



Birdsfoot Golf Club

Location: 225 Furnace Run Rd. Freeport, Pa. 16299

County: Armstrong

Description: Sports attraction



People: As the Freeport area transitioned from an agricultural economy to one focused on services and amenities, Travis Lindsay looked for a way to preserve and share the beauty of his family's farm. In 1998, he returned from a year spent working in Colorado with a plan: He'd turn the beautiful, sloping landscape into a *great* golf course.

Progress: Many financial institutions routinely refuse to be first to tee off. Eventually, though, Travis met The Progress Fund. "We had a lot of people on the site who didn't have the vision The Progress Fund had," Travis says. The Fund gave us a loan, which seeded the project. "They backed us up every step of the way." Government agencies and conventional lenders followed.

Impact: Travis hired top golf course architects, contractors and staff. The result is spectacular. *Pennsylvania Golfer* magazine calls Birdsfoot Golf Club "a pristine golfing experience unsullied by any distraction or development." The course has attracted aficionados from all across the country. This birdie is really a hole-in-one.

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