

Summary – December Golf Shed Fire
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At approximately 10:00pm on Thursday, December 2nd, 2021, Clare Golf suffered an unfortunate fire that resulted in the total loss of one Golf Car Storage Shed and its contents, including members golf carts and personal property. Among the assets lost were 5 pieces of grounds maintenance equipment and much of the courses golf cart rental fleet.

We quickly notified our members to provide guidance and instruction as we navigated through the early days with the Fire Chief, RCMP, and multiple insurance representatives. No cause for the blaze could be determined although there were multiple reports of thunder and lightning within proximity of the club at the time of the fire. We anticipate this claim will be finalized by March 31st, 2022, and that we can report conclusively on the results in time for the AGM. Members who were not insured under their own policies may have some recourse through a secondary policy on the Club's insurance.

Throughout this process we determined that certain assets were undervalued for replacement cost and that although we would be eligible for reimbursement, it would not in fact make us whole or allow us to replace all lost assets. The board and course management set about determining the best way forward as it prioritized infrastructure and equipment for replacement. Almost immediately, conversations turned to action as applications for various grants and funding were submitted and planning for fundraising initiatives commenced.

Increases to the cost of building materials and supply chain issues due to the ongoing pandemic, did not help matters. We were fortunate to have secured the purchase of some used equipment including 8 golf carts, a Toro-Sidewinder and a Carry-All utility vehicle through a broker in New Brunswick. In addition, we expect we can obtain a new Greens mower along with 15 Yamaha Golf Carts in April/May. The replacement of these key pieces is integral to maintaining the quality of our product and our ability to compete in the marketplace.

The demolition of the fire site has been completed and work to rebuild is underway. We are confident that we will have a relatively normal 2022 season opening despite these challenges:

As with all unfortunate situations, we walk away with increased knowledge and a new perspective. The board has since developed a risk analysis committee to look at all facets of the operation and members can anticipate learning more about the initiatives and progress of this committee in the coming months.

The Fire is without question, a set-back we hadn't anticipated. It will impact projects and improvements we had hoped to accomplish moving into 2022. We continue to await the results from the insurance claim and to explore all avenues for funding and grants available to us, along with further fundraising initiatives.

Sincerely,

Board of Directors and Management