

CONSTRUCTION WORKS UPDATE

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Rain rain go away. Not the ideal situation for construction as clay stays wet for days and makes construction impossible as more mess is made than anything. With over 7 rain days stopping work and the flow on effects, things are in overdrive to catch up. Also some access issues through the development for our trucks and supplies have changed some schedule dates. Bulk earthworks have now been completed on holes 16 and 13.

CURRENT WORKS

9th and 17th Greens

Sand has been imported and worked on as we speak. The final trim to the 9th green and surrounds will occur and seed and turf will transform the area making it look like it's ready to play on. We are planning on seeded and growing in both greens at the same time. The 9th green like all other greens on the project, targeted for playability in 3-4 months, weather depending.

A hold up to these greens occurred as well as we were sourcing a suitable green profile material. Our first greens were built in 2016. The sand that we were using is no longer available at the quarries and trying to get a similar sand to match the rest of the greens was challenging. After many Laboratory testing of sand to meet USGA parameters, we have managed to source a sand that is very close to the original greens.



16th/18th tees

The new tees have been levelled and sand imported into the tee tops. Irrigation has been installed with the mainline, valves and laterals in the ground. Final trim and turf and these tees will be complete for grow in coming weeks.



The 18th tee complex is now on the edge of the little dam that will sit on the LHS. This is the view from the Blue tee. The social in front, a black tee behind and the ladies tee is the current social/ ladies tee they are playing off at 18 now. There are a few more trees to be removed on the LHS near the dam which will open the hole up and give views to the green. Concrete paths are installed and will provide great access around these 4 new holes.



18th Fairway Extension

Given the huge carry from the tee and the old carry that had minimal topsoil/grass and no irrigation, a decision was made to improve all this area at the same time. We apologise for the inconvenience to the 18th, but feel these improvements will make this an even greater finishing hole. Irrigation was installed all the way to the tees with mainline, valves, laterals and sprinkler heads installed. Topsoil was imported to site, 300 cubic meters, and moved with a large dozer. Unfortunately rain occurred and this delayed the ability to hoe the soil into a fine topsoil. This has now been completed, a final trim will be carried out and turf will be laid.



UPCOMING WORKS

- Final Tree removal in construction areas
- 18th fairway extension turf
- Grassing of 9th green surrounds
- Seeding 9th/17th greens
- 16th fairway stolonising
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- Irrigation install 17th surrounds, 16th fairway, 17th tees, 9th Fairway(current 10th) last lateral line on outside
- 16th green construction
- 13th green construction
- 13th fairway construction
- 14th Tee, fairway and green construction
- 15th tees and fairway construction

At this stage we have been informed we will lose the driving range on possibly the 1st March 2021 to the next stages of development. We are currently working with Sekisui and the appointed contractor to determine to what extent the next stage of bulk earthworks affects us over the whole course. The current 11th green will be lost as well due to this next stage of works and we are currently working through a course layout to accommodate this loss. Information will be provided as it comes to hand. Interruptions to the entrance road, function area and around the proshop will also be experienced in the coming months. The future 2nd green and the new 9th tees will also have to be completed. This is dependent on their construction timelines and infrastructure put in place.

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