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Ponderosa Golf Course (Hookstown, Pennsylvania)
(Pittsburgh area)

Ponderosa Golf Course is a public, 18 hole golf course located in Western Pennsylvania's rolling hills, just a few miles from the West Virginia border. The course dates back to its opening in 1965, when it was designed and built by the property owner, Herbert Heinlein.

and it's fair. If you put out a good product, people will come out and play it."

Herbert Heinlein, who died in 2006 at the age of 89, stayed involved with the family business through his mid 80s.

Harold Heinlein died three weeks ago while golfing at Moon Golf Club, the course he helped build. While playing with his son Don, Harold suffered a fatal heart attack as he prepared to hit his second shot on the first hole. He was 93.

One of the happiest moments in the Heinleins' long association with golf was when Matthew Heinlein was married five years ago at the first tee at Ponderosa.

While the bride and groom exchanged their wedding vows, family and friends watched the ceremony while sitting in 70 riding carts lined up before the happy couple.

"It can be a tough business at times," Mike Heinlein said. "It's 24/7 from March 1 to maybe the end of November.

During that time, it's almost like we have no life.

"But like I said, this is what we do and we hope to be doing it for a long, long time."

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Ponderosa not going anywhere

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There is absolutely no truth to the rumor that Ponderosa Golf Course has closed or will close.

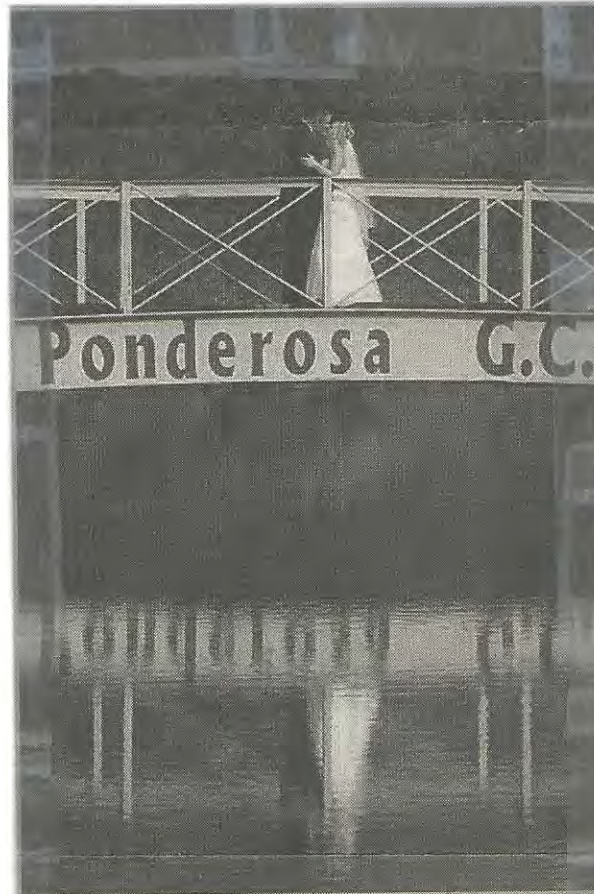
Over the past few months, co-owners Mike Heinlein and Jan Fischer have had to field questions about the future of their 18-hole course in Hanover Township.

It got to the point that they decided to post the following message on their web site: "Contrary to ALL rumors, the family of Ponderosa will be open for the 2012 season and many more years to come."

"I don't know where the rumors started," Fischer said. "Maybe it's because we aren't far from Pleasant Valley (Country Club) in Weirton. That course closed last year. Maybe people got us confused with them.

"But there is absolutely no truth to those rumors. We're open and we plan to stay open for a long time."

Ponderosa opened in 1965.



Five years ago, Matthew Heinlein and his bride Morgan were married at the family golf course.