



FOMH/Friends Of Mountain Harbour October 12th - Several Great Updates

It's been awhile since our last update but our FOMH have certainly been busy. Our teams completed the following projects during September:

"The Ridges" shrubs/sign between the upper and lower Clubhouse parking lots - The Ridges shrubs always looks great from the course, but if you've noticed them lately the letters stand out even more distinctly. A special "Thanks" to Nancy & Larry Luck who climbed up/around/over the letters to trim and clean up the shrubs/sign. ***The Ridges*** shrubs haven't looked this good in years!

Trimming the banks along Hole # 3, Hole # 4, Hole # 12 and Hole # 17 – Kudos to Randy Bennett for his efforts to speed up golfer's play by trimming the banks along several holes including the right side of Holes #3, #4, #12 and #17. Randy has noticed where play slows down as golfers look for lost balls. Thanks Randy, and Ed Hooker who also helped out, for taking the initiative to improve our course.

Cleaning up the course for important local golf tournaments – Our *Mountain Harbour Golf Club* recently hosted the ***Clay County Chamber of Commerce*** and ***Bethel/Guidry Good Shepherd*** golf outings. Our FOMH team including Tim Moon, Jim Redmond, John Walvoord, Randy Bennett and Bill Hickok cleaned up and trimmed around trees on both sides of Hole # 1, along the creek running along Hole # 1 and picked up limbs around the course. They also trimmed around the trees and shrubs surrounding Hole # 1 tee boxes and the chipping green.

Important repairs to golf course equipment – John Walvoord is utilizing his engineering and welding expertise to repair one of the much-used golf course utility vehicles. The utility vehicle is unique in that it has an aluminum frame which has cracked and is challenging to repair. John has assessed the damage and designed a repair that will put the vehicle back in service.

Supporting our golf course Maintenance Team's efforts to perform a critical aeration project.

Larry Durham, Jim Redmond, Tim Moon, Greg Parsons, Wayne Watson and Bill Hickok supported our Maintenance Team's major project of aerating all 18 greens.

An outside vendor performed the aeration process of punching holes and extracting small dirt cores from each green. Our FOMH team followed up spreading sand on each green and then working the sand into the holes by dragging special mats behind golf carts until all the holes left by the aeration process had been filled. Our team's efforts freed up other members of the Maintenance team to perform much needed course maintenance.

A special shout out to Larry Durham who volunteered his time as well as the use of his personal Kubota tractor with front end-loader which would fit inside the utility trailer for faster loading of the automated green sand-spreader. Larry's efforts greatly speeded up the process of sanding the greens by eliminating the need to take the sand-spreader back to the maintenance area for refilling. Larry and Bill Hickok teamed up to keep the sand-spreader loaded and rolling.

It was a great team effort with Tim Moon and Greg Parsons prepping the greens so Jim Redmond and Wayne Watson could drag the mats and work the sand into the holes left by the aeration process.

Larry filling the sand spreader



Sand-spreader in action



Thanks again to our great FOMH team for their wonderful support and efforts to improve our beautiful Mountain Harbour Golf Club and neighborhood.