

Tuscarora Greens Committee Recap

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Steve updated the group on the condition of the course. With a lot of snow this winter, the course was well insulated and is in good shape. A new top dressing machine was purchased for the greens which will fill the holes with sand and create a better roll.

Treatments/Maintenance

Tees, greens, bunkers and banks were fully treated for dandelions, crabgrass and clover this week. These treatments will be done to the whole course as opposed to just spot treating certain areas.

The woods to the left of hole 13 have been cleaned out with many of the dead trees taken out.

Trees were taken out on holes 3, 10 and 13.

Hedgerow on the 1st tee was removed on the 1st tee; there was discussion on the next step here. Some folks thought this was a safety issue for golfers on the practice green with the possibility of an errant ball hitting the golfers. Suggestions were made to replace the hedgerow with a fence, another hedgerow or flowers. The fence/hedgerow would be for safety reasons, the flowers for aesthetics. It was decided that for now, let the grass grow and get healthy. Possibly pulse the members on their thoughts.

Projects

To the right of the 16th fairway, a project will be underway within the next couple of weeks to clean out and fill the area between the maintenance road up to the maintenance building with topsoil/clean fill which will be accessible to the club from a construction source. After the area has been cleaned out, a sizeable berm will be built. It was suggested that all members are notified of the project due to the construction traffic that will be going on during the week of the project. A couple of the group members were also going to visit the area where the fill was being obtained to make sure it was "clean fill". Steve had been assured the fill was not contaminated.

Thin out the area between holes 4 & 5; possibly eliminate some of the unhealthy, dead trees.

Create catch basin for drainage between holes 10/11, possibly a fall project.

Renovate Tees: Much discussion ensued regarding replacement, repair of some of the men's tees. The repair of a tee takes approximately 2 weeks if fixed with sod. The replacement would take much longer. There was also discussion about the women's tees and moving a couple of them forward to make them more approachable to the greens. Someone brought up an old rule of the club: "No open turf between memorial day and labor day". Some of the replacements may fall into a fall project which will not affect the golfers during the busy golf season.

It was decided that the summer season would be a good time to let the grass grow and start some of these projects in the fall.

Communication

It was decided that there be better communication in updating and soliciting feedback from the members regarding the course maintenance/projects. Suggestions included: suggestions box, surveys, monthly newsletter from Steve, email updates. We need to do a better job of pulsing the members and updating them in these areas.

Course Maintenance

Ensure members are aware of how to keep the course maintained by fixing ball marks, divots. Some type of education is needed to ensure this is done.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 6th at 5 pm.