Square Links Golf Course & Driving Range Preliminary Improvement Recommendations 9/14/12



Project 1A

Bunker Renovation #5

The current condition of this bunker requires reconstruction. The face of the bunker, the bunker 'floor", existing drainage all need to be upgraded to provide more consistent playability, better drainage, easier maintenance and more appealing aesthetic.

Project 1B

Lengthen Hole #5

The addition of a longer tee, removal of right-side trees and the expansion of fairways will provide a more length to the golf course, allow more playability for less than average and novice golfers, and provide added length for many golfers who desire a greater challenge.

Project 2

Bunker relocation #8

This bunker needs renovation. However, its current position is in a primary landing area and the most direct approach to the green for the vast majority of golfers. By relocating the bunker to the right, on the downhill side [on the same side as the drainage creek], and renovating the left approach area, golfers will have better access to the green from the cart path, as well as provide more playability to more golfers, without sacrificing challenge or aesthetic.

Project 3

Fence Removal around Putting Green

By removing the fence around the green, greater access to the green is afforded from more locations. Additionally, by removing the fence, visibility to this asset is increased, and the likelihood of use is increased. Shade trees and landscape treatments will aid in making this a beautiful setting immediately outside the proshop/restaurant.

Project 4

Redesign and Realignment of Hole #7

Hole #7, in its current position, provides some ample challenges to many golfers. This hole requires realignment and modification to provide more playability and better access to the golf hole.

Project 5

Practice Range Target Greens and Drainage Improvements

The existing practice range lacks definition and authenticity. By developing more realistic target greens, and producing more specific targets in the center of the range, we can improve the aesthetic as well as reduce the number of golf balls leaving the range proper. This will be done by managing the cuts/fills within the range, creating shallow low areas for drainage and building target greens with that material.

Project 6

Hole #1A / #1B Reconfiguration

Hole #1 was split to provide a larger measure of safety for the homes on the east side of the golf course. This improvement is intended to combine those holes into one hole, but in a way that is sensitive to the existing safety issues. By moving the tees forward and down the hill, to a location between the property line and the trees on the right, the tee shot is now to the widest portion of the fairway. The current tee area could be reconfigured to provide a small practice green for those waiting on the first tee. This improvement would reduce the holes to Nine, and increase the yardage nominally.

Additional Project Additional Tee Surfaces

Any golf course, and specifically an executive or par three courses require substantial tee surface to accommodate the extensive play, the use of irons off the tee and the ability to provide appropriate yardages for all levels of play. There is never enough tee surface for these kinds of facilities and should be constructed with thought.

Bench & Seating areas at tees

Based upon the extensive use of this golf course, the gentle integration of seating areas and shade structures makes sense. It should be done with care, to make sure these structures do not impact play, views or safety.