

**Greens Reconstruction Project
Weekly Report #16 – Final Report
July 22, 2020**

Project Overview & Weekly Reports

The complete Project Overview and Weekly Reports can be found on the SCOV website. Go to Members => Committees => Greens Reconstruction Project Committee. It is hoped that this overview will answer many of your questions.

What has Happened

The greens project, as measured by actual progress, is 100% complete and finished on schedule!

The Driving Range Expansion Project, once the sod is installed on Thursday, July 23rd, will also be 100% complete!

Protecting the New Turf

Many thanks to the volunteers who responded to the call from our Superintendent to protect our new greens from javelina damage. Our greens are currently fragile and without a root base. The next 2-3 weeks are critical to ensure that animals and humans, too, do not access the surface of the greens, until an adequate root base can be established. The volunteers go out from 6 pm to 8 pm each evening, attempt to locate the javelina herds, and try to position themselves between the herds and the greens. So far, they have done this with success, and no impact has been seen to the greens nor the javelinas.

The association has spent a significant amount of money on the new greens, and now is the time to protect that investment. Our community volunteers have responded. If you see them on your travels around the course in the evening, please give your support.

Just so you know, AZ Game and Fish state on their web site that javelina can be scared off “by making loud noises (bang pots, yell, stomp on the floor, etc.); throwing small rocks in their direction ...”. These are the tactics that the patrol is using to protect our property (greens).

Those interested in helping with the javelina patrol should contact either Howard Schulz or Tim Kelley.

Please do not walk or drive on the newly sodded and sprigged areas. These areas will be heavily watered and walking or driving on them will result in ruts that will require additional work and expense to repair. Look from a distance only.

Installation of the drainage for the driving range has been completed and the 6" sand cap is established. The area is ready for sod, which will be installed on Thursday, July 24th.



Driving Range Drainage Being Installed



Sand Capped Driving Range

The contractor has removed the mountain of dirt in front of the driving range. The dirt was moved to the Short Game Area.



Front Slope of Driving Range

The synthetic strip tee line is scheduled to be installed on August 5th. Once the strip is installed, we will be able to use the full swing driving range off the strip only a few days later.

Mowing heights and areas have been defined by Mike Gogel the architect. Mowing of the sodded areas on the back nine began on Tuesday, July 14th. Mowing the sodded areas on the front nine will begin shortly.

What Will Happen Next

Michael Kropf and his crew will be finishing the #10 back tee, “Charly’s Grill” area, the new “Short Game Area”, and rebuilding the “sod farm” behind the #6 tee boxes. The crew will also be working to address the deferred maintenance from the construction period.

The contractor will be cleaning up the “punch list” and is expected to be finished by the end of this week.

You may notice additional lines and messages (NO CARTS) painted on the course. These lines and messages are intended to remind us to avoid designated areas, especially high traffic paths, to re-establish grass in those areas where temporary traffic patterns have damaged the underlying turf, and to avoid the new sod, and greens.



A great deal of time and money has been spent on this project. It will take a year for the turf to be fully established.

We ask that everyone be considerate and respectful of the effort that has been made.

During this time, it is important that you observe and heed the signage and directional painting on the course.

- Keep carts on the cart paths on all par 3's
- Do not drive carts across painted lines.
- Do not drive carts into areas where new turf is being established.
- Stay on cart paths whenever possible.
- Drive 90° from cart path to your ball and back. Do not drive down the fairways for extended distances.

The pro shop is now responsible for painting yardages on the course. Please let the pro shop know of any concerns that you may have.

Now We Grow Grass

Our agronomist will provide recommendations on fertilization, other amendments, and when initial mowing can begin.

The sprigs have already started to root after being installed last Tuesday and Wednesday.

Dependent upon the weather, it is our best guess that it will be 8 to 10 weeks before play will begin on the new greens. It will be the agronomist who will tell us when we can begin play on the new greens.

As the sprigs begin to grow, the greens are initially just rolled to encourage rooting of the sprigs and to maintain contours. Later, when mowing the greens begins, the mowing will encourage the bermuda grass to grow horizontally rather than vertical. This horizontal growth will serve to increase the number of grass plants per square inch.

Mowing of the new greens will initially be done with walk behind mowers at a height of 0.200". Walk behind mowers are used to eliminate the disruption to the grass plants caused by the turning radius of the larger riding mowers. This is the same height as the temporary greens are currently mowed. Over time, as the grass plants mature, the mowing height will be reduced to 0.125".

Conclusion

The end of construction also marks the end of the weekly reports. I have heard from many residents that these reports have been informative. Thank you all for your support. What will I do with my spare time?

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