

Greens Reconstruction Project
Weekly Report #4
April 29, 2020

Project Overview

The complete Project Overview 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.

Safety

We cannot stress enough the need for everyone to stay safe during construction. Please stay well clear of the areas under construction. While the contractor is working on only a few holes at a time on the course, we ask that golfers give the contractor the priority as they move equipment and materials.

The contractor has planned to work 6 days a week beginning at 6 AM each day. As a result of progress made to date and the temperatures being higher than normal, the contractor will only be working 5 days a week in the near term. Walkers and players need to be cautious.

What has Happened

All the contractor's equipment and personnel are now on site. Progress made to date has the project ahead of schedule!

The focus of the project this week has been the putting green, #18, #15 for major grading. In all three of these areas the greens have now been staked with white flags and you can easily see the location and perimeter of these new greens. (#15 shown below)



The photos above are from #15, before and currently with the green front pushed back, the back bunker removed, and the green extended into the area where the bunker was originally. This photo, below left, is #15 from the 100-yard mark in the fairway.



The photo above right shows the 12" drainpipe being installed on #2.

Mulching of the soils is continuing on the back nine. This process allows the soils to dry out and be ground up to eliminate clumps of soil. This allows the soils to be easily spread and compacted to soften the slopes around the greens.



You have probably seen the “red tractor” on the course. This tractor belongs to Travis. Travis began driving a tractor at age 14 when he was helping his dad landscape yards. He has owned this tractor for 20 years and modified it to suit his needs. I watched Travis and our architect work together on #15 this past week as they achieved the desired grade for the new green. Travis is an artist with that tractor.

Michael Kropf and the crew continue to do a great job in preparing areas for the construction. This is important as this work must be done such that the contractor can keep his work on schedule.

Yardages have been marked in the center of the fairways (it has already been pointed out that the center of the fairway is not where most golfers hit the ball) and on par 3 tee boxes.

What will Happen Next

The contractor will be focusing on the putting green and holes #15, #16, #17, and #18. Irrigation and drainage work will be on-going on hole #2 as well as the back nine.

First the moat is dug around the perimeter of the new greens, then the soils within the perimeter will be removed to a depth of 10" to 12". The "floor" of the new green will then be shaped to mirror the contour of the final greens. Flat drainpipe will then be installed on the floor of the green. Then sand will be hauled in to bring the green surface to near final contours.

The week of May 4th contractor will also be removing concrete and installing drainage pipes at the crossing points of existing cart paths on the front 9. Temporary cart paths will be marked (roped or flagged) and used by golfers around these areas while the replaced concrete is curing (5 days).

A "construction path" will be established between #15 and #16 fairways. It will be through this path that construction equipment and materials will be moved to reach the #15 green.

When the heavy hauling occurs on #15 and #16, these holes will be closed to play. This will likely take place between May 11 and 13.

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