

Barton Hills Country Club...

THE DIRT

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Construction Update:

This past week was an extremely productive one despite the major change in the weather. The course received several inches of rain over the last week or so and certainly made working outside in the conditions challenging. However, as I am writing this update all of our contractors have completed their respective duties and have departed. Here are some more details of the happenings over the last week:

- McDonald and Sons finished strong by completing the repairs of the haul roads and the reconstruction of the chipping complex. Those were the last items for them to complete. The new chipping complex turned out great with the aforementioned improvements, and should provide our members with a variety of practice situations that better fits our course.

- Theilen Irrigation also finished up their responsibilities this week. They worked extremely efficiently and in addition to installing supplemental irrigation on 34 select bunker faces they accomplished the following:

- *made separate repairs on some bunker faces as current irrigation heads were damaged during construction*
- *Installed supplemental irrigation on the back tee on No. 3, the forward tee on No. 5, the back tee on No.15, and the new tees on holes 13 and 18*
- *Relocated a bank of 3 irrigation satellites further out of the golfer's view from the back tee of No. 15*

I would like to take this opportunity to share with our members just how nice it was to work with our selected contractors. In all instances they demonstrated their professionalism, workmanship, care for their client's needs, and an overall pride in their jobs. They went above and beyond on several occasions to ensure that our project would be a success. It was certainly a pleasure to work with McDonald and Sons, Tyler Rae, and Theilen Irrigation throughout our project.



Check out this new view from directly behind the newly constructed bunker face from the first right fairway bunker on No.9! Tyler Rae worked diligently on softening this bunker face so that it will be easier for you to escape if you are unlucky enough to find your ball here!

Although the contractors have finished the bulk of the project there are still some outstanding tasks that have to be taken care of by our staff:

- Sod out the new tee surround on 18 and the last two fairway bunker faces on holes 13 and 4 to fine fescue.
- Finish out sodding around the cart paths at the clubhouse
- Continue to remove selected trees associated with the project

We will button up these tasks along with prepping the course for winter over the coming weeks.



The new greens sod is looking great here on 16 green. A number of the greens have been mowed several times and topdressed twice and are progressing as planned.

Due to the current weather we have decided to postpone this week's course tour. We will reschedule it for sometime next week. Look for an announcement with the details very soon. If you have been unable to make it to any of the tours and would like to see the course, just contact us and we would love to possibly set up a time for you to see how the project at a mutually conducive time. I can be reached via email or

phone call.



The covers were installed on several of the new greens this week to augment their development before winter.

In speaking of the turn in the weather, you will notice that we covered a number of the new greens. These were the greens that were sodded over the last two weeks. We have done this so that we can capture some more daily heat that will help the last few greens to develop a little quicker before we prep them for the winter. Currently, our objectives are to mow our new greens as many times as possible and to apply as much topdressing sand as possible before applying our winter plant protectants right before the winter season. Utilizing our covers will aid us in achieving our goals. However, when the overall temperature drops below a certain level, using the covers will no longer give our new grass an advantage and we will remove them for the winter.

See you soon!!

Colin Seaberg and the Green and Grounds Team