



# Indian Hill Country Club Fall Maintenance Update

As the fall season continues, I am sure all of us will remember the amount of rain we had recently, usually on the weekends. I tried everything I could think of to stop the rain, from buying the crew nice rain gear to even throwing the rain gauge away at one point. So, we don't have exact rainfall totals, but according to the internet, we are about 53% higher than average since the start of the season. On a positive note, we have made it through the rain and feel we still were able to provide playing conditions we can all be proud of.

We were able to pass on fall aerification again because the greens are still performing the way we expect due to our spring cultural practices, fertilizer rates, growth regulator applications, and topdressing program. At some point, if greens become "spongy" or are not the speeds we expect, fall aerification will be done to set up the next season.



1<sup>st</sup> Fairway



9<sup>th</sup> Tee Bridge

# Winter Projects

We have started a couple winter projects this fall, and they will be completed by the start of the new season when we can rent equipment to finish the job.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> tee, we are rebuilding the green/white tees to double in size. The left tee in line with the trees will be removed.

The practice bunker is being rebuilt to match an on course shot at The Hill.



## Current Practice Bunker



## 12<sup>th</sup> Tee Rebuild

We will continue our bunker improvement process with dry well drainage and new sand.

Underbrush will continue to be thinned out in the woods to promote airflow, creating a better growing environment.

For years we thought the collars on 5 and 15 struggled because of 100 years of bunker shots. This fall we decided to remove all the material on 15 and start over. It turns out that at some point, someone decided to remove all the bunker sand and use it as the base between the bunker and green. Unfortunately, bunker sand is processed differently from topdressing sand, and it created issues that grass will always struggle to grow in. All sand was removed down to the irrigation line and built back up with soil and sodded. This process will have to be done on 5 to correct the issue.

## 15<sup>th</sup> Collar



# October's Highlights

October was filled with many firsts and positive events.

I got my first-ever hole in one at Union League Liberty Hill in Philadelphia.

I was able to follow that up 6 days later by running my first Half Marathon in Hartford.

Then I celebrated my 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being Superintendent at The Hill on Oct 26<sup>th</sup>.

Last week, I attended the Chapter Delegates meeting in Lawrence, Kansas at the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) Headquarters. The event kicks off my campaign for re-election to its national Board. The Annual Meeting and Conference and Show will be held January 27<sup>th</sup> – Feb 1<sup>st</sup> in Phoenix, AZ with over 10,000 members in attendance.

Overall, I hope this update provides insight on some positive maintenance practices we are doing at The Hill as the season is ending.

Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, and as always, we appreciate your continued support!

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Golf Course Superintendent

**Ryan McBride**  
always willing to  
show his support  
post-race!!!



**14<sup>th</sup> Hole 188 yards**  
**Union League Liberty Hill**



**Addressing 95 Chapter Delegates**



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Member Paul Carter**  
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