

Midwest Breezes



Stonewall Orchard Golf Club, Lawrence Flament

The clubhouse at Stonewall Orchard offers a beautiful view of the golf course and overlooks a two and a half acre pond. It is very important that this pond is always in perfect condition. The pond is quite deep (15 feet in the middle) however, it does not have good circulation or a flow running through it. It has been a challenge to keep this body of water clean of weeds and algae. Watermilfoil weed has been particularly difficult to control.

For the last three years Larry has been getting 100% control of all aquatic weeds and algae from one application of Sonor during the first week of May. Larry applies the product in granular form. He buys one bucket of material and applies it from the shoreline on one side of the lake. The product disperses effectively throughout the entire lake. On Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day weekends, Larry applies a blue dye to the pond.

Last year the pond was stocked with Northern from Richmond Fishery, and they doing very well.



Old Elm Club, Ed Fischer, CGCS

Last year Ed Fischer began to express his concerns for the turf conditions where shade was encroaching on his greens. It was decided that Paul Vermeulen, Brian Silva, and Ed should look at all of the trees on the golf course and make a recommendation.

Nels Johnson was contracted in the fall to remove most of the trees which have been planted on the golf course. Very few of the non-native trees were left standing; even the traditional crabapple trees which have been backdrop to many of Old Elm's greens were cut down. A total of 458 trees were removed, leaving only the original oaks, hickories, and the older maple trees.

Nels Johnson was also contracted for stump grinding and restoration of the holes. In addition, invasive under-story material was grubbed out of the forests; Ed is planning on seeding these areas to turfgrass this season.

I asked Ed: "did the membership vote on this?"

"No."

"How do you feel, Ed, about the impact that this will have on the golf course?"

"It will play differently now."



BEFORE
Crabs and other trees behind the 1st green



AFTER
No trees behind the 1st green



BEFORE
Looking down the 4th fairway



AFTER
Down the 4th hole



BEFORE
Looking from 6 tee toward 7 green, notice the woods



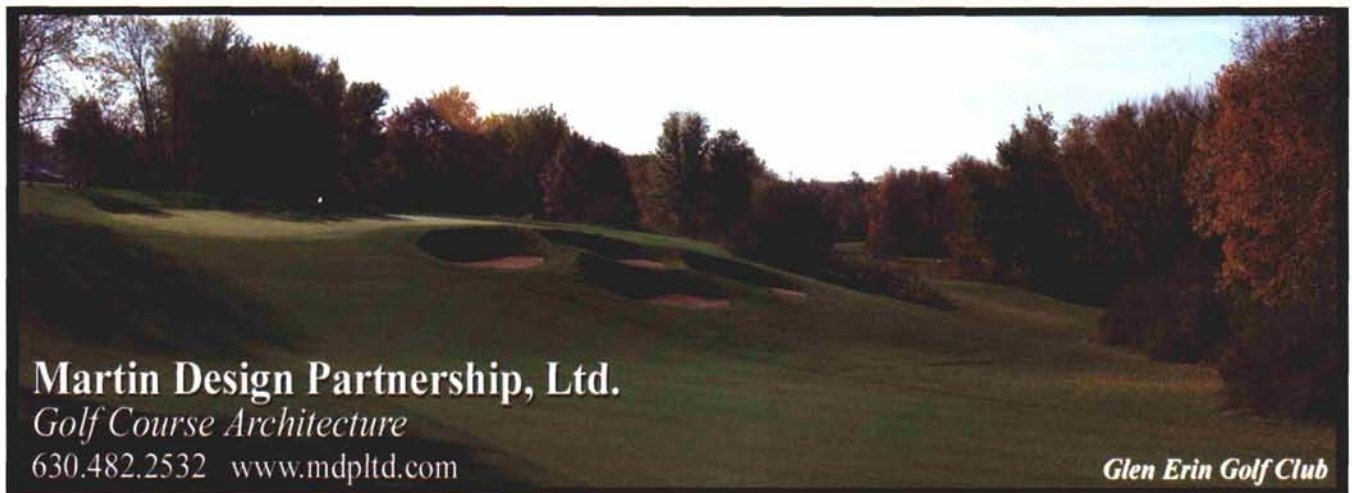
AFTER
No woods looking from 6 tee toward 7 green



BEFORE
Looking down 15th hole



AFTER
Down the 15th hole



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