



Golf/Turf Talk

For many Minnesota golfers, fall is one of the best times of the year to be outside and on a golf course. While the weather can be erratic at times, we'll hopefully have many more good days to enjoy golf before winter arrives.

Looking back over the year, much has gone on within Rochester City golf: A new clubhouse and 9th green at Northern Hills, a new parking lot and bridge at Soldiers Field GC, another successful All-City Golf Championship, more bad weather than we've wanted, and a whole lot more. Over 90,000 total golf rounds will have been played on the four Rochester Municipal golf courses by the end of this year, providing some great outdoor enjoyment for thousands of golfers.

The new clubhouse at **Northern Hills GC** is nearly complete with turf establishment around the clubhouse and golf course among the remaining tasks. Much of the sod around the clubhouse has been installed. Fescue will be planted along the south side and add a nice look up the hill from many angles around the golf course. Dormant seeding wildlife grass areas on the back nine is also scheduled to be completed before the snow arrives, along with seeding wildflower areas near the 9th and 18th greens. Repair of the entrance road will be completed next spring, along with solving drainage problems on holes #1 and #2. New tee boxes on holes #8, #12, and #18 are open for play, providing more flexibility with the playable length and tee rotation on these holes. If everything goes as planned, 2020 will be a very good year at Northern Hills GC.!

There have been far fewer projects at **Eastwood GC** this year, with many golfers feeling the golf course was often in the best condition they had ever seen it. The good golf course conditions seemed to peak this fall, with the golf course receiving numerous compliments during the All-City Golf Championship. Eight tees were aerified and split-seeded with a bluegrass/rye mix in September, which will improve turf density this fall and next spring.

Five high priority elm trees were treated to prevent Dutch Elm disease at **Soldiers Field GC** this fall. Approximately 105 ash trees are scheduled to receive treatment for emerald ash borer in 2020, which is about 2/3 of the total ash population. The parking lot and Soldiers Field Drive will both be repaved in October, with

access to the golf course available in the west parking lot (near the tennis courts) and along Soldiers Field Drive until October 21st. Soldiers Field Drive is scheduled to be repaved beginning October 21st and at that time parking will be available in the west parking lot only. The entire project is expected to be completed on or near November 3rd.

As with the other golf courses, fall aerification and overseeding has been a priority at **Hadley Creek GC**. The practice range tee in particular seems to have benefitted from annual aerification over the years, there's much less standing water after heavy rains and the range tee has been able to re-open more quickly, much to the delight of many ball beaters.



A look inside the new clubhouse at Northern Hills GC

**Early Bird Sale Extended
through October 31st!**



SEASON PASS (before tax)	EARLY BIRD	2020 FEE
Adult	\$725	\$775
Couple (two people, same household)	\$995	\$1,050
Family (same household, 18-under)	\$1,075	\$1,150
Young Adult (ages 26-30)	\$490	\$525
Young Adult Couple (same household)	\$675	\$725
Futures (ages 19-25)	\$320	\$350
Junior All Courses (to age 18)	\$165	\$175
Senior	\$630	\$675
Senior Couple (no grandchildren)	\$915	\$975
Patron Card (25% green fee discount)	\$50	\$50

Prices show are Season Pass rates before tax. Senior rates apply 62+.

DAILY FEES (includes tax)		
18 Hole Green Fee	\$29.50	\$32
9 Hole Green Fee	\$18	\$19
18 Hole Senior Green Fee	\$26	\$28
9 Hole Senior Green Fee	\$16	\$17
18 Hole Junior Green Fee	\$18	\$20
9 Hole Junior Green Fee (to age 18)	\$9	\$10

HADLEY CREEK LEARNING CENTER		
Adult	\$350	\$375
Family (same household, 18-under)	\$625	\$675
9 Hole Green Fee	\$12	\$13
9 Hole Junior Green Fee	\$8	\$8

Hadley Creek GC Adult/Family pass acts as a patron card at other 3 golf courses.



Mike Senjem

Soldiers Field Golf Course Superintendent Mike Senjem is retiring at the end of this year, his 41st year on the golf course maintenance staff. Mike's hard work, talent, and passion for Soldiers Field GC has helped provide one of the best conditioned municipal golf courses you'll find anywhere. Mike's ability to lead a part-time staff of dedicated individuals who take great pride in the work they do and how they do it is equally impressive. We'll miss you Mike, but we won't forget you. The reminders of your career at Soldiers Field will remain on the golf course for decades to come. Thank you for all you've done for the golfers and staff at Soldiers Field!



Congratulations 2019 Club Champions!



Eastwood GC

- Men - Ken Gerzenyi
- Women - Robin Goetz
- Women 9 Hole - Starlet Brummer

Northern Hills GC

- Men - Robbie Amundson
- Women - Anne Green
- Men Senior - Bob May



Soldiers Field
Golf Course

Soldiers Field GC

- Men - Michael Phen
- Women - Sharon Kostorhyrz
- Men Senior - John Mozina
- Women Senior - Sharon Kostorhyrz
- Women 9 Hole - Vicki Bryhn

Hadley Creek GC

- Men - Mark Beyer
- Women - Ann Malagrino
- Men Senior - Bob Gilgenbach
- Women Senior - Becky Hamilton
- Boys - Michael Scripture
- Girls - Shelby Lutz



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