

Quarterly Golf Maintenance Report

Since the workshop in November, the golf maintenance crew has been busy performing maintenance, rebuilding, and prepping all of the equipment for the upcoming growing season. The most labor intensive step is grinding and sharpening reels on all seven mowers. We have provided complete service to all engines and hydraulic systems, as well as replaced any worn tires and any other worn parts. We had to perform more of an elaborate cleaning and refurbishing due to the age of the equipment.

With the equipment upkeep complete, we are currently trimming limbs and removing dead trees. I have been in contact with all three equipment vendors in efforts to find the best equipment and pricing for our specific needs. I currently have received a bid from one of the vendors and I am waiting for the other two. I have been in contact with Pat O'Brien, the Southeastern Director of USGA greens section, to review my complete maintenance plan and cultural practices. He has scheduled a course walk-through and will give us a report sometime after that. I also have been working with Tri-State Pumps. They are custom building and replacing the jockey pump behind 14 green. This pump is critical because it boosts the pressure that feeds the upper back nine holes of the course.

The other big project I have started is prioritizing the utilization of moneys received from the general fund. I am currently in the planning and bidding stage on two projects I hope to start in mid March with a six to eight week completion time. These are reconstruction of 16 green and converting the tee boxes to Bermuda grass. With the bids I have received, I believe the cost of these two projects will be between \$45,000.00 and \$55,000.00.

Before the next quarterly report we will be performing Spring aerification to the greens and tees on April 4 and 5. We will be applying the pre-emergent to the fairways, tees, and greens on April 12. This will get the season started. The course conditions and playability will improve from there. One other issue we plan to address are the creek banks. Our plan is to trim them back and spray them with a growth retardant that will help us keep them under control.