. Ninety-three percent of all who played said they would return this summer.