

September's President's Newsletter

We have less than a month left before we put to rest another successful season. The golf course is scheduled to close for over seeding on September 20. For drought consideration, it will not be a total over seed this year. Only the playing surfaces will be over seeded. For some of us, the rough is a "playing area", but that is not important now.

Last month it was reported that the grass had been killed in the area where the new putting green is to be constructed. Well, the construction of the putting green is well underway. The entire area was excavated about three feet. Drainage was installed and gravel has been brought in as the first step in rebuilding the surface. It is anticipated that the new putting surface will be ready for use mid-December or early January.

Where are we going to putt you ask? A lot of us have heard that during the proposed golf property remodel and construction a temporary structure was to be placed on the existing putting green. Well, things change. To begin with, the approval process for the remodel and expansion has not even got off the ground yet. Tom Brown will make a presentation to the community about the golf course's desired remodel and construction at an HOA Neighborhood Meeting, in the Santa Rosa Ballroom on Saturday, September 12 at 1:30. You are encouraged to attend to find out exactly what is planned.

As for the golf course itself, Kevin and his crew have kept the course in absolutely great condition. This is my seventh summer here and it is the first summer that I have not experienced dried out and hard fairways. With the exception of the occasional tan area (not even dark enough to call them brown areas) on a couple of the fairways, they are as green and lush as they were during the season. The greens continue to be some of the best rolling in the valley. Kevin credits his crew and the humidity we have had for the conditions we have enjoyed.

So, while the humidity has been good for the course, it apparently is also very good for flies. Again, in seven summers here, I have never seen the fly problem as bad, or last as long as it has this year. The only good thing is that the flies divert our attention from the mosquitos.

To bring this to a close, for those of us who hang around for the summer, we were rewarded with drinks provided by Brad Dain. During Men's Club play on Monday, August 24, Brad got a hole-in-one on number eleven. Congratulations (and thank you) to Brad!

See you on the course.

Gary