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hat began as a simple, flat, 210-acre piece of land four miles east of South Haven is now Beeches Golf Club.

Six families from the South Haven Area created Beeches Golf Club, LLC and, with Jason Fargo acting as the managing partner, hired W. Bruce Matthews III to design the club's golf course.

"It was basically a flat piece of land to start with," Matthews said, "but it has been a great group of guys to work with. They are going into the market with their heads up. Their expectations are correct and they have a good, mediumrange golf course."

The front nine holes of the golf course occupy the west end of the property while the back nine sits to the east. "The west half of the property was dune sand, so we moved it around a little and let the wind work on it," Matthews said. "The east half is all clay, so that's water." According to Matthews,

water comes into play on six of the final nine holes.

"It is an exciting golf course," Matthews said.

While the club's first nine holes was scheduled to open in May, the second nine is slated for a July opening.

Beeches Golf Club also features 26 residential building sites, with views of the golf course. The property also has space remaining for another nine holes of golf and an additional 50 home sites. *MG*

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