

HILLCREST



From the President...

We are getting some great Fall temps to enjoy our golf course so hopefully this stretch continues through the month of October. Who knows, by the end of October maybe we'll have added another hole-in-one or two to the list as there have been nine so far this year! Congrats to all who have joined that special Hole-in-One Club and to the rest of us waiting for our first, enjoy all those free drink tickets!

I wanted to start off by talking about projects we have in the pipeline this Fall as well as potential ones that may be implemented later this year. If you recall a survey went out to membership to gather thoughts on what is the best way to use our financial resources as well as what are the most important projects to tackle first. I am happy to say we had some nice participation with the survey and over 90% of the respondents were golfing members. So what is important to you as members of Hillcrest? Here is a breakdown of the subject matter based on capital improvements...

Golf Course Projects

50%	Ponds (appearance, maintenance)
10%	Resigning parts of the course
9%	Bunkers (addition, removal, maintenance)
6%	Leveling tee boxes
6%	Cart path addition along #15 (Peninah St.)
5%	Repairing cart paths / bridges
2%	Tree trimming
1%	Ditch on #5 (weed maintenance)

Clubhouse / Pool Projects

31%	Locker rooms
9%	Clubhouse structure / building
8%	Pool (shade, bathrooms, operations, new construction)
6%	Sound system
2%	HVAC



Aaron Ness, President

I'm glad to see that the ponds were on people's minds as the Board has officially voted to approve work completed on #7 and #9 ponds to remove the ponds (fill in with dirt and grass), removal of the large tree in between #7 and #9 ponds that causes cart path damage, and put in all new cart paths and landscaping on those holes. We are excited about the proposed improvements for the aesthetics of the course and well as a reduction in maintenance costs. See the proposed layout sheet. Work on this is tentatively slated for November.

Waren is also currently working on the removal of two bunkers that are typically not in play and aren't worth maintaining year after year (#12 and #13 right side of green) and has also sought input from the Grounds & Greens Committee to discuss the possible addition of bunkers on different holes in spots that are appropriate.

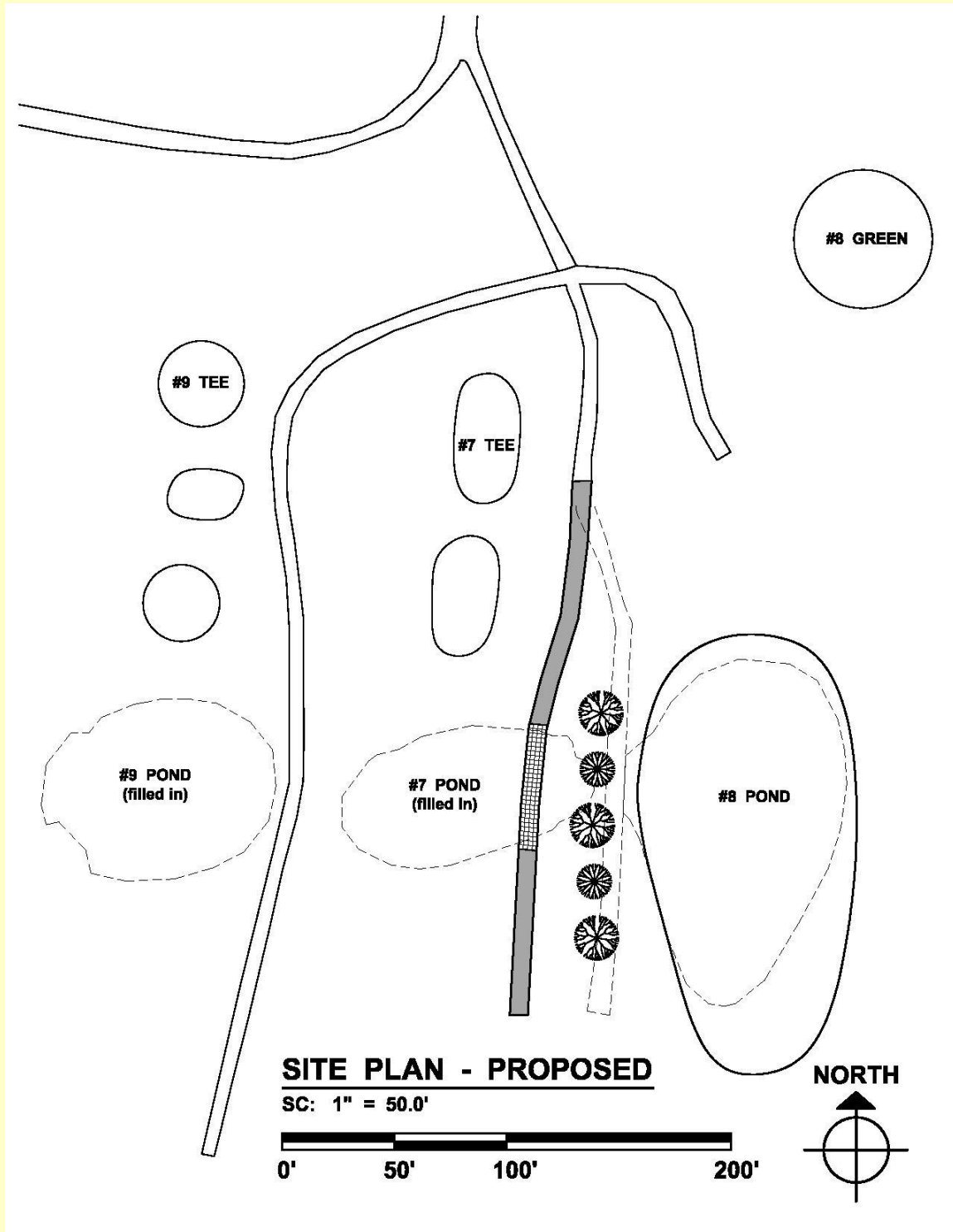
Further discussions were had involving reducing the sizes of both the men's and women's locker rooms and making a Player's Lounge as well as much needed changes involving plumbing and lockers. This project is only in the beginning stages and will be discussed over the next several months as we see how our financials fall into place and if the cost of the project is one we want to handle later this winter or early next year.

Your other comments and concerns mentioned in the survey are also being discussed and gives your Board a good working platform to make continual improvements both inside the clubhouse, around the pool area and on the course.

Hillcrest continually gets comments from both members and non-members who attend weddings or other events that we have amazing food. Let's continue to show our support for Chef Eric and his wonderful menu as our dining services are a big part of our success at Hillcrest.

Last but not least, Scott has filled our Pro Shop with a wide assortment of stylish brands of clothing and equipment. Be sure to use up your store credit (and then some!).

Proposed Pond Layout



From the Course...



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As long as the weather is nice we will continue working on special projects and fall cleanup until we cant get outside anymore. Towards the end of October we will deep tine aerfiy greens and topdress greens and tees for winter. We will also be working on some drainage, leaf harvest, and edging which is nice to get dome before we blow out irrigation in November.

Four big Silver Maples on 7 should be coming out this month. One to the left of the pond and three around the green. All these should either make golf easier, or the grass healthier, not to mention reduce the amount of spring and fall cleanup from tree debris. Cart path work and asphalt removal around 7, 8, and 9 will start this month.

Once the winter gets under way we will resume tree removal where we will be removing more trees on the left of 7 and left and right of 12 green. Unless the snow is really deep I anticipate removing another 30 trees by the time the course opens in 2018 and there are no new plans to make anymore tree additions.

From the Clubhouse...

Hello Members!

I love the autumn air and the food. Look for features with Acorn and Butternut squash, Country Fried Pork Chops, Caprese Chicken, Chicken and Dumpling Soup, Shrimp Bisque, Duck, Sesame Crusted Tuna, and the Crab Cake Sandwich by request. We have started making our own bread for Friday. Chef Kasey and I are playing around with different European style breads. Fine Dining Feature Fridays have been great, thanks for the support. We nearly sold out of the cod and the trout on those nights.

We have a few new wines on the menu starting this month. Stave and Steel Cabernet, Pali Pinot Noir, Imagery Sauvignon Blanc just to name a few.

I will be attending the Simply D' Vine event Friday October 13th. I will be working with Casey from Johnson Bros. pairing wines with the food. Please stop by our booth if you attend. I will be serving Poached Scottish Salmon, Tuna on Sesame Cracker, Beef Carpaccio, and Imported Meats and Cheeses. This is a fun event and a great fundraiser for Cancer research with Avera Health.

Things are slowing down in the restaurant but we are booking holiday events and planning our Halloween and New Years Eve events. Please put those on your calendar. We have many dates available yet for holiday parties and we can accommodate a group of 4 to (400) ☺.

Thanks again for a great golf season, it has been a lot of fun this year and looking forward to a great off season and maybe a vacation!! Let me know if you need anything.



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From The Golf Shop...

Fall is upon us. There will still be some nice days to get out to play. If you are heading south to play golf this winter, I would be happy to ship your clubs to your golf course that you are playing the first day of your trip. Just let me know at least 5 days in advance of when you need your clubs at the course. Let me know if you need help finding any golf courses too play this winter. I can make a phone call and line up tee times for your group.

Also, if you have a large group and will be playing different games each day, I can set up a tournament on golf genius for you and help you score the event each day. You would just need to text me a picture of your scorecard and I will do the rest from cold South Dakota!

October Pro Shop Hours:

Monday- Noon-5:30 p.m.

Tuesday-Sunday – 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

The pro shop will close early if the weather is inclement.

Please, use your golf shop credit by October 31st

Check your clubs and see if they need regripping. Use your credit to grip your clubs.

I have talked to Wade Merry, the SDGA Director, and his rating team will be rerating Hillcrest in the Spring of 2018. I am hoping that the gold tee and the white tee course rating will be closer to each other, so hopefully there will not be a 4 shot difference when the 3-5 handicap rule is implemented.



*Congrats to Cal Carlson on his Hole In One on Hole 6
and John Ehret on his 2nd Hole In One on hole 16!!*

