

## Golf Course Development Update – August 08

If we have learned one thing from this entire development process it is that ***progress comes with heartache*** and that ***patience is not only a virtue but a must***. Actually that is two things but both hold true for this process. In the past month we have seen the new tees on #10 open permanently as well as the newly sodded tees on #15. The range is coming in nicely and we have seen the new greens complex on #14 go from a pile of dirt to a solid tinge of green and can now get a really good feel for how the hole will look once the tees and fairway are completed. We are now accessing the course from the original highway intersection and as I write this update they are working on curb and gutter which will be followed by pavement. We are getting there folks and your continued patience and support is very much appreciated.

At the start of the season it was our goal to at least be playing the new par three across from Safeway. Unfortunately, Mother Nature reached down this year and took no less than 20-25 days away from us in the early stages of the season. These days include revenue earning days as well as grass growing days. With that said, the new par three and the greens complex seeded last season (between #14 and #15) are both progressing very nicely but Jay and myself, with the support of the board, have made a decision to leave them out of play for the remainder of the 08 season. We have made this decision based on strong membership feedback but primarily because we want to ensure the new areas are absolutely prime for play once we open them. We have come this far and we simply do not want to risk sending these areas backwards for the sake of a few weeks of play late in the season.

On another significant note, we are moving closer and closer to finalizing a design for a new clubhouse. We had been considering two designs at two different locations and have settled on a location oriented to the view from #17 green (building would be located basically where the 18 tees are presently located). We have secured the financing portion with ATB and are now waiting to hear from Alberta Lotteries in regards to our MCFP grant application. Although our goal was to possibly break ground on a new building this fall, we have made the decision to wait until next spring/summer to begin construction. This allows us time to secure the previously mentioned MCFP funding as well potential, additional sponsorship, donations and so forth. This process has also represented a steep learning curve and the clubhouse committee and board has worked very hard to ensure we cover as many bases as possible with the building. In the end, we view this as a 25 year / \$million+ decision so we are comfortable taking the extra months to ensure we get it right.

I would like to close this update with a few reminders for the membership.

- As we approach the last 6 weeks of the season we ask that all members take steps to ensure their Pro Shop and Clubhouse accounts are in good order no later than September 30.
- We do have the Member Input Binder located in the Pro Shop for any concerns or suggestions you, as a member, may want to voice.

**“Respect the Game, Respect the Course and Respect your Fellow Golfers”**

Respectfully,

Stephen Mitchell  
Director of Operations