Seth Raynor's design, and we knew that Brian Silva was very qualified for this type of restoration," Blackwell said. 

Seth agreed to give the club not to oversee this fall, which would cut the restoration time to grow. While this left many of the greens brown looking for a while, superintendent Steve Ciardullo said he is impressed with the end result. "The greens came out great, if not a little fast," Ciardullo said. 

Many of the members, Blackwell said, are not so sure about the number and shaping of the bunkers. Many were faced and re-sodded, so the course decided to make them out of play for the time being.

"A lot of our members are older, so they have a hard time climbing down into the bunkers," Blackwell said. "There is a low spot on each one, but instead of walking all the way around, some of them have come up with a way of getting their ball out using a wedge and rake."

Among the other Raynor features Silva restored were signature holes, such Eden, which was inspired by the 11th hole at St. Andrews, and Briarritz, a tribute to the chasm hole at the original Willie Dunn course in Briarritz, France. Versions of these holes, along with many others, can be found in each of Raynor's designs. The seventh hole at Mountain Lake is a tribute to the Road Hole at St. Andrews, with a bunker to the right of the green filling the role of one of the most famous stretches of pavement in golf.

Mountain Lake is a private club surrounded by a gated housing community that was founded 1915 and landscaped by Frederick Law Olmstead Jr.