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TO: White Bluff Property Owners
FROM: Gregg Fjelland
RE: February Golf Update

Golf Courses Update

Another month has flown by and we actually received a stretch of drier weather which was very much needed.

The progress made by Fleetwood's team has been very steady and they are currently moving through the Old Course with bunker renovations and greens prep. We are having a bit of an issue on most all of our bunkers in the fact we have irrigation running under 80% of them. We have had to re-shape numerous bunkers and re-locate irrigation where possible and even eliminate bunkers that the greens committee requested removed. With that being said the bunkers that are completed look very good and will still offer a good challenge to all.

Tree removal on the Old Course is ongoing and will continue through this week at which time our staff will fine tune and trim low hanging branches and dead limbs. Our ongoing battle with Oak wilt is being discussed and we are working on a plan to help the ones already affected and to make sure we reduce the number of more trees failing.

Teeing areas on the Old Course as on the New are being enlarged and a few new forward tees being added as well. Leveling of existing tees on both courses will be an ongoing project.

Greens-mix being added on the Old Course greens has currently been stopped. We are outlining a plan to eradicate the strands of viable turf that still remain in the greens as that can cause contamination to our new sprigs this spring. Tree roots are also very prevalent in many of the Old Course greens and that can be very problematic. We are looking into root pruning which is done outside the greens cavities to stop the roots from encroaching. Once we get this finished we will move forward with adding the greens-mix and tilling to the eight-inch level.

On the New Course we are currently scheduled to apply our spring pre-emergent for weeds next Thursday. This should help clean-up the unsightly weeds and give us a much cleaner look turf wise. The Old Course is currently being sprayed and will be ongoing for the next few weeks. I appreciate everyone and their patience as we are playing catch up on this issue.

Our new central irrigation computer has arrived. We are currently going through each sprinkler station and creating our new data sheets so we have accurate information in the new computer. This system will allow us to fine tune areas and create a better playing surface.

In closing, I would just like to thank everyone for staying on the paths and helping with divots as well as letting us know of issues we can't always see. Spring is right around the corner and we have a busy stretch ahead of us. We look forward to getting things ready to wrap up the renovations.

Sincerely yours,
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Golf Course Superintendent

