

**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, Paul Brown

Date: November 27, 2023

Re: November Golf Course Maintenance Update

During the month of November 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 October 2023 Golf Course Maintenance Update:

COMPLETIONS

- The Hole 12 Project is moving along slowly due to the weather and competing Projects. The back tee box has been extended as far back as possible and new Bermuda SOD has been installed. The ditch closest to the tee boxes has been cleaned-out and the sediment trap at the cart path has been expanded. The willow tree at the lake, adjacent to the green has been removed and all the other trees have been trimmed. Nor-Cal Construction has cleaned out the creek entrance to the lake near the park 4 Pump House, and they are extending the lake into the fairway in the green side ditch. Excess dirt is currently stockpiled on the far left near the lake until the weather allows transporting material across the fairway without making a mess. Most of the excess dirt will be spread along the lake frontage to regrade that area so no standing water remains for the goose habitat. The SOLAR pump system was on-sale through the end of November and made the larger 60 GPM pump unit in budget. Therefore, I ordered it and will use donated funds for the purchase.
- The Lady 18ers have donated \$900 for the Hole 4 Green Tees Box expansion, and \$900 for the Hole 12 SOLAR pump. The Men's 9ers have donated \$1,800 for the SOLAR pump, the Men's 18ers are donating \$2,100 for the pump, and the Lady 9ers are donating the final \$200 for the pump. Thanks to all the golf clubs for the donations....

- Staff expanded the ditch on Hole 14 and will install three traps along the creek bed to aid in proper course drainage. The fairway is draining much better and we hope to address the rest of the creek work on this hole before the rains start.
- Hole 5 blue/white tee box and Hole 6 green tee box stairs were closed due to a golfer's complaints. It took a while to get all the materials, but staff made several changes to the stairs at each. Both locations are back open for play now.
- See my attached Project list "Update" for further details on a hole-by-hole summary. Staff is planning on completing all these items and I now have staff to perform the work.

To-Do List

- At the June Board meeting, the Board approved the purchase of new greens and a new fairway mower. They are on-order but not expected for at least 6 months.
- We will still be adding an improvement to the old green tee box on Hole 3 to make it easier to access the new green tee box and extending the Hole 4 green tee box.
- Hole 12 will need to be closed for at least one (1) month in the Spring to install the two (2) ponds in front of the green and complete the SOLAR pump installation. Hole 17 Green relocation is also in the Reserves for next year. It will be closed for at least three (3) months for the new green to be installed and to mature. Also, we will be relocating a portion of the old number 17 green to another existing green. The timing of these projects will need to be established as not to interfere with course play too much.

Golf Committee Priority List Update from Rick Fowler

November 2023

Bunkers:

- # 6 - Remove the round bunker and expand the other fairway bunker; **Complete.**
- # 6 - Install a new bunker on the left side of fairway, across from the one just removed; **Completed.**
- #10 - Remove/fill in bunker on the back side of Green; **Completed.**
- # 11 - Remove/fill in bunker on the right side of Green; **Completed.**
- # 15 – Relocate/partial fill bunker on right side of Green;
- # 15 - Relocate/partial fill bunker on left side of Green;
- # 17 - Remove/fill in bunker on the left side of Green; **(On hold until Spring 2024)**
- # 18 - Remove/fill in bunker on the right side of Green; **Completed.**

Hole Modifications:

- #1- Cut the rough behind the green shorter to allow balls hit over the green a chance to roll back; **Completed**
- #2 -Raise the turf on the back left of the green to prevent balls from rolling down the hill; **BV in progress**
- #2 – Add cart Path to new PAR 4 Tee Box; **Needs Funding source.**
- #3 – Re-aim the current Blue, White and Red tee box and install a new green tee box; **Completed**
- #3 – Install a turnout at old green tee box and install a path to the new green tee box;
- #4 – Enlarge the Green Tee box; **Lady 18ers just Donated \$900 for this project**
- #4 – Trim the trees at bottom right corner in the bend that hang over the fairway.
- #6 – Enlarge the Green Tee box; **Completed**
- #6 – Install Lady 18er provided landscaping to Green Tee box; **Completed**
- #6- Cut the rough behind the green shorter to allow balls hit over the green a chance to roll back; **Completed**
- #8 - Install new irrigation on the left side of the far fairway;
- #10 – Expand Blue/White Tee box left of its current location;
- #11- Trim trees on right side at turn to improve playability;
- # 12 – Extend the blue tee box 5 yards for a blue/white combo tee; **In process.**
- # 16 - Remove fairway hump about 100 yards out; **Completed**
- Alt #17- Provide yardage signage at tee box;
- #17 – Relocate White Tee box to the left side of the cart path, between Alt #17 green and the creek;

Green expansion similar to what was done for Hole #11: All greens expansions are dependent on Major Project Installations

- #4- Expand left side and back;
- #10- Expand left side and back;
- #14- Expand back right in front of current berm;
- #3- Complete during the major project;

Green modifications / Major Projects: LOP has funds budgeted for one hole per year but Staff currently has many conflicting priorities.

- #3 – Year 2025 - Cutback hill on left side and level out the fairway; create fairway berm on right side to keep balls in play;
- #12- Year 2023/24 - Create water feature in front of existing green; **Lake expansion into the fairway has begun; SOLAR Pump is on-order; ponds have been identified & working on material list for spring 2024 installation; Tee box installed; and all tree work & front ditch work is complete.**
- #17- Year 2024 - Relocate green right and forward of current location; **Workload issues will wait until Spring 2024. Need Committee input on timing to ensure course is fully open for play with “ALT” hole selection.**
- #18 -Year 2026 - Relocate green in front of where the cart path crosses fairway (Per Master Plan);

Creek bed Sediment traps

- #12 – Install larger trap near cart path & add phosphorous absorbers; **Completed.**
- #13 - Install larger trap near cart path & add phosphorous absorbers;
- #14 – Install three (3) traps along fairway creek & repair drainage & add phosphorous absorbers; **Started.**