

## PLAY THE BEST FOR LESS

Golfers are a lot like Old World explorers, constantly circling the globe, searching for a promised land that's sprinkled with gems.

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The Okanagan is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It's easy to see why. This stretch of B.C. is lined with mountains and lakes, warm weather, award-winning wineries and an increasing number of good golf courses. Included in this number is Kelowna Springs.

Designed in 1990 by the always-reliable Les Furber, the course is ringed by a set of low-slung, green-brown mountains and is located just 15 minutes from downtown Kelowna. At just 6,200 yards from the tips, Furber has protected par by positioning large, multi-tiered putting surfaces on the edges of ponds and marshes or tucking the greens into heavily mounded bunker

complexes. The toughest hole is the 14th, a narrow par 4 where water snakes down both the left and right sides of the fairway. As an added bonus, Furber laid out a challenging 18-hole, par 71 putting course.

And in the early springtime, it's possible to complete the ultimate sporting daily double—skiing at nearby Big White in the morning and teeing it up at Kelowna Springs after lunch.