



Message from the Board

Golf Course Improvement Plan



Dear West Shore Members,

At the September 27th Monthly Board Meeting the West Shore Board of Directors unanimously passed a Golf Course Improvement Plan proposed by the West Shore Management Team. This includes the addition of more Native Land to the Golf Course, a proposed change to the Short Game Practice Area and Hole 18, and the construction of a Grass Nursery. These three projects have the future of this club in mind and will be extremely beneficial for years to come.

The first is the largest of the projects which is the addition of more Native Land. Below you will find a map of the areas that will be “uncut” and native going forward. Back in 2007, this was a method that was used for many of the areas that you see on the course today as a cost cutting measure. The big difference from then to now is that this area will be treated with a chemical twice a year, with a goal to provide a consistent look throughout the course, eliminating the tall weeds and small trees that we are used to seeing in these areas.

So why make this change? With the large increase in equipment prices and much higher hourly labor wages we are looking towards the future and setting focus on keeping the more playable areas of West Shore in the best shape we possibly can. The addition of these areas will both lower the man hours used to cut, as well as cut down on unnecessary hours spent on our Rough Mower (our most expensive piece of equipment), allowing us to spend time on the most played areas. This change will also improve aesthetics of the golf course tremendously with examples of our end goal seen below. This process will be timely, and our goal is in 3 years for it to be fully complete. By next Summer though, you will noticeably be seeing many of the changes taking place. These areas are not set in stone, but we are going to move forward with this plan knowing we can easily revert if needed, as we have the equipment to cut these quickly and return to “normal” in a timely manner. The difficult part is growing these spots up, and it will take cooperation from the Membership to keep cart traffic out of these native areas. The golf course will become a little harder but will only punish the most errant shots. This plan was well thought out with every golfer in mind.

In addition to the Native Plan, we also have two other projects that will begin this season. The first is a change to our Short Game Practice Area and Hole 18. This will be a multi-step process that will begin this Fall. A detailed plan can be seen below with our goal to utilize the area in front of the Clubhouse to the best of our ability. The second is the beginning of a construction of a grass nursery. Details on this plan can also be found below and will allow us to have “backups” if problem areas do arise.

We all have seen the amazing job that Evan has done this season, and it is our goal to set up our West Shore Turf Team the best we can to utilize our resources and provide the best product possible to the membership. We are happy to announce that we have just ordered a New Greens Roller, Greens Mower, and 300 Gallon Sprayer for next season. In total these products cost over \$125,000 and are the best of the best products on the market today. This is very exciting news for this club, and if we can retain membership at this level and keep thinking outside the box like this, these are the amazing things we will be able to continue.

The Board of Directors invites the entire membership for a special meeting that will take place during our regularly scheduled Board Meeting on October 25th – This meeting will start at 6:00 p.m with an open Q and A for members to discuss these plans and other amazing things happening around the club. We hope to see everyone there!



The areas marked in red will be Native Areas of West Shore. This includes all the current areas we know today as well as the addition of other areas. For those playing this Fall you will see areas marked in Red on the course as the boundary lines for new additions. This will be used by our staff as a guideline of where not to cut.



These are examples of our Future Vision. This will take time to complete, but by next summer you will see noticeable changes to the normal native areas you see at West Shore.



Hole 18 and Short Game Practice Area



Stage 1

- Expand the Putting Green North and to the East allowing more Hole Locations and more area for putting practice
- There will no longer be any rough to the West of the Cart Path. This will now be all Short Grass “Fairway Length” and will start where the fairway ends in front of 18 green. This will extend all the way to the clubhouse and in front of the Patio using the Old Practice Tee as well.
- 18 Tee will roll into this Short Grass – allowing for more Tee Locations and a very clean and uniform look

Stage 2

- Create a new Chipping Green near the location of the Current Chipping Green. This will be larger than our current green and will have a larger bunker as well for practice. With the extension of all the Fairway Grass much longer shots will be able to be hit

This project will be completed transplanting existing Fairway Grass from low used parts of the Golf Course. The expansion of the putting green will be completed using Greens Mix and Aeration Plugs from our Current Greens.

The West Shore Strategic Committee is looking at solutions in regards to Full Swing Warmup / Driving Range. This is a very discussed topic, and we want to make the best decision for the future of this club. We feel the use of Waters Edge is a short-term solution, and with it most likely being a large investment we will continue to look into the best long term solution going forward.

Grass Nursery

The existing trees and shrubs directly behind the Back Tee on Hole 3 will be removed this winter. With equipment we have in house the beginning construction of a Grass Nursery will take place. The goal is to create green and fairway grass in this area to replace any problem areas quickly and efficiently that may come up in the future. This grass will be grown from aeration plugs that we collect during our normal annual aeration.

