

An aerial photograph of a lush green golf course. In the center, there is a clubhouse with a parking lot. Several ponds are scattered throughout the course, surrounded by dense trees. The overall scene is a well-maintained golf facility.

# **GOLF COURSE MASTER PLAN MEMBERSHIP UPDATE MEETING**

**Saturday, March 11, 2017**



# TODAY'S AGENDA

- Introduction – Rudy Ruschmann
- History of the Process – Bryan Smith
- 2016/17 Annual Tree Program – Mark Melas
- Golf Course Master Plan - Ian Andrew
- Questions and Discussion





# Master Plan – History of the Process

- 2015
  - Recognized loss of both current and prospective members due to course difficulty for high handicap and junior golfers
  - Survey of area courses conducted – EACC was among the longest and most difficult from current forward tees
  - Late Summer - IJM Committee donated \$30,000 to be put toward a forward tee construction program
  - Fall - Proposals were sought from GC architects to evaluate the course and develop a course master plan; last master plan was prepared in 1992



# Master Plan – History of the Process

- 2016
  - Based on qualifications and experience, contracted with Ian Andrew Golf Design to review the course and provide recommendations
  - Course tour was conducted May 2016 with Ian and members of the Grounds Committee
  - Master Plan report produced and delivered
  - Initial review of MP conducted by Grounds Committee
  - 10-member Master Plan committee was formed to solicit a broad cross-section of membership and stakeholders to provide further review and input
  - Fall - an additional \$10,000 donated by the IJM Committee toward forward tee construction



# Master Plan – History of the Process

- 2016
  - Outgrowth of the MP Committee review process was development of a recommended and prioritized tree maintenance/removal program to enhance the course and improve playability for high-handicap golfers
  - The tree program was reviewed in detail by and with the Golf Committee and Grounds Committee, and adjustments were made to develop a consensus priority plan that all agreed with



# Master Plan – History of the Process

- 2016
  - Ultimately, the consensus 2016/2017 tree program was reviewed and approved unanimously by:
    - Master Plan Committee
    - Grounds Committee
    - Golf Committee
    - Board of Directors
  - The tree program was brought to membership and discussed in detail at the December 17, 2016 Annual Membership Meeting



# **2016 Annual Membership Meeting**

**Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

## **Grounds Department Update**

**2016/2017 Tree Program**

**Mark Melas**



# 2016/2017 Annual Tree Program

- Tree Program approved by Masterplan Review Committee, Grounds and Golf Committees and the Board
- Masterplan Review Committee - formed to review and prioritize the golf course design recommendations developed this summer by design firm
- Golf course design recommendations prioritized and endorsed by Masterplan, Grounds and Golf Committees and will be presented in March to membership
- 2016/2017 Tree Program consistent with design recommendations





# Tree Work Categories

- Tree removal which will improve agronomy - providing for more effective airflow and sunlight on turf; elimination of intruding roots
- Tree pruning and removal to improve playability (fairness) and allow for fairway and collar expansions
- Tree pruning and removal to allow for the improved health of better tree specimens
- Tree removal to provide improved views and vistas that showcase our course's terrain and wetlands
- Removal of dead/dying and damaged trees
- Tree replacement program (future years)



# Agronomy and Improved Health of Better Tree Specimens

- Several spruce between 1st and 3rd holes
- Spruce at top of knoll left of #1 fairway
- Three (3) hickory right of 3rd green
- Two (2) hickory left of 3rd green
- Several spruce rear of #5 green
- Three (3) cherry and three (3) maple left of #6 green to isolate oaks



# Playability, Fairway and Collar Expansions

- Silver maple front left of #1 green to allow fairway widening
- Two (2) blue spruce, maple and pear at left corner #3 fairway
- Silver maple left of #3 knoll to allow fairway widening
- Trees to left ahead of 5th hole rear tees to afford fair tee shots
- Several silver maples at left of #6 fairway to allow fairway expansion
- Silver maple and ash at right front of #7 green to allow for collar expansion
- Five (5) locust right side of #16 fairway



# Improved Views/Vistas

- Three (3) spruce on right at bottom of hill by path on 3rd hole

## Dead/Dying/Damaged

- Scrub growth around culvert at #7 (replace with ornamental bed)
- Several spruce behind #10 green (complete)



# **EACC GOLF COURSE MASTER PLAN**

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