

MAINTENANCE REPORT

November 10th 2020

Please find the summary of the report presented in the las Board of Directors Meeting

State of the course:

Greens and collars are healthy and in good shape. Green speed is now over 10.5 on a daily basis. Sodding program were completed and only tees need some seeding to win the battle to the Bermuda. It is the time to spray tees and collars and weaken the Bermuda that has slow its growth. A temporary discoloration for a week after application is expected. A healthy Bentgrass will shade Bermuda and outcompete it for several months.

Fairways and roughs are in good shape. Not much growth now and soon will become dormant. First dye application was made to start defining fairways for winter. We will keep mowing rough and fairways mainly to keep them clean.

Renovation projects

The following areas were renovated:

- Tee 1
- Practice Putting Green: will be open soon.
- Tee 3
- Collar at 4th Green.
- Tee 5



- Putting green by Tee 1

We have redefined collar in one side using zoysia. We are currently repairing the green in the path to the 1st tee.

To open this putting green to the players a stair will be added to provide access from the pro shop. At the same time, the putting green will be lowered at the back gaining some pin positions. Final design to be defined with Kyle Phillips.



- Nursery needs to be planted again since we have used both the green and the collar type one. An open drench will be installed this winter to prevent grass contamination and provide water evacuation to the drain.



Winter jobs

Like every year, as mowing need decreases, we find more time to do some of the annual jobs of maintenance. These are some of them and we will have to find priorities.

- Pruning Adelfas bushes: mainly the lower part so balls can be found.
- Tree pruning: even though works at height will be done by a certified arborist, many low branches are pruned by our team.
- Tree planting: we have resumed this year program including tipuanas, palms, olives, jacarandas, pepper trees...

- Palm pruning: Unfortunately, Covid stopped last year program. This is one of our priorities and will start soon.



- Irrigation: sprinklers will be checked, redefining their angles and reach, and rising and levelling when needed. All the sprinklers should be adjusted at least once every 3 years.
- Irrigation: some adjustments in sprinklers position still needs to be done. Most of them relates to move them to the border of the grass area.



- Edging grass encroachment into the bark areas.



- Security fence to be installed by the lake at 8th ladies' tee.



- Ornamental grass: the old Lygeum will be cleaned and substituted by the new Muhlenbergia that is easier to maintain.



- Some drains need to be installed in areas that proved to need it.
- Edges of the lakes needs some restauration as some are collapsing. Some were successfully done last year.



- Painting and cleaning buildings.
- Painting and cleaning wooden bridges.
- Add sand to bunkers
- Sleepers on 17th to hold water out of the bark area

Budget

2021 Budget draft is presented. It includes investments that need to be discussed.

Staff

Bunker maintenance has been an issue for a long time. After analyzing the reasons where most of the complaints come from, Green Committee propose to increase the staff dedicated to bunker raking from 4 to 6. This crew works from Monday to Sundays in shifts, so if there is no one on vacations, there are 3 of them for 6 days and 2 on Tuesdays.

With a team of 4 green bunkers are raked from 7 to 10:30, fairway bunkers are finished after breakfast break.

When one is off for holidays, there are 2 in weekdays and 3 in weekends.

We have defined a daily deep raking of the base of the bunker, and a daily rolling and light raking of the faces. This could not be accomplished with the actual crew of 4.

Trees pruned at 18th

A neighbor has pruned our casuarinas without permission or municipality permit. We have reported to the Patrulla Verde.

