

GOLF COURSE REVIEW

Course Name: Stonehenge

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Overall the course is in very good condition considering the severe weather we have had so far this year. Even though the course is bent grass, a cool season grass, it has been stressed but has held up very well. The 3 major tournaments held at Stonehenge this summer have also added to the stress on the course. Sean and his staff should be commended on the work they have done this summer to maintain the course.

Stonehenge is planning to close again this year in mid November and reopen in April. The major project this winter is the installation of a new, state of the art, dual row irrigation system. This will allow for customized zone watering from property line to property line that will allow the roughs to be improved. Several man-hours currently spent manually turning on the system will be saved by a new computerized control system. Additional cost savings will be realized in water and electricity usage. Moisture conditions will be monitored by the installation of 4-6 moisture sensors placed throughout the course. New pumps will be installed in addition to approximately 1 mile of main line from lake Dartmoor to the pond on #18. There will be approximately 1000 sprinkler heads compared to the current 400. Preliminary work will start prior to the course closing. Unfortunately, the proposed new pumphouse/restroom on the back will not be able to be done.

Safety Related Items:

1. The cart path from #14 tee area to the 1st bridge at the green will be re-paved in September while the course is closed for aeration. Asphalt will be delivered and dumped at the end of the cul-de-sac above the 15th hole and our road department will haul it to the site for placement.

Tee Box Related Items:

1. This winter while contractors are installing the new irrigation system, our employees will begin leveling tee boxes. Par 3's (#3, 5 and 11) will be started 1st. Sod will be removed and stacked, then tee boxes leveled with 1-2% slope from front to rear. If possible, extra dirt from the irrigation project will be used to enlarge some tee boxes.
2. Some tee boxes are currently being aerated.

Fairway Related Items:

1. The course is scheduled to be aerated in September. Sean plans to aerate at least 3 times before the course opens in April. Over time the thatch build up has gotten to be so thick that the fairways have become sponge-like and don't allow water to get to the roots. This has created several dead areas on some holes such as #8. Sean plans to make 2-3 holes/week cart path only to allow the fairways to improve.

Greens Related Items:

1. Overall the greens are in very good condition. An additional fan is being considered on #15.

Bunker related Items:

1. There are 65 bunkers on the course that require approximately 25 man-hours to rake. This is considerably more bunkers than our other courses. The project started last winter to remove sand and re-contour the bunkers will continue. Eventually all of the bunkers are scheduled to be rebuilt in the same manner that Dorchester's have been done.

Rough Related Items:

1. Re-seeding of the roughs is in progress now that the heat is lower. This is a tall fescue grass, like at Druid, and will stay the same 2" as it is now. Eventually, Bermuda grass will be promoted around the fairways and when/ if it gets solid all around the fairways it will be lowered to one inch.

Bermuda grass is being placed around the bunkers and also other areas by cutting plugs from established areas. Also, Bermuda sod was cut from the back of the driving range and used to re-sod some larger areas along cart paths.

Tree Related Items:

1. Some additional trees may need to be removed or heavily trimmed around some tee boxes in order to allow the grass to grow. Examples are #4 and #13.

Structure Related Items:

1. The outdoor seating area at the clubhouse will be enlarged by extending the deck out toward the putting green. Eventually, a new pavilion is proposed to replace the turn shack.
2. A new score board was built to replace the old un-safe one.

Other Items (examples: driving range, course markings, cart paths, bag drop, rest rooms etc.):

1. Sean would like to use the driving range as a nursery for growing grasses that can be used for placement throughout the course as needed. A mix of bent, fescue and Bermuda areas would cover all of the needs of the course.
2. Work continues to improve the creek running along hole #15 and down the hill from #16. Installation of several dams and walls has helped to slow the flow of water into the lake and has reduced the silt build up that had plugged the culverts under the fairway.