

## **Pine Lakes and Coyote Creek Passholders,**

First and foremost, I would like to sincerely thank you all on behalf of both our golf course families and my family for your continued support at Pine Lakes and Coyote Creek.

We've survived another trying year with the weather that couldn't make up its mind in March and April, to a drenched and downtrodden May that blossomed into a beautiful Summer marked with a brief drought, and, in my opinion, an average Fall. More wet weather than we need but mostly average temperatures that allowed us to get some Fall golf in our lives. The grounds crews and clubhouse staff at both courses, again, performed miracles that few realize given the conditions and issues both face on a daily, weekly, monthly, and annual basis.

Pine came out of the gate last year with speedy greens and amazing fairways that have always been at the top of our "most important areas" list. Coyote, on the other hand, was plagued with greens mower issues and lack of sand top-dressing due to the impressively wet May, resulting in slower than satisfactory greens speed at the beginning of the season. Apparently, brand-new greens mower blades need some help coming out of winter hibernation. With any luck, the corrective actions that took so long to realize last year will not be repeated in 2020 and we can begin the coming golf season with the same true and well-paced greens that you have all come to expect at Coyote Creek. It will happen, my only regrets at Coyote this year were not finishing our last sand bunker renovation on 15 and the condition 4 green deteriorated to by August. Both have plans providing solutions that will allow 2020 to best the best year yet.

As I'm sure many of you have notice, we picked up a new member at both courses, or rather, 12 new members. After several years at Weaver Ridge, the Bradley Men's and Women's Golf Teams now call Pine Lakes and Coyote Creek their Home Courses. I am extremely excited about this new partnership and I know they are too. Both our Pro shops are now offering Bradley Golf and Athletic apparel, if anyone is interested in a gift for the Bradley fan in their lives and if you've been to a BU Basketball game this season, you probably saw our logos at Carver Arena. It also pleases me to announce Coyote Creek and the Bradley Women's Golf Team will be hosting a Women's Collegiate Tournament October 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>. While the course will be closed all of that Saturday and parts of Friday and Sunday, we will be waiving the customary \$20 reciprocal for CC members at Pine Lakes. We expect a huge turnout for this event and will be rooting on our Bradley Women as they take on some pretty stiff competition.

Looking forward to 2020, we will be keeping annual pass rates the same at both courses. Many courses in our area are increasing annual rates and while I would like to do the same, I feel that our rates provide a good balance of value and return. It seems like every year there are fewer and fewer golfers finding the time to get the value out of a season pass. Greens fees however will be increasing at Coyote Creek. Other than a minor price change, there are no new major projects at either course. We hope to do some drainage work to 16 at Coyote but we need the ground to freeze before we can put any heavy equipment in those areas. With any luck, the work we do there will be barely noticeable by Opening Day 2020, other than the ground being considerably less saturated!

A fun fact for our members this year is the addition a new reciprocal! This year we will be teaming up with El Paso Golf Club to offer all our combined members a flat Monday-Friday \$25 rate which includes cart. Lane and his staff at El Paso do a great job every year keeping their course in excellent condition so if you haven't been that way in a while its worth trip, just make sure to call ahead and reserve a tee time. We have also expanded the Sunset Hills reciprocal to Monday-Friday instead of just Tuesdays. That flat rate remains \$25 with cart.

Again, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. When we got out of the concrete business, the one thing that I missed were the contractors we worked with every day to make something great happen. These days I feel like all of you are like those contractors, we work together to make golf happen. It truly is a rewarding experience to have all of you at our courses.

From our families to yours, thank you all so much and we'll see you in the Spring!