

## CONSTRUCTION WORKS MEMBER UPDATE 22.6.21

We were lucky that April was dry because we lost over a week in May with all the bad weather. This has pushed back on a few items we would have liked to have finished. The 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> holes are trying to grow as best as we can. The onset of frosty mornings does not help the cause. The greens are growing nicely but the couch this time of year is not performing that well. With programs in place and covering of greens for added warmth and protection, rest assured we are doing our best to keep it all moving in the right direction. Bulk earthworks are moving well ahead on 13 and 14 and within 2-3 weeks of good weather, stockpiles that sit there will be moved and holes will take shape.

### **CURRENT WORKS**

*13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Greens*



First cut on 16<sup>th</sup> green



Multiple cuts and weeks later

The 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> greens are encouraged weekly with stimulants to improve growth at this time of year. Plugging of areas to get the green fully covered is also ongoing. Covers are put on if temperatures will produce frosts. Fungicide programs are high as covers produce micro climates for fungi to develop. Both greens are currently at 4mm in height.

### 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Green

The 14<sup>th</sup> green drainage and sand profile has gone in. We are just awaiting topsoil around the outside and this green will be final trimmed.



The 13<sup>th</sup> green getting boxed out and bulk earthworks happening for storm water to be installed.

### 9<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> tees

Added drainage was put in the 18<sup>th</sup> tee path to stop pooling water on the edge of the tee area.



The 9<sup>th</sup> front tee is getting shaped at the moment and should have turf within a week. This area will become a construction zone soon to enable us to finish the back tees on the 9<sup>th</sup> and also get major infrastructure for the cart crossing and road crossings.

### Storm Water

Major storm water piping continues and the drop box to the Dam beside the new 13<sup>th</sup> tees was installed. The dam level is now dropped on this hole due to flood reports and the water will now sit 1m below its original height.





*9<sup>th</sup> (current 11<sup>th</sup>) Dip*



The 9<sup>th</sup> dip area and stormwater was completed. An upgrade from 375mm line under the fairway to 2 x 525mm lines should allow for most rain events to pass under the fairway. Of course heavy 1 in 5 year rain events might pass overland for a short period, but normally it is too wet for golf anyway. Although turf is still growing in this area unfortunately will have to wait until a spring and summer growing season to fully tie in and look like existing fairway.

*Tidy up 17<sup>th</sup> hole*

For those that can remember, the trees that we were driving through to get to the old 8<sup>th</sup> tees from the old 5<sup>th</sup> green have been cleared and cleaned out. Noxious Boxthorn and African black olive as well as Privet was removed. We think the area is more player friendly now.



Noxious weed removal



Completed area

## **UPCOMING WORKS**

- Irrigation install 17<sup>th</sup> tees, 14<sup>th</sup> fairway and tees, 13<sup>th</sup> fairway and green
- 13<sup>th</sup> bulk earthworks
- 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> fairway and bunker construction
- 14<sup>th</sup> Tee final trim
- 15<sup>th</sup> tee final trim
- 9<sup>th</sup> tees
- 2<sup>nd</sup> green and basin construction

## **ENTRY ROAD/WEM update/ DEVELOPMENT STAGES**

The entry road continues and a few rain delays will hold this up a little. Entry through the lights will now be around the end of July. Works are continuing around the OSD tank in front of the proshop. This line needs to go under the tunnel and to the 1<sup>st</sup> hole.

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