

December 18, 2008

Greetings,

The Board of Directors and Green Committee are excited to announce they have approved the hiring of Mr. Ron Prichard, a renowned golf course architect and a foremost expert in Donald Ross restoration, to create a Master Plan for our golf course. A Master Plan is a road map for our golf course. For more on Mr. Prichard and his background view the NCC blog site (www.nccblogger.com) or the NCC Turfgrass Management blog site (www.northlandgrounds.blogspot.com) where an autobiographical sketch is posted along with information on master plans and golf course restoration.

A golf course is a living entity, and like any living thing, a golf course ages and deteriorates. As homeowners, we know how long a roof might last and we plan and budget for repairs and replacements. However, we also often find ourselves facing unexpected needs for repairs to our homes. Likewise, we need to plan well in advance for major improvements, or unexpected damage, on our golf course and a Master Plan allows us to address issues when they arise, expected or unexpected.

We are all likely in agreement that our golf course is our most precious asset. In the past, we have undertaken and implemented work to make significant improvements to certain aspects of the course, such as drainage, teeing grounds, etc. However, where we have the opportunity, we should continue to take measures to insure that our most precious asset is preserved so both current members and future generations will have the opportunity to appreciate what Donald Ross laid out for us. A comprehensive Master Plan with the objective of a Donald Ross restoration will allow us to preserve our golf course now and in the future. We are simply stewards with a duty to preserve what is only temporarily endowed to us.

Also, please note that although we expect Mr. Prichard to make certain recommendations to improve or enhance certain areas and features of our golf course, these improvements or enhancements will only be undertaken as future memberships, Boards and Green Committees deem financially prudent and necessary. Creating a Master Plan is the first step in a process. By undertaking efforts to create a Master Plan we have NOT committed resources to implement any possible aspects of such a plan. However, we feel it necessary though, before any future work is undertaken that our members have a comprehensive understanding of our courses' needs and future direction so there is continuity between all features of our golf course.

We expect Mr. Prichard to develop a Master Plan over approximately the next six to nine months. Mr. Prichard will then present the Master Plan himself to our membership. We will then ask our membership to vote on whether to adopt it into our club's Bylaws. By adopting the Master Plan into our Bylaws we believe this will create continuity in the management of our course now and for future Boards and Green Committees.

Please stay tuned for further announcements. These are exciting times for NCC indeed!

Sincerely,

Ken Buck, Vice President

Dr. Tim Smith, Green Committee Chair

Jim Abelsen, Green Committee Member

Scott Anderson, Green Committee Member

Ray Peterson, Green Committee Member