

Chester Golf Club

Green Committee Report – Spring General Meeting May 25, 2022

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General – The golf course opened on April 28th and I'm sure you will agree, was in great condition. This was due to the hard work our new superintendent, Matt Blackman, and his team. To give you an idea of what needs to be done to open, below is a list of work tasks completed for just one week:

- mowed tees with walk mowers
- removed stump on #17
- repaired irrigation system
- top-dressed greens again at half rate
- painted ball washer posts
- cleaned up gardens
- pressure washed benches
- sprayed greens with wetting agent
- sprayed greens with fungicide
- cut suckers in front of #5 tee and #15 tee (right side)
- installed hole signs
- erected driving range nets
- installed ball washers
- cleaned up wood piles
- placed out garbage cans
- placed out bunker rakes
- straightened up hazard stakes
- removed trees due to storm damage

Irrigation – Extensive repairs have been completed to the irrigation system and we are pleased to announce that all sprinkler heads operational.

Pond – The pond continues to leak along #9 fairway as well as along the south side near hole #8. This will need to be repaired and we are working with the Long Range Planning Committee to determine a strategy for financing and scheduling the repair.

Trees – The maintenance team spent a large amount of time cleaning up the fallen trees and debris this spring. They also completed some much needed trimming on various holes to improve site lines, safety of play and turf growth.

Geese – After extensive research, it was determined that the best approach to controlling the geese issue was to purchase a “Bird Banger” which is used to scare the geese away. To date, we have had much success with using this approach and expect to use it in the fall when the geese usually return.

Projects Completed or Underway

#3 Gold Red Tee – the new tee box is now seeded and due to open mid-summer

#14 New Bridge – near the end of the 2021 season, it was brought to our attention that the wooden bridge from #14 green to #15 back tees was in poor shape. The bridge was rebuilt using a more permanent stone foundation last fall.

Cart Paths – crusher dust has now been applied to the majority of our cart paths. .

Future Projects – our committee met the second week in May to review the results of the Chester Golf Club 2021 survey and plan future projects. The superintendent and his team are presently working hard to improve the look and feel of the course by removing or modifying signs, addressing weed and turf issues and improving tee box conditions. The Green Committee supports all of these goals and will meet later in the year to assess future initiatives.