

GOLF COMMUNITY INPUT ON GOLF COURSE IMPROVEMENTS

1. We would like to see the golf course improvements started as soon as possible on holes 4 through 18 using the available \$1.9M CIP funds.
2. Should additional funding become available, which may take many months to secure, it can be focused on the driving range and holes 1,2 & 3.
3. In order to remedy the safety concerns related to the driving range and ensure as much of the \$1.9M available CIP funds are used for course renovation, we suggest that limited flight range balls be **available** for the longer hitters (~20% of users) to use when hitting those clubs (typically only the driver) that can carry the netting. The remaining 80% of users do not need to use the limited flight balls. Should additional funds become available in the future, they can be used to modify the driving range and holes 1, 2 & 3.
4. If additional funds are made available to lengthen the driving range then we would suggest either Scenario 3 or 4.

Our interest is to renovate and upgrade as much of the Los Alamos Golf Course as is possible. This includes tee boxes, sand traps, greens, cart paths, trees and areas that are in disrepair. Since there is currently only \$1.9M CIP funding available, we are willing to forego driving range improvements to ensure course renovations can be completed on as much of the course as possible. We suggest the improvements begin immediately and focused on holes 4 through 18 since they would not be impacted by any driving range improvements. Once the course has been upgraded, modifications to the driving range and the addition of new holes would be welcome as long as the course length is not reduced.

Every golfer would like to see the golf course improvements in scenario 3 or 4 and also have an enhanced longer driving range but not at the expense of using available funds to improve the aging course infrastructure. Except for the **great** new sprinkler system, most of golf course has not been renovated in nearly 50 years. Since the available CIP funds may not cover all the necessary renovations to the whole course, it becomes a matter of prioritization. The course is a higher priority than the driving range.

The golf course is the largest recreational facility in the County with the largest annual usage and provides a valuable fund raising role for teams, charities and philanthropic organizations. The golf course attracts people from off the "Hill", contributing to local businesses. This would be an excellent opportunity to make all of the desired changes to the golf course and we encourage the P&R Board and County Council to take care of these needs now by adding funding to the \$1.9M to make the needed infrastructure improvements as well as the driving range enhancements and associated hole adjustments. It is time to take care of the golf course for the future. Lets start now by using the available funds to improve as much of the course as possible.

These suggestions are supported by LAGA (135 members) as well as over 150 petition signers, 120 of which were **not** LAGA members.