



From the Superintendents desk:

I would like to share an update on the new greens and tee box. For the most part the construction and grow in process has gone very well. We are planning on opening both holes up this week for each of you to test your skills out.

Please remember that the two are new and have not fully developed at this point. There are some thin areas that are still growing in and the speed will not be as fast as I would like until complete coverage is there and we slow the fertilizer process down. We have fertilized twice per week since the grass was put down. This allows for a lot of growth, which means taller grass with less speed. This will improve over the next few weeks as the temperatures cool down.

No.5 and No.17 on this course are two greens that are extremely hard to grow grass on due to poor air circulation and hours of sunlight per day. By removing trees and increasing the putting surface, we are strategically combatting the problems they face each day. The new grass on No.5 is thin in the outside edges, so I have moved the cut for the putting surface in some. As the grass continues to mature, hopefully we will be able to move these lines out. Again, growing turf at putting surface heights is a work in progress and we will continue to try new methods to improve the product you play on each day.

The fairway and rough area in front of no.14 green has grown in well. You will find some thin areas, so please take a drop from these spots in an effort to not damage clubs. These areas will also continue to improve with time and good weather. We have had to add some more pipe and drains in the fairway to help with getting the water to the creek faster. Please keep cart traffic away from these areas to help with this situation.

The new tee box on no.14 was kind of an afterthought. We had extra soil from the two greens complexes and we wanted to add a different view for the new hole, so we added this tee box to be used as a men's tee only. Visually, it has a great look to the fairway. You will find that it requires about a 200yd carry, if you hit your shot toward the center of the fairway.

Thank you for your patience during this construction process. It has been exciting to see improvements to the course. I hope each of you will enjoy the changes and we look forward to the next phase starting in the summer of 2015.

Sincerely,

Chad Berry

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