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## Sea Links Golf Course in Birch Bay to reopen next year



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The greens at Sea Links Golf Course, behind CJ's Beach House on Birch Bay Drive, are currently being restored so that the course can open next year.

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## Oliver Lazenby

The management behind Homestead Farms Golf Club in Lynden is working on restoring Sea Links Golf Course in Birch Bay and hopes to have the course open by next June, with a driving range open earlier in the spring.

Mick O'Bryan, general manager of Homestead Golf Course, would manage the Sea Links course, which is behind CJ's Beach House, at 7878 Birch Bay Drive. O'Bryan also managed Sea Links from 2007 until it closed during the recession in 2008.

With a growing population and favorable economic conditions in Birch Bay, the time is right to re-open, O'Bryan said.

"We feel like Birch Bay, over the last five years, has made huge strides in population growth. Tourism seems to be back. We just feel like that particular place is great for that facility," he said

The course will be public. Management is still working on the pricing structure, but O'Bryan said they aim to keep it fairly inexpensive. The nine-hole course will be virtually the same as it was before. A standard golf course is 18 holes.

O'Bryan said the shorter course will work well in the area, as it allows people to play a round of golf without dedicating a whole day to the sport.

Current owner, Canadian real estate investor Morris Chen, purchased the Sea Links Golf Course property in August 2012, according to the Whatcom County Assessor.

To generate revenue before opening, Sea Links is renting out its golf carts at Birch Bay Waterslides.

"We're sending folks for little tours by the bay and they seem to be enjoying it," O'Bryan said.

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