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From the Superintendents desk:

I wanted to give each of you an update on the projects that are taking place on the golf course. Construction for the Town of Lexington's sewer line began during the last week of February and the first phase of the project is half complete. The weather and rock in the ground slowed things down by a few weeks. However, they should be crossing No.5 fairway by the first week of April and hopefully progress will pick up considerably with improving weather and better soil conditions.

As you are on the course, please stay out of the construction area outlined by the orange netting. The work and equipment being used makes it hard for the workers to see people walking around. Trespassing into the work zone could pose a danger to both you and the workers in the area.

Beginning in April, the maintenance staff will be removing more trees and debris from different areas of the golf course. A few of the trees have been hit by lightning and others are being taken down to enhance the sunlight around a few greens. We will continue to monitor areas around greens and tees for potential problems with shading and air flow as we approach the timing for the renovation of the greens and several tees this summer.

The new Tifeagle greens on No.5 and No.14 have come in very nice this spring and will continue to mature as the warm season is upon us. For those of you that have asked about Tifeagle and other courses that are installing this variety, I wanted to share a few of the ones that I know of. Arnold Palmer is replacing his greens at Bay Hill, Harbor Town in Hilton Head is rebuilding their greens and using Tifeagle again, Donald Trump is updating most all of his courses with Tifeagle, Spring Island in Beaufort is changing to Tifeagle and I have heard that the TPC at Sawgrass in Jacksonville is looking to change to Tifeagle. You may have also noticed that Tifeagle is on the PGA National - Champion Course in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. An original Tom and George Fazio design, the PGA National - Champion Course was redesigned by Jack Nicklaus in 2014, it's home of the Honda Classic and is one of the best courses in Florida. Over the past six months, I have heard more news about Tifeagle than I have in the past six years. I am very excited about the changes that are to take place here and I am very proud to know some of the best courses on the east coast are going to this type turf.

I want to thank you again for your understanding and cooperation in working with us as we take on these projects in 2015. These types of improvements take a lot of planning and effort to make things better at any club and I am still confident you will be very pleased with the results here at Golden Hills.

Keep it in the short grass and I look forward to seeing you around the course as the warm weather kicks into gear.

Sincerely,
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