

No-Mow Areas

On August 31st, Mark Marshall, Dick Bushey, Ron Ritter and Rowland Carlson drove the golf course, checking on the existing conditions, contours, and delineations, to determine if any changes should/could be made to both provide as much protection to the water runoff and lake and still make the course as playable as possible for our handicap golfers. We noted a number of areas where small changes could make the course more playable and are planning on instituting these changes where possible. In some cases, this will be on a trial basis, to determine the impact on the streams and runoffs, and the pace of play by the golfers. We recognize that there is a fine line between maintaining the beauty of the layout and the playability of the course.

Some of the changes that we intend to try are as follows:

- 1- On hole number 3, the very tall grasses and plants in front of the Red tees, and just across the pond will be trimmed back.
- 2- On hole number 4, the rough will be trimmed back at the creek between the tee and the fairway. In addition, the temporary green will be moved from just beyond the pond to 30 yards closer to the existing green. (note: [The hole was moved on 9/1/10.](#))
- 3- On hole number 7, the heavy rough will be moved to the "gold 250 yard" marker to provide more barrier for the pond, and also help prevent golf balls from going into the pond. The taller grass area behind the green may be extended towards the green.
- 4- On hole number 9, the no-mow area in front of the white tees will be increased up towards the tee.
- 5- On hole number 10, the alders and tulip poplar surrounding the pond will be trimmed down so as to not interfere with hitting from the drop zone.
- 5- On hole number 11, the tall rough on the left side, starting about 40 yards before the green, will be cut back by at least three feet.
- 6- On hole number 12, the left short rough will be extended about three feet into the fairway.
- 7- On hole number 13, the tall weeds in front of the blue tees will be cut back to not interfere with normal drives.
- 8- On hole number 15, the large branches on right side of the area in front of the blue trees, would have would have the left branches trimmed back so as to not interfere with normal drives.
- 9- On hole number 17, the tall encroachment on the left near the culvert will be cut back about three feet.

Discussion also took place regarding using a ditch witch to cut some long extending roots that take a lot of water from fairway and short rough areas, such as the right side of number 15.

This review process will be an on-going process, and will be re-evaluated during the coming months. We appreciate the feedback that we have received, and are instituting these changes to make the playing experience more enjoyable, and still challenging.

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