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SEPTEMBER GREENS UPDATE

1. LABOR UPDATE

With the seasonal help gone we have been fortunate to acquire a father and son duo with a lifetime of golf course experience, in addition to 2 more part time employees, all of which have the potential for several years here at West Shore, also for some the potential for full time employment to help with winter work! Our 6 employees are working at an impressive efficiency!

Still actively looking to fill 1 or 2 more spots with the right candidate.

2. GOLF COURSE UPDATE

- A. Drainage work continues and we are proud to announce the arrival of our new to us skid steer and trencher, these tools will allow us to continue to make improvements on a regular and more efficient basis.
- B. You will start to notice some "Native" areas being marked with red paint lines. Going forward these WILL NOT be mowed anymore. These areas will be maintained for weeds so they are aesthetically pleasing but also only mowed down twice a year. These will create native grass hazards similar to what you saw this past weekend at the Ryder cup @ whistling straits', but native to SE Michigan and without the cliffs! These will allow us to most importantly stop using so many labor hours mowing rough that is not in use frequently. It is important to remember that these areas will take several (3-4) years before they are mature, and also remember it is easy to return to normal rough in no time at all!

3. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Deep tine aerification and mini tine aerification planned for Monday Oct 11th. More sand topdressing will be applied. Expect similar recovery time as last month's aerification if the weather cooperates. There will be a notable decrease in putting

quality after this day but these practices are essential for the high performing putting greens you can expect at West Shore for years to come.

- B. The greens department and myself would like to thank the membership for all their support. We recently ordered a new sprayer for the native areas and fairways, A new roller that is way more advanced than our current one, and most importantly a new greens mower with up-to-date, state of the art cutting technology that you all deserve! So, thank you again in advance continued support and confidence going forward that West Shore will be the best it can be!