

PAR GOLF



Gary Reitmeier, left, and Todd Peterson opened PAR Golf in Fertile. A simulator allows golfers to choose courses in warm, sunny climates. The grand opening of PAR Golf will be Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

PAR Golf opens in Fertile

A dream of golfing on green grass beneath a blue sky – in winter in northwest Minnesota – is now a reality. Todd Peterson and Gary Reitmeier have opened PAR Indoor Golf on the corner of Mill Street and Lincoln Avenue NW.

As we go into the middle of January and we fight with the snow, ice and wind where else can you go where you see green grass, flowers and blue sky, PAR Golf is your destination.

Reitmeier said, “After brainstorming, thinking about it for two years, checking out other golf simulators in the area, we thought this was something that would go over good in Fertile and surrounding area because of being in a golfing community.”

Reitmeier continued, “Todd and I partnered up and it still took a year of looking for the right building, deciding on the right simulator for our community, the cost being from \$3,000 to \$60,000 and getting our ducks in a row.”

Many larger communities are installing golf simulators and some are being placed in homes, so Peterson and Reitmeier concluded this an up-and-coming popular sport that can be played inside all year round and would be an asset to Fertile.

Once they made a deal with Vern Anderson for the building, there was a lot of remodeling to do. False walls were torn out, new wiring added and spray foam insulation was put in.

Pederson remarked, “Both of us like getting our hands dirty, so much of the construction works was done by us and if we needed outside help, we kept it local.”

Peterson and Reitmeier, talked about how they hope that Fertile golf teams will utilize the simulator along with neighboring communities.

Peterson said, “Weather doesn’t always cooperate for golf team to get out on the course in the spring, so this will allow golfers to get into shape and hopefully improve their game.”

The men checked and there snow was on the ground for exactly six months last year, so Mother Nature doesn’t always reflect what we want.

Peterson said, “When two cameras come back, they will show you on the screen your club swing, ball speed and impact, just a couple components included in our package to help the high school kids train and to cater to those who want to learn.”

Playing the screen shows the following information: distance shot,

launch in degrees, back spin in RPM,; carry in yards to pin in feet; next up – for the next players and how many yards are needed to get to the hole.

Keith Pederson, along with Craig Larson have been invited to come in and check it out, but with all the winter sports going on, they have not tested the stimulator.

At this time, PAR Golf offers the choice of 32 professional courses from around the world, mainly all long pars and many are PGA courses where only professionals would normally play.

Future plans include memberships, competitions and a league starting in February following the same rules as the summer league at the Sand Hill Golf Course with all ages encourage to play.

If you are looking to get into shape for summer golf, want to learn golf or just want to give yourself an edge on the course this summer, call Gary, 218-200-9626 or Todd 218-693-1527 to set up an appointment or email pargolfsimulator@gmail.com.

PAR Golf’s name is catchy but they explained PAR stands for Petersons and Reitmeier.