

Mid-Winter Golf Course Update – January 2021

This is the Mid-Winter Update for the golf course. The weather has somewhat cooperated to allow us to get on the course for some tree removal. Recently several Honey Locusts were removed, and others were trimmed outside the dining room. These both alleviated congestion and opened a better view of the large Oak Tree in that area. The pines to the left of # 9 tee have also been completely removed. Some mounding will be placed there and planted with tall native fescue. This will keep maintenance to a minimum in that area.

Just this week, conditions have allowed us to begin removing pines on the golf course itself. We first eliminated 7 or so pines on the left side of 14 fairway and the left side of 15 green. This will allow the hardwoods in that area to flourish and enable us to grow some healthy rough where those trees were. We always hear a few comments from some members, saying we are making the course easier. Prove to us that you can hit from 2 ½ - 3 inch rough from 160 yards out and hold the dome shaped green on 14, that has always been the toughest green on the course. As the weather continues, we plan to finish the area of pines on the right side of 17 fairway. Once again, based on what we hear from our members, birdies and eagles will be, the norm. After 9 years of tree “trimming”, we are approaching almost 800 trees that have been eliminated. The course is all the better for it. The hardwoods are healthy, and the pines are no longer competing with water, fertilizers and the like. It kinda just looks better.

When conditions do not let us on the course, we continue with our winter maintenance program to keep our pallet of equipment in the best shape possible. So winter is already 1/3 over, and we hope to see you on the course soon.

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