

## Development update – July 08

Well folks, we are moving closer every day but are not quite there yet. The new tees on #10 are scheduled to be open for play no later than August 1<sup>st</sup> as we give them just a little more time to mature. As for the new par three off the highway, Jay and myself recently evaluated it and, although it is progressing nicely, it is not ready to tolerate the traffic yet. We will re-evaluate in early August and keep everyone posted. The range is starting to turn green and the new tees on #15 and #16 are being sodded as I type with the new greens complex on #14 scheduled to be seeded sometime next week. As for the new clubhouse, we are finalizing the ATB financing, continuing to get to a finalized design and are awaiting the results of our MCFP grant application. We continue to try and stay on top of the access road and parking lot with the contractor. They are trying to get the highway intersection paved and back open with a straight run up the hill to our parking lot but weather has played havoc with their schedule as it has with the development pretty much all season. Simply put, there has been a few set backs in the scheduling and progress (primarily weather related) but there is still so much positive happening that I do not hesitate to ask for your continued patience. We have come so far in such a short period of time and would not want to jeopardize the progress made by jumping on new holes to quickly or rushing into the wrong building too soon. Your management team and board of directors continue to work hard for the overall betterment of this club and will continue to do so throughout this process. With that said, I would like to offer a few friendly reminders as to how you, the member, can help your club continue to improve.

- Our maintenance staff does their best to stay on top of the little things such as filling divots on tees, picking up garbage etc. With that said, they could always use a little help and would appreciate your assistance. By using the divot pails provided on each tee, you can play a big part in their recovery and playability. By picking up garbage as you see it you help keep our course clean and tidy. By practicing the 90 degree rule with power carts you help reduce the wear on the fairways.
- We value your input and remind members of the Member Input Binder in the Pro Shop. We have 3 forms filled out to date and have been able to respond to them all. It is you, the member who have the best point of view because you see the course as a player every time you go out. Please take the time to put your concerns or suggestions to paper so that we can better serve the membership as a whole.
- Finally, take the time to say thanks to the staff at the club. They are a tremendous group of people (young and old) who take pride in what they do and work hard to make our club a great place to be.

We thank you for your continued patience and feedback as we strive to be the best we can be. As managers and leaders, my team tends to focus on the small percentage of things not working right and we forget to celebrate the high percentage of things that are going in the right direction. I ask that membership take the time to step back, take a really good look and notice all the positive things happening at the club as they truly will make the inconveniences we are all dealing with much easier to tolerate. We are all in this together and will be a better club one the other side.

Respectfully,

Stephen Mitchell  
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Hinton Golf Club