



From the Desk of the Director of Grounds Operations:

Last November, the Grounds staff at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club began a facelift on the bunkers on Course No. 4-Dubsdread. The focus of the project is removal of the sand and liners that were installed during the renovation of 2008-2009. There were many reasons for this update. One of the primary reasons was that the sand liners had outlived their lifespan and the exposure to the elements had caused degradation and contamination with the sand, causing many issues with the playability of the bunkers. The new sand that will be installed is a premium product that will provide superior playability from the bunkers. With the guidance of Rees Jones, Inc., it was also decided that 11 of the greenside bunkers would be removed while the sand replacement process was occurring. Select bunkers on Holes 2, 3, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 15 will be replaced with grass hollow and swales which will be maintained as bluegrass rough. Hole 15 is the one exception, which will be maintained as a fairway height chipping area.

Throughout the fall and winter, a great deal of work was able to be completed and the bunkers have been prepared to have the new sand installed. Unfortunately, the transportation, manufacture, and processing of the sand requires temperatures to be consistently above freezing; but we anticipate sand deliveries (and installation) to begin in early spring. Similarly, the harvest and delivery of the sod also requires sustained above-freezing temperatures. Once the sod farm is able to harvest, the deleted bunkers will be sodded over. We are hoping for dry, warm, and workable weather so that the project can continue at a quick and productive pace.

Course No. 4-Dubsdread is tentatively scheduled to open April 22nd and updates will continue as necessary and available.

Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding this situation. We look forward to a great golf season.

Sincerely,

Chris Flick
Director of Grounds Operations
Cog Hill Golf and Country Club