

# 2018 Fall Club Report

As we approach our Fall Golf Season we would like to give you an update on the club and course.

## The Golf Course (FAIRWAYS):

While battling through an extremely rainy season we see some possible benefits that may have come from it. Last year we seeded the fairways with over \$50,000 in a new hybrid Midnight Bluegrass turf that is very drought and disease tolerant and hoped to overtake the existing POA turf. The wet weather may have helped that cause as the POA did not fair all that well, and we see a lot of the new turf starting to grow in and spread. With a good Fall grass growing season approaching we should really start to see improved fairway turf conditions for next year and beyond.

## The Golf Course (IRRIGATION):

We continue to battle ongoing irrigation challenges and breaks due to the age of the system and the original installation. Many of the pipe sizes and types used are extremely rare and have been very hard to find, however we have procured them and hope to have all areas repaired and open holes filled ASAP.

## The Golf Course (TEES):

We have been aerating, seeding and topdressing the Tees for a couple of years with little to no improvement. At the direction of our Superintendent, we decided to go ahead and completely redo them, much like we did with the Greens four years ago. We realized this would be a huge inconvenience and would cause some disruption, however we felt it necessary to take the next step toward becoming a premier course. This capital improvement became even more challenging, when we had a major heat wave and drought at the beginning of the process and then weeks and weeks of continued rain. We were unable to treat the Tees as it would have killed the new grass, so as a result we did get some crabgrass and weeds, however we have treated them and reseeded them several more times. While still not where we hoped they would be, our expectation is that they will start to really fill in with the Fall grass growing season approaching, and give us greatly improved Tees for next year and beyond.

## The Golf Course (Naturalized Areas, Trees and Plants):

It appears as if the suggestions and Grant assistance from the USGA will result in a positive outcome. The main goal of the project was to reduce maintenance cost and improve our ability to overcome future storms. This was possibly the best year to test this as it has undoubtedly been one of the wettest years in recent history and areas like in front of 18 Green are remarkably dryer than in dry years. Most of the areas took very well and due to how great they look and the success we feel they will bring, we plan to reseed the areas that did not take this Fall. We quite possibly may add a few more to areas that continue to be a struggle of constant maintenance so we can focus on improving playable turf. Every Tree and shrub with the exception of a few evergreens survived and they are thriving. We plan to replace the evergreens that died and add a few more trees, shrubs and plants throughout the course.

## Food & Beverage:

While trying to find the right "recipe" for what our VIP Members and Golfers are looking for, we brought in one of the area's best Chef's, with the hope of offering more dining options beyond golf fare. While the BBQ has been a huge success, starting later this Fall and through next year, we will be offering more inside dining options. We continue to offer a great venue for private parties, weddings and more. We have a great new golf outing package also available for the 2019 season.

We would like to thank you for your continued patronage and support and look forward to a great Fall.

The Lynx Team