

# The Early Riser

## Blue Ocean Greenkeeping Report

### COURSE UPDATE

### COVID – 19 PRECAUTIONS

Despite a weird start to the season with the COVID-19 Pandemic the course is in good shape. We have introduced a few new naturalized areas this year; mainly around some tee areas. This will allow us to focus more time and effort on other areas of the course while providing good visual framing of the teeing grounds.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we continue to implement some unorthodox maintenance strategies to help ensure everyone's safety. Ongoing changes to our groundskeeping program include;

Additionally, we have started pruning trees around the course and will continue to do so as time permits until the whole of the course has been completed. The goal of tree pruning is to accomplish a trio of objectives;

- › Improved playability/pace of play
- › Improved sightlines
- › Ease of maintenance (i.e. mowers being able to get close to trees)

#### Foam noodle in cups on greens

- › to prevent persons from having to touch/remove the flagstick

We have resumed efforts to clean out pond edges starting with #7 tee area as the view from the blue tee deck there was beginning to be obstructed. We hope to move onto #9/18 ponds after this.

#### No bunker rakes

- › We appreciate your understanding with this, we are raking bunkers a minimum of four times per week to help maintain bunker playability in the absence of rakes.

Again, work will be done on these projects as time permits with a focus on quality of work.

Lastly, we have removed the back-left bunker on #9 green complex as it had several playability and maintenance issues such as poor drainage, undesirable sub-grade shaping and challenging topography for rough mowers to navigate.

### A Thank You

We would like to express our thanks to our grounds staff for their willingness to work during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Their positive attitude and work ethic have allowed us to maintain the golf course through this unprecedented time.

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*Before & After of #9  
bunker removal*

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