

Superintendent's Report

July 12, 2021

Course Conditions:

The course is looking really good right now. We have stayed pretty green for July with good rainfall almost weekly. We did have some very heavy rain and some flooding late in June. This did cause some turf damage to some fairways and other areas, but they seem to have recovered. We haven't been able to work bunkers as much as we would like because of the wetter weather; they continue to need additional work.

Completed Projects:

We have spent the majority of this month keeping up with the mowing and regular course maintenance practices like verticutting and rolling. Everything continues to grow more than usual for this time of year due to regular rains. All our rough mowers have been working well and we haven't had many major breakdowns which is good.

Some new trash cans and ball washers were purchased and installed around the course. Several of the old cans had rusted out or smashed up and badly needed to be replaced. 3 of our older ball washers were broken as well.

We have done some work cleaning up the landscape beds. We weeded, trimmed bushes, sprayed and planted some new flowers and shrubs in almost all the flower beds on the course including the ones around the entrance and the little planters near the flagpole on 4. We plan on putting down a bunch of mulch on all the beds sometime in the next few weeks when the crew has time.

Future and Ongoing Projects:

We are currently focusing on prepping for the Classic which is coming up in under 2 weeks. We need to do some minor renovations on greens including verticutting and top dressing to get them rolling faster. We also need to do some work on bunkers, as well as lots more weedeating.

Sprayer:

The course is currently in need of a sprayer. Our old sprayer has been at Brookhill for 21 years and is needing some pretty expensive repairs to be usable. It has been pretty unreliable for the past few seasons and I have had issues with application rates recently as well. A sprayer is probably the most important piece of equipment on the golf course and having a reliable one is pretty crucial.

Because of this I am recommending we purchase a used Toro 5000 series sprayer to replace the old Cushman. I have been looking for a used unit for several weeks now. There are very few on the market because Toro isn't manufacturing very many new units due to supply chain issues. I do have a lead on one from a used turf equipment dealership in New York called UGATE. It is priced pretty reasonably and I could get it shipped here for an additional \$900. I will continue looking for one until we make a decision. I am also looking at one from a company that refurbishes used units and resells them down in Georgia. That company includes a 6 month warranty included in the purchase price.

In the meantime I decided to borrow the sprayer from the Recreation Department. It works pretty well and I have been able to get some spraying done as needed with it.. They will probably need it back sometime in August.

Respectfully,

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