

MEMORANDUM

May 27th, 2021

TO: Lincoln Municipal Golf Committee

FR: Wade Foreman Business Coordinator & Casey Crittenden, Maintenance Coordinator

Cc: Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

RE: May Golf Report

Golf Update:

Golf rounds for April were above the target number by 41.7%. Overall golf rounds for the month of April was 21,816. The weather for the month of May has been up and down. Some cool weeks early in the month and along with a number of rainy days towards the middle of the month. Hopefully the Memorial holiday weekend will be nice warm dry stretch. In a Salute to Military golf special on Sunday and Monday afternoon of Memorial weekend there will be a 9 hole golf special for 2 players. Ad will run in Journal Star twice before the holiday. Pioneers Golf Course won the Lincoln Choice Award for "Best Golf Course in Lincoln". Congrats to Tim Rowland golf professional and Chad Giebelhaus superintendent at Pioneers.

The crews have been very busy with early spring tasks. Dead pine tree removal has been on-going, and more than 140 stumps have been removed throughout the golf courses. Mahoney is our biggest challenge in keeping up with those removals. Irrigation repair has been on-going at Holmes with several pipe failures already this spring. Mahoney golf crew continues to work each season replacing several irrigation heads that have failed.

With the cooler weather this spring the bent grass greens have not had a chance to start growing. This is causing issues with slow greens recovery from early season golf. Another issue is the increased populations of poa in some greens. Annual bluegrass (poa) is a very opportunistic, shallow rooted grass that will flourish in mature greens with older varieties of bent grass. Unfortunately controlling poa has been an age-old problem. Our team will work to provide the best putting surfaces possible and combat poa with every tool available to us.

This spring we are having trouble finding the critical summer help needed to maintain our courses. At this point I think each course is being challenged with completing tasks with about half the staff they would normally be running. Hopefully with summer around the corner more applicants will be looking for summer work.

In June we are planning a return to having the Golf Advisory Committee Meeting in person at the Parks Administration office-large conference room with regular spacing between attendee seating. Any unvaccinated advisory committee members or unvaccinated attendees are asked to wear masks/facial coverings at meeting. We will also plan for Zoom as an option in June as of now. We will need to monitor the Governor's action about the emergency declaration. When this declaration is lifted, we will plan to discontinue having Zoom as an option for Golf Advisory Committee and attendees.

Player Development Update:

Spring sessions have wrapped up this week. Total number of junior golfers doing a spring session was 192 and number of adults taking a learning class for spring was 36. Summer registration is on going and some classes and camps are full for summer. Summer sessions will kick off first week of June.

Capital Improvements Update:

Purchasing Department has listed the bid for irrigation system at Pioneers, bid will close at month end.