

Clearwater's Feather Sound Country Club sold



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Feather Sound Country Club now has local owners.

[Dale F. Schmidt](#), CEO of St. Petersburg-based [Community Health Solutions](#) of America, and his wife, [Cheryl Haigley](#), have bought the club for \$5.15 million.

The seller, Feather Sound Golf LLC, included executives from Virginia-based Fore Golf, which owns and operates more than 40 courses nationwide. The new owners have retained Fore Golf to manage the club.

[Steve Ekovich](#), managing partner of the National Golf and Resort Properties Group, a division of [Marcus & Millichap](#), represented the seller. He's also familiar with the new owners, which go by Premier Golf Holdings LLC. "We had an Asian buyer very close to getting this deal," he said. "But [Premier Club Holdings] did a very quick job of due diligence and came in with such a strong offer. They've never been in the golf business, but these guys were real pros."

The takeaway: Members can expect significant enhancements to the centrally located private club, built in 1978, which includes an 18-hole course designed by golf architects [Bob Cupp](#) and [Joe Lee](#); a 50,000-square-foot clubhouse; a lighted tennis facility, a fitness club; and several dining options. Schmidt was unavailable for comment, but authorized a member of his executive team to talk. “They’re serious about bringing the club back to its former prominence,” Robyn Rusignuolo said. “They closed on March 17 and by the next day they already had a team on site working on improvements.”

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