

Philmont CC to Receive \$4.15M Restoration



The Huntingdon Valley, Pa., club was built in 1907 and purchased by Concert Golf Partners in March. The new owner is planning a series of renovations that will touch on the dining facilities, pool area, grille room, fitness center, and bunkers on the North Course, as well as a redesign of the 18th hole.

New owners will spend \$4.15 million to restore historic Philmont Country Club in Huntingdon Valley, Pa., the Upper Moreland (Pa.) Patch reported.

The club, which was built in 1907, has planned a series of renovations to the club,

including updating dining facilities, revamping the pool area, expanding the grille room, adding a new fitness center, retooling the bunkers on the North Course, and redesigning the 18th hole completely. Owners also said they would be renovating the locker room facilities, Patch reported.

Members sold Philmont to Concert Golf Partners, an area operator of numerous private clubs, back in March, Patch reported.

“Most member-managed clubs don’t have the capital to retire debt outright, or invest in things like golf course renovation—not without assessing the members, who might just leave the club rather than pay that assessment,” said Gerard Heller, who arrived at Philmont in April, after serving two years as GM at White Manor Country Club in Malvern, Pa., also recently acquired by Concert Golf Partners.

“We will no longer have assessments here at Philmont,” Heller said. “The bunker project is wrapping up now, as we speak, and the 18th hole will be redesigned this fall when the golf season slows down.”

Owners said that the pool had not previously been a priority, but that they were hoping to change that, Patch reported.

In addition, the old grille room has long been hidden from view of the golf course itself by a substantial, grassy knoll. Concert will level that knoll and build a stone patio that extends to the edge of the newly designed 18th hole, enabling members to sit outside and dine al fresco on the patio, while watching fellow golfers conclude their rounds, Patch reported.