Weather not an issue during BMW's second day

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SUNSET — As Thursday's rain delays gave way to sunny skies in the second round of the BMW Charity Pro-Am at the Reserve at Lake Keowee on Friday, celebrities, professionals and amateurs were finally able to concentrate on golf.

Actor Richard Karn, known best as sidekick Al Borland to Tim Allen — as Tim Taylor — on the show "Home Improvement" and a turn as the host of "Family Feud," came off the course after a second-round score of 65 with playing partner Tim O'Neal saying he enjoyed the experience "immensely."

He noted that playing with the professionals was striking because of their consistency. Karn was also animated throughout the day, talking and joking with the crowd. When asked what the strangest question he had ever been asked was, he responded, "Was I married to the 'Tool Time' girl?"

On "Tool Time" — a TV show within the show "Home Improvement" — the actress who played assistant Heidi Keppert was Debbe Dunning, who was in Karn's group on Friday.

Karn and O'Neal have a combined score of 132 — good for 7-under par — after two days of competition.

After the conclusion of play Friday, Trevor Murphy and Kyle Reifers sat atop the pro leader board with matching scores of 132, or 12-under par, while the team of Andrew Putnam and Rolf Klam were atop the amateur leader board with a score of 120, which was good for 23-under par with handicaps factored in.

Steve Dean, a volunteer who was posted by the skybox Friday, noted the overall experience had been "enjoyable," with a great "display of talent" coming from the players. The celebrities, he noted, were willing to interact with the spectators.

Another volunteer, Terri Becker, said the tournament was run "very efficiently," and added she had "no complaints."

Both volunteers noted that there was no barrier between their experience and the spectators.

Hockey legend Wayne Gretzky will be among the celebrities teeing off today at The Reserve. Comedian Bill Engvall and actor John O'Hurley of "Seinfeld" fame will also make their way to the Pickens County course today.

The third round will get under way at all three tournament courses — including Green Valley Country Club and Thornblade Club — this morning at 8:30 a.m



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Richard Karn, left, pokes fun at Debbe Dunning after she hit a ball in the water during the BMW Charity Pro-Am on Friday in Sunset.