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FAMOUS FACE!

Film star Leslie Nielsen was in town recently to shoot a sequel to *Bad Golf Made Easy*. Here the star of *Naked Gun* and *Airplane!* performs a scene for a Hide House commercial, shot on the first tee at Blue Springs Golf Club. (Doug Harrison photo)

Naked Gun star shoots sequel at Blue Springs

BY PAUL NOLAN
 The Acton Tanner

Acton was Hollywood North for the past two weeks as film star Leslie Nielsen and crew shot a new comedy golf video at Blue Springs Golf Club.

Nielsen's hilarious portrayal of the hopelessly inept Lieutenant Frank Drebin has made him an international star, but the 68-year-old actor managed to duck in and out of town without causing a stir.

The golf video, tentatively titled *Bad Golf My Way*, is a sequel to *Bad Golf Made Easy*, a low-budget project which capitalized on Nielsen's broad appeal to earn a reported \$17 million in sales.

The production crew moved into its Blue Springs headquarters on June 18 and shooting began two days later. By Thursday afternoon it was all over, with cast and crew celebrating under the blue and white marquee at the club.

Nielsen was so impressed with the hospitality at the local facility, he agreed to star in a new television commercial for the olde Hide House, to be released this fall.

"It's been a pleasure to be here on this particular golf course, because it's so beautiful," enthused Nielsen as shooting wrapped up.

"Everyone's been so helpful!"

Nielsen, a native of Regina, was an all-purpose leading man on TV throughout the '50s and '60s, most often starring in serious roles. In 1979 he got a new lease on life as a deadpan comic actor, thanks to the hit movie *Airplane!* He followed that comedy with the wildly popular *Naked Gun* trilogy, which has made him one of the world's most famous faces.

While the first golf video was shot in Palm Springs, Nielsen said Thursday that Blue Springs was an easy choice for the sequel.

"We looked at any number of golf courses, but the hospitality and the effort to assist and help us was totally apparent from the moment that we came here."

Nielsen explained that the new video pokes fun at the seriousness and tradition of the game of golf.

"We're dealing with the weight and the gravity, the seriousness of golf. I really think that without golf the world would crumble," joked Nielsen.

"When we begin the video, I'm dressed as a knight, in full armour, and it really takes off from there."

In next week's edition of *The Tanner* we will feature an exclusive interview with Leslie Nielsen, star of *Bad Golf My Way*.

Hot times

School's out and the dog days of summer are approaching. But while the heat and humidity have us moving a little slower, there's still lots to do around town to take your mind off the heat.

Saturday the Halton Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association is holding a charity car wash, 9 til 1 at Acton Auto Tech.

Saturday morning, Action for Acton again will be hosting a community trunk sale at the parking lot across from the Hide House.

And don't forget, you can rent a canoe or paddleboat from the Prospect Park boathouse beginning this Saturday and Sunday, from noon til 4 pm. *Enjoy yourself!*

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