

## Beloit Club on schedule

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Attention golfers, the new Beloit Club will be open Friday for your putting enjoyment.

Golfers can get a sneak peak of some of the changes, though the club's official launch won't be until June 1 for the Stateline Boys and Girls Club golf event.

The playday has about 150 participants each year and raises more than \$26,000 for the Boys and Girls Club. It begins at 7:30 a.m.

"It's a fun day and people enjoy it," said Fred Buggs, chief professional officer of the Stateline Boys and Girls Club. "People get to come out and support the club and take in a little golf."

The financially struggling Country Club of Beloit was purchased by Diane Hendricks' development group in July 2014. The more than 100-year-old club — located at 2327 S. Riverside Drive — had been experiencing financial challenges for several years, a situation not uncommon for private clubs and golf courses across the country, especially in the wake of the Great Recession.

Hendricks, owner of Hendricks Commercial Properties, ABC Supply Co. and other firms, told the Beloit Daily News in July that the country club represented a significant "quality of life issue" when business investors looked at Beloit during any site selection process. Hendricks said that a quality club is a part of luring top executives to the community.

The club has been under construction throughout the winter season. The centerpiece of the project is a new 23,000-square-foot clubhouse with three floors, including a variety of amenities. There will be three swimming pools, a first-floor level pub, elevators and upper level dining area for guests to reserve.

Changes also are being made to the golf course, including tree removal and sand bunkering.

Corporate Contractors Inc., also a Hendricks company, is building the clubhouse. Project manager Kevin Day said the work is on schedule.



### Going up!

The Beloit Club is 75 percent finished with construction. The club will host its first event, the Stateline Boys and Girls Club golf day on June 1. The property, formerly the Country Club of Beloit, was purchased by Diane Hendricks in July 2014.

“We’re 75 percent complete,” Day said. “ We’re working on both the interior work and exterior doing things like grading and concrete.”

Day said a team of 15-16 men is working to finish before the June 1 event.

“It’s very challenging work, but very rewarding,” he said.