



BEN BIERSNER RETURNS TO FOX RIDGE GOLF CLUB AS GENERAL MANAGER/ HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL

DIKE, IA and INDIANAPOLIS, February 9, 2016 -- Ben Biersner, a golf professional with extensive experience in management, has been named general manager and head golf professional at Fox Ridge Golf Club in Dike, Iowa, where he started his career. Fox Ridge Golf Club is owned and operated by Dr. Steve and Nancy Menke and their son Mike, who is also a golf professional at the course.

Biersner most recently worked for GolfTEC in suburban St. Louis, a company whose staff has taught more than 6 million golf lessons. Prior to GolfTEC, Biersner learned all aspects of the golf industry while employed at the Des Moines Golf and Country Club in West Des Moines, Iowa as well as Panther Creek Country Club in Springfield, Ill. and Stonebridge Ranch Country Club in McKinney, Texas.

“I am excited and honored with the opportunity to return to Fox Ridge Golf Club, where I began my career right out of school,” says Biersner. “I look forward to working with Mike Menke and management company Green Golf Partners to make Fox Ridge the premier golfing destination in northeastern Iowa, building on the hard work and dedication that the Menke family have put into Fox Ridge to shape it into a top-rank facility.”

Biersner, who graduated from Hamilton College in 2007 with a degree in business administration, is married to Jodie Biersner, a registered nurse and clinic manager for DaVita Dialysis. They reside with their cat Princeton and dogs Rocky and Max in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Green Golf Partners (GGP), one of the nation’s leading golf course management and development companies, signed a five-year agreement with Fox Ridge Golf Club to manage the privately owned public facility, effective December 7, 2015.

The 6,809-yard, par 72 course at Fox Ridge was designed by Dennis Krueger and opened as a 9-hole course in 1998, expanding to 18 holes in 2001. It is the only course within 20 miles with bent grass tees and low-mown, bluegrass fairways and one of only three courses in Iowa with USGA-approved, high quality sand in its 37 sand traps.

A \$120,000 bunker renovation at Fox Ridge was completed in 2010, fully lining and tiling 37 sand traps that are filled with a new type of sand that allows water to drain without becoming compacted, unique to any course in northeast Iowa. The entire course features an extensive tile system that drains the course so effectively that Fox Ridge is never closed due to wet conditions. The course has sand-based, USGA greens compared to traditional push-up greens.

Since 2003, superintendent Chad Jones and his staff have moved dozens of trees and placed them strategically in areas that directly affect golfers and their shot-making decisions. The rough is kept mown at three inches and fairways are contoured to give added character to each hole.

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The Green Golf Partners portfolio features courses in six states across the country, including such notable properties as Kemper Lakes Golf Club in Kildeer, Ill. (recently awarded the 2018 LPGA Championship), Belleview Biltmore



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