



Indian Hill Country Club Spring Maintenance Update

Welcome back to another fun season at The Hill! The winter that never really arrived gave us plenty of opportunities to make improvements to the course. Highlights from this winter include bunker renovations, tee work, and shop improvements.

On the 15th hole, we have combined two small bunkers into one large bunker. This addition adds a visible and playable challenge to a 311-yard Par 4. We edged all 3 green side bunkers to enlarge them back to their original size.

On the 16th hole, we returned the right fairway bunker to its original size and repaired the drainage. We added a total of 184 tons of sand to all bunkers around the course.



15th Fairway Bunker



15th Left Green side Bunker



16th Right Fairway Bunker Before



16th Right Fairway Bunker After

Tee Renovations

We took full advantage of the mild winter, rebuilding tees on the 6th and 16th holes. A new blue tee was added to the right side of the cart path on the 6th hole. After consulting with the Green Committee, a new location on the 6th tee was chosen for a new green/white tee option.

On the 16th tee, we rebuilt the green/white tees to double in size.



New Green/White option on 6th Tee



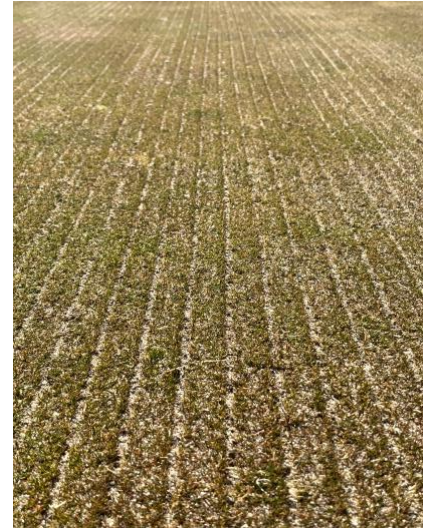
6th New Blue Tee



**16th Green/White Tee
Rebuilt to double the size**

Spring Aerification Practices

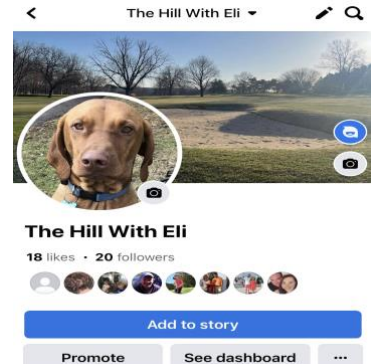
Each March, we decide on a cultural practice to perform on greens for the season. We never repeat the same process from the season before, so we are always altering a different section of the green profile. This spring the Graden Verti-Cutter, which aggressively removes thatch, was used on all the greens. The thatch is separated from the sand and removed from the green. The remaining sand and additional sand are added to greens, which helps firmness and drainage. Due to our annual aggressive spring cultural practices, minimal fertilization, and growth regulations applications, it has not been necessary to repeat the process in the fall. The last time we aerified greens in the fall was 2014. If greens perform the way we all expect them to, we will continue to pass on a fall aerification until it is needed.



8 Cubic Eli's of Material Removed per Green

I hope this gives you some insight on some of the positive changes and maintenance practices that are done at The Hill in the off-season. Have a great spring and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions. We appreciate your continued support!

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