

**Lake of the Pines  
Association**

# Memo

**To:** Sean Bothelio, General Manager

**From:** Rick Fowler, Operations Manager *RF*

**cc:** Golf Committee, Jeff Hill, Nick Hoisington, Pat Shaw, Mike DeCarlo

**Date:** October 21, 2022

**Re:** **October Golf Course Maintenance Update**

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During the month of October several projects were started or completed by BrightView, Contractors, or Public Works Staff. Below is a summary of the work that has been performed since the August 2022 Golf Course Maintenance Update:

## COMPLETIONS

- The pond on Hole 4 was drained and cleaned during the course closure in September. This month Brightview finished cleaning-up the area, sprayed Round-up around the edges, and installed "Yellow" stakes.
- Operations hired a new part-time Mechanic (John) and wrote the Brightview Mechanic and all associated repair parts out of their contract. Public Works now maintains **ALL** LOP equipment, including golf maintenance equipment, and all the Pro Shop golf carts.
- Staff repaired most of the buck rub guards around the new trees on the course and range. We will finish that up soon and plan on adding some new Deodar Cedar trees on holes 4 and 16 in November to address safety related items expressed by homeowners in those areas.
- Staff installed all missing cart path reflectors on all raised curbs, fences, and bridges in both directions to ensure nighttime path users see any path obstructions. Staff received all the new cart path round "Yardage" pavement markers and will install them soon.
- Staff are removing all the brush and debris from around the Maintenance Shop fencing by Hole 18 tee boxes and the ditch. The trees and bushes were making a mess in the shop area and the debris was affecting drainage in the ditch that supplies water to Hazel Pond.

Once completed, we plan on re-aiming the tee box grass at the new 200-yard fairway marker.

- Staff cleaned out all the small trees, berry bushes and obstructions in the ditch on Hole 8 from the spillway to the bridge next to the green tee box. Brightview weed whipped the remainder of the ditch up to the green.
- Operations contracted with Nor-Cal Construction to replace the existing stairs on Hole 5 Blue/White tee box. Replacing the aging railroad tie runners with building code compliant concrete stairs and a sidewalk from the stairs over to the path by the bathroom. When completed sometime in November, I will have Pat do some landscape improvements in that area.
- The Board approved the cancelation of the current Hole 3 design contract with Nevada City Engineering at the October 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, and I have already formally informed them of the cancelation. The Board also authorized me to initiate a new Hole 3 fairway, Hole 12 green and ponds, Hole 17 green, and Hole 2 cart path to the tee boxes design contract proposal as requested by the Golf Committee at the August meeting. I will put the "Request for Proposal" package together soon and get it out for bids with a design completion timeline to avoid the lack of response of the last contract.
- Staff (Pat) has been cleaning up the flower beds on the left side of Hole 9 green. We will be adding raised rock bedding around all three planter beds and are adding all new plants and mulch. I will have Brightview check all the sprinklers in that area and this area will be added to the Brightview contract in 2023.
- Staff had Barry trim the trees in the dogleg on both sides of Hole 4 to open up the fairway in that area.
- Staff repaired the stairs at the green tee box on Hole 4 and installed a non-skid surface on the entire stairway for enhanced safety reasons.

## To-Do List

- Brightview needs to repair or replace all the missing or damaged OB and Hazard markers on the course; replace all the missing fairway upright floppy yardage markers and reinstall all the "Cart Arrow" ground signs at the 50 Yard markers to keep carts from around the greens.
- Building Maintenance needs to install the heavy duty programable dual outlet "Smart Plugs" for energy savings restricting golf cart charging to off-peak hours in the Pro Shop Cart Barn. If all goes well, for an investment of approximately \$2k we can save around \$9k annually in peak electrical charges.
- Staff will install the safety modifications on Holes 4 and 16.
- Staff will be installing the new green tee box on Hole 3 once the Committee verifies the proper yardage per the new NCGA rating. As a part of this installation, staff will have Brightview re-aim the grass cut on the other tee box so that all are in-line with each other.
- Staff will fill in and seed the sand trap on the right side of Hole 11 green and correct the drainage in the area. It is solid rock and the drainage in that area stays wet all year round.
- Staff was requested to remove the sand trap on the back side of Hole 10 green and seed the area.
- Brightview will order and install additional bunker sand in the bunkers on Holes 2 and 7. I also have current Reserve funds available to purchase new bunker sand for the green side bunker on Hole 3 when Brightview has the time to install it.

- Staff will be removing the concrete bridge at the bottom of the hill on Hole 14 to increase water flow and slow down erosion in the area as soon as the ground dries up enough to get larger equipment on-site without making a mess. Not sure when, bigger project than anticipated.
- BrightView and Turf Star need to start the installation of the six (6) new irrigation controllers and then recalibrate the sprinkler timing.
- Brightview needs to reshape the fringe cut on Hole 1 to match the fringe cut on the back of Hole 4.
- Pat Shaw ordered the six (6) Reserve replacement golf carts that were approved by the Board at the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Delivery is currently scheduled for November 2022.
- Public Works needs to install boulders on the left side of the last chain link fence at the bottom of the hill on Hole 6 to further block off the risk of carts going over the steep edge of the cart path.
- Next year I will do holes 13 through 18 of the Cart Path Repair Project and I have set the funds aside in next year's Reserve budget for this project.
- Public Works will replant the flowers in the planter box on Hole 6 behind the "Red" tee box.
- Public Works will fix the landscaping behind Hole 12 Blue/White tee box, the landscaping on the right side of Hole 14 green by the benches, and behind the Hole 18 White tee box.
- If time allows this Fall Public Works and BrightView will trench and install all new irrigation lines and control wires on the left side of Hole 8 fairway. BrightView will install new sprinklers, and a used controller for the additional sprinklers. Once completed, BrightView will aerate and reseed the entire left side of the fairway.
- BrightView will continue to review and remove unwanted grass varieties on the fairway approaches to greens.
- During our next "Roadway Project", Staff will have the striping contractor paint a four (4) inch "White" stripe along the lower slope side of the cart path going down the hill on Hole 6 as a visual safety enhancement. Also, we will look at widening the curves with concrete.
- BrightView will improve the drainage and install new bunker sand in the existing sand traps in the order recommended by the Golf Committee. I have not received a complete priority list of bunker refurbishments from the Golf Committee. This will be a multi-year project as the replacement costs for sand is approximately \$1,100 a bunker and BrightView labor is only available sporadically when time allows them to defer other maintenance. I have requested \$6k in the 2023 Golf Operating budget for sand and if approved we will replace more bunker sand then.