

May 18, 2017

**Golf Course Superintendent's Report
to the Board of Directors:**

Current Course Conditions and General Observations:

- April was the 5th wettest April in history.
- The first 11 days of May has been the 7th coldest on record with temperatures averaging almost eight degrees below normal.
- The course is in decent condition but there is still work that needs to be completed to meet standards – that being said, we've received many compliments for our early season efforts.
- Frequent rains and prolonged wet and the unseasonably cool conditions have limited our efforts on the golf course for many days the past month.

Mid-April – Early May Recap:

- We've continued to clean and organize the maintenance facility and maintenance yard – two full 30 yard dumpsters were filled to eliminate clutter items that were deemed not usable.
- We're continuing to have many issues with existing equipment, particularly our greens mowers. Armando our part-time equipment technician is having a difficult time keeping up with repairs – he will begin to put more time in beginning next week when his night school classes end for the semester.
- I've worked out a deal with our John Deere distributor to borrow two walking John Deere greens mowers and a John Deere riding triplex mower. We'll be allowed to use the walking mowers for as long as we need to get our greens mowing equipment into reasonable working condition – this is a very gracious gesture from our vendor J.W. Turf. (See Figure 1 Picture)
- New lighting was installed in the maintenance building and compensated for by bartering some old and out dated equipment with the electric contractor.
- Activating the irrigation system has been a challenge – a lot of broken pipe, still working to get the system 100% active. Volunteer Jim Curran has been an invaluable asset to our efforts in getting the irrigation system up and running. He's put in many hours with Assistant John over the past couple of weeks.
- Mowing lines on #2, #3, #11, #12, and #15 – fairway areas have been expanded in these areas.
- Rough will be allowed to grow long on #3 (right side) #11 (right side), #12 (right side) These areas will be considered secondary rough – play the ball as is lies, or take a penalty if the ball is unplayable.

- Dead pine trees near pro shop have been removed, following diagnosis from Arborist– Spruce and Burning Bush on #15 have been removed.
- Tunnel under El tracks has been painted to mask graffiti.

Future Action Items:

- Hand spray broadleaf weeds throughout the course.
- Many of the cart paths will have stone added to improve functionality and appearance. Analyze costs and prioritize which are most in need of work.
- All benches throughout the course will be repainted with a darker more inconspicuous color – probably hunter green.
- Tee signs need to be straightened, repaired in some instances, and painted
- Designate mowing lines on #15 fairway to widen fairway and incorporate “Principal’s Nose” bunker into fairway
- The severely damaged fence on #18 tee needs to be removed
- Finish activating the irrigation system – diagnose any issues – have all RPZ valves inspected
- Get a bid to trim Oak trees @#10 tee – branches are hanging over tee area making tee shots difficult.
- Get bid to grind numerous stumps throughout the property.
- Seed fairway and tee areas suffering from turf loss due to various environmental conditions.
- Continue organizing and making the maintenance area more tidy and efficient – empower Armando to make changes that suits his needs.
- Continue staff training on innovative ways to maintain the golf course to create the best possible playing experiences for our customers – mowing patterns, attention to detail, etc.



Figure 1 John Deere Walking Greens Mower