



Eau Claire Golf & Country Club

Members,

Mr. Kevin Norby, Golf Course Design Architect, was hired this year by the club to address our course needs regarding our Tee Project and Bunker Renovation, based on recommendations from the USGA following their complimentary site visit in June of this year. Mr. Norby has a history and understanding of Golden Era Golf Courses along with their modernized renovation highlighting their great design characteristics and topography. Ramsdell/Vardon's original design has stood the test of time for our Course by their choice and use of the topography and their green/green side design features. We have been fortunate to reap that recognition over the years and enjoy the opportunity to play the course daily as members.

Mr. Norby has completed his plans and has them out to contractors for costs. The design features include graduated tee box development on each hole allowing all ages to find their desired tees to play from to enjoy the hole as designed for par, with similar shot selections as to others playing different tees appropriate to their swing speed and playable yardages. At the courses that have done this, the improved shot selection opportunities to par have led not only to an improved golf experience, but also the enjoyment of improved pace of play. Another added benefit has also been competitive opportunities from different tees when desired and changing the holes on some days by varying the tee boxes used.

Mr. Norby's Bunker renovation has accomplished improving the aesthetics, playability, and maintenance. The design features highlight our course and design characteristics. All this while he has cut the bunker square footage in half. He has also found great synergy while planning the resizing, shaping, and filling of bunkers to highlight our design contours, topography, and course strategy. While working on the bunkers and green surrounds, the dirt and fill generated from those areas can be used to do the tee boxes without turning to outside sources.

This has all been exciting. At this time we are now sharing the plans with the membership and focusing on what the final costs will be from the contractors. The total project will likely take them 10-12 weeks without a need to shut the course down, allowing continued play. Funding and financing the project will be the discussion to finalize the plan and bring it to fruition.

- There is a link below that will take you to a video presentation with Kevin Norby, our Golf Course Design Architect, discussing the features and the design of the Plans.
- The attached document gives more details regarding this process and our course.
- Attached is a link to the Project Map which may be expanded for your review by hole.

Please enjoy and help us invest in our future and take our course to the next level.

Lee Mayer

Chairmen Green Committee