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Fox Haven Folf & Country Club, High Level



Fox Haven Golf & Country Club has been serving High Level and area golfers for over five decades. The course is the most northerly 18-hole golf course with grass greens in Alberta. It boasts a clubhouse and driving range, The Bunker restaurant, and an onsite RV campground with both fully-serviced and power-only lots. In other words, it's a perfect northern golfing getaway.

"During our long summer days, you can come out really early in the morning or start a round at 10pm and be done before dark," said Edgar Lanctot, who has been manager since 2018.

Fox Haven has always been a community retreat. They frequently host tournaments for organizations such as the Oilmen's Association, the Ladies Golf Tournament, High Level Minor Hockey and Mackenzie County. The course can even be rented for events like weddings.

"There was a desire for golf in the region, so the course was built. Now we have an average of 140 members each season plus green fee players. The whole surrounding area uses it," said Lanctot.

The club hosted its first tournament on Labour Day Weekend 1969 after the community worked all summer to build the first nine holes.

Since its humble beginnings, the course has undergone numerous improvements. The clubhouse was expanded in the '80s to make space for the restaurant and more, and the back nine opened in 2007. The club also developed 10 fully-serviced campsites, 20 lots with power only and an overflow area.


"This year, we'll be altering bunkers and hazards to increase playability and reduce maintenance costs. We'll also increase the size of the ponds to make the course more resilient against drought. Bill Mc Neill and Kevin Morrison will be grounds superintendents," said Lanctot.

The public demand and support that birthed the club is also what has kept it in business all these years. With operations potentially being impacted for the second year in a row (between 2019's wildfires and 2020's pandemic lockdown), that community involvement is more crucial than ever.


"Without the support from our community, volunteers and local businesses, we couldn't do what we do," said Lanctot, who, as of this writing, is uncertain how the lockdown will affect their season.

Whether they open sooner or later, a round of golf at FHGCC sounds like the perfect cure for #stayhome cabin fever.

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