

## **2010 Green Committee Archives**

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## **August 5, 2010**

**Attendees:** Bill Burke, Jan Urban, Steve Schmidt

### **Course Updates**

#### **July Accomplishments**

- Aerified all bermuda grass throughout the courses
- Fertilized tees and fairways on all three courses
- Cut around all lake banks on all three courses
- Fixed catch basin left side near green on Blackheath #6
- Replaced 24" pipe across #14 Blue Heron
- Fixed high pressure pipe Blue Heron #15 tee area
- Edged bunkers on blue heron
- Continued daily work on Satellite boxes
- Fixed, adjusted, and replaced sprinkler as needed
- Asphalt patch work throughout the Blue Heron and Club area
- Hired part time irrigation technician

#### **Goals for August**

- Move two and add one sprinkler head between Marsh Hawk #2 and #7
- Edge cart paths throughout Blackheath
- Remove dead trees at the tee areas on Marsh Hawk #1 and #7
- Fertilize Marsh Hawk, Blackheath and Blue Heron Tees and Fairways with growth regulator
- Finish edging bunkers on Marsh Hawk and Blackheath
- Paint combo marks on path throughout the blue heron
- Prepare for club championship

#### **Old Business**

- **Sink hole Repairs**

Work is ongoing. The Club is looking at less costly ways to undertake the necessary repair of the sink holes on Black Heath number 4.

- **Chapter 11 impact on golf course maintenance**

There are no new issues here. All necessary course maintenance work is getting done albeit at a slower pace, since all procurement must be done on a COD basis.

We understand that the Court might be considering approval of a Capital Improvement Budget. If this happens, it should have a positive impact on course maintenance.

- **Combo tee markings on Blue Heron**

All combo tees were previously marked by a small, red letter "C" on the golf path. When time becomes available, this will be changed to a larger, white letter "C".

### **New Business**

- **Staffing**

Ryan Nolan (one of our assistant course managers) is no longer employed by the Club. Steve is currently looking at all restructuring options before deciding on a replacement. This is not a budget issue.

- **Course Signage**

The committee asked Steve to look into better signage on both sides of the Blue Heron bridge in order to assist visitors with navigating the course. There have been reports of lost visitors on the course, who were unable to find their way back to the clubhouse without assistance. Better signage should solve this problem.

- **Fairways**

Some LGA-18 and LGA-9 members have commented on the difficulty of reaching the fairway from the tee box on some of the Marsh Hawk holes (for instance, #2, #3, #9, #10, #12, and #16). Steve is going to look at how difficult it would be to lengthen those fairways towards the tee boxes, given his staffing limitations and terrain issues.

### **Open Discussion**

Steve and the Committee had a discussion about the impact of grounds keeping decisions on the playability of the courses and therefore, on pace of play. Specifically, the speed of the greens, fairway height, the height of the first cut and the height of the rough were discussed.

Currently, the fairways are cut at 1/2"; the first cut at 1" and the rough at 1 3/4". Steve indicated that these heights have been in place since he took over, but he knows that at one time the rough was as high as 2 1/4".

We know that the two most often quoted reasons for quitting golf are; first, it's too expensive, and second, it takes too long to play.

Therefore, the impact of course conditions on playability and pace of play is important. We have no record to tell us how long it has been since these grass heights were last reviewed.

**Other issues**

None

**Next Meeting Date** – Thursday, September 7 at 3 p.m. at Maintenance Facility