



# THE SCORECARD

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GOLF JOHN MALINOWSKI



Time really does fly when you have a lot going on as we did this past season at the course. It also looks like the OPA Board is seeing to it that we will have more things going on this off-season, starting with a new roof and new HVAC.

As I have stated in the past, they are also looking at making renovations to the

clubhouse including changes and upgrades to the Tern Grille, the bathrooms downstairs and the space upstairs. Discussions are ongoing and I will report back once a direction has been decided upon. While it may not be a brand new clubhouse like many of you were hoping for, it will be much improved and more functional to meet the needs of the course, its programs and all of our golfers.

The repairs to my old office and the ladies' locker room have also been completed. The walls have been painted and new carpet has been put down. I will be working with the ladies' group to get the locker room set up again over the

next week or two.

The new golf carts are in the final stages of production at Yamaha's facility in Georgia. Once finished they will be shipped to the distributor in Pennsylvania where the roofs, windshields and sand bottles will be attached to the carts. After that they will be loaded onto the trucks and delivered to us. There's a chance that Santa could bring them before Christmas but I really do not expect them until the beginning of January.

I'm sure you all have noticed that the operation of the Tern Grille has greatly diminished over the last few weeks. We have fewer people eating in the restaurant

and to keep it open just wouldn't make business sense. You will still be able to come in and enjoy a drink or two after your round but the food service will be reduced to pre-packaged snacks and chips. We will also be determining how much longer we will be open for football on Sundays as we face the same problems. Without good attendance and sales for the Sunday games we will not be able to stay open any longer. We will notify everyone if and when we close down for the remainder of the winter. And we're still planning on having our Wing Night Happy Hour on December 14 from 4-7 pm, so please make plans to stop by!

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT RUSTY MCLENDON

It is hard to believe that it is that time of year already; I have just gotten used to writing and typing "2016"! I haven't been able to update my blog app on my phone, so I will bring you up to date on what has happened recently and give you a preview of what is in store for the near future.

#8 fairway was aerated, seeded in two directions and top-dressed. The amount of sunlight has al-

ways been the main issue on this fairway. This will be addressed over the winter by thinning the canopy density in the trees to the south and east of the hole or to the right of the hole as you play it.

Leaf blowing and chopping has been the largest piece of our labor efforts over the past few weeks. Fortunately, it looks as if 90 percent of the leaves are on the ground. Now we have to get them

blown out to the tree lines and chopped.

Our soil modification program utilizing deep tine aeration is wrapping up for the fall. #2, 3, 14, 15 and #17 remain. We are closing the hole that we are working on this year to increase our efficiency in this process. Hole #19 will be open on those days that we are finishing up this necessary program.

Sod has been installed in

some of our thin spots in the fairways. We are utilizing some bent grass from our out-of-play areas at the beginning of #17 fairway. Most of these thinner spots were created by standing water in the heat of the summer. As we cut these areas out, we are bringing in some additional soil to raise them up to level and give them a better chance of survival.