

## **GOLF COURSE COMMITTEE NOTES – JANUARY 9, 2010**

The Golf Course Committee met January 9th, and would like to share the following:

### **Work Completed:**

- End of fairway posts have been completely installed.
- Winter tees have been installed and ball washers collected. They will be cleaned up and reinstalled in the spring.
- All mower blades have been sharpened, both rotary and reel. All equipment has been serviced, and a few major repairs are being completed as parts come in. We fully expect all equipment to be in tip top shape come springtime.
- Brush and debris left of #12 ditch is in the process of being cleared.
- New fairway yardage markers have been installed. They are now visible and will no longer cause equipment damage.
- Yardage marker lines on cart paths have been repainted.
- Drainage ditch on #4 has been leveled and sodded.

### **Upcoming Projects:**

Work will continue tidying up the overall look of the course. Specific areas are being discussed by the Committee and Turf Management team. We will keep you informed as we prioritize them.

If you will notice, our Turf Management team has begun cutting the stumps down to a manageable height. This is a HUGE cost savings for the club. They will also be doing the clean up once grinding begins...another HUGE cost savings. We expect grinding to begin as soon as the course dries up enough to allow it without damage being done to the turf. Additionally, the Committee owes RHCC member Matt Ihnen a big thanks for his time and effort in bringing this project in not only under budget but less than half of what the previous estimates had been.

Another thanks goes out to RHCC member Mike Kaufman for making and donating the broken tee boxes you see on the tee boxes on our golf

course. Please feel free to use them. It makes mowing SO much easier and keeps our tee boxes looking nice. When you see Mike, tell him thanks!

**Areas of Concern:**

We are always dealing with erosion issues it seems. Kraig and his staff will soon begin working on the irrigation pond levee where the bank is eroding. It's not bad yet, but it's getting worse with every rain. As soon as weather allows, you will see progress being made here.

We also have erosion issues to the left of #7 green, the drainage collars on #5 and #6, and a major issue developing in and right of #14 fairway. These all need to be addressed sooner rather than later as they are much more urgent than we anticipated. We will keep you informed as we get solutions to these. The front of #15 green and #16 tee box are also issues but aren't nearly as urgent yet.

Lastly, course closure was discussed in the Committee meeting last night. Please understand it is of no benefit to Kraig or the Club for the course to be closed. The only reason for closure ever is to protect our turf. We realize this can be frustrating, but we ask that you please try to understand. Kraig will provide the Committee with information used to determine playability and closure, and we will share it with the Club just like we did with the cart path only earlier last year.

For minute by minute information, you can follow @RHCCClub or @RHCCGolfSuper on Twitter. We will be using other social media as well to keep members informed.

Feel free to contact any Committee member with questions or comments.

Thanks,

The Golf Course Committee

Terry Sorrell  
Benny Brown  
Chris Griffin  
Matt Ihnen  
Chad Stoerger  
Ronnie Hall  
John Rikel 270-217-2952