Dear AGC Members,

It's an exciting time at AGC! The Little Darling Par 3 Course construction is moving into the final stages.

- *The irrigation system installation was completed this week, and the final well connections will be made early next week.*
- *The small building structure to house the well system controls and electronics is being built and should be completed in the next few days.*
- *8 of the 9 fairways have been seeded with the low-mow bluegrass we are utilizing. This high-quality grass will give The Little Darling course an immaculate turf for an outstanding appearance and terrific playing conditions. The final fairway (number 9) should be planted by early next week.*
- *The grass bunkers have been seeded with bluegrass and the top edges have been planted with sheep fescue. The sheep fescue is important for stabilizing the disturbed soil, requires less maintenance and is very drought tolerant. It will also give the bunkers a unique look and add real aesthetic pleasure to the course.*
- *7 of the 9 greens have now been contoured and seeded with bent grass. We should finish seeding the final two greens over the next few days.*
- *We are planning to sod the teeing grounds in September. Sodding the 25,000 square feet of tee areas will require a little more work for us although it should provide a better surface next year in an effort to have The Little Darling grand opening in the spring or early summer.*

- *Many of the outlying areas will be reseeded with native grass. The seeding of the native grass cannot occur until October just prior to the initial frost.*
- *And finally, we will be managing the grow-in of the course over the next couple months. It is essential that we keep the newly seeded areas moist for proper germination and we will need to repair any wash out areas that occur from rainfall until the grass has stabilized the soil. In addition, we will need to begin mowing much of the course as the grass begins to mature.*

We began planting the holes on the far west of the course a couple weeks ago and I've included a couple pictures below showing the growth over this short period:

#8 Fairway and Green

#7 Green and surround with straw blankets to prevent erosion

As you can see, the grass is growing, and the landscape is now beginning to look like a golf course! We are now restricting access to The Little Darling Course and ask you to contact me or Randy Johnson if you would like a tour. Unfortunately, we have already had a few carts driving over newly seeded fairways and greens. We would love to have you see Little Darling, but ask that you have someone escort you around the course, so we don't do any damage to the fragile areas during grow-in.

The Little Darling Par 3 Course is going to be an incredible addition to AGC and our community. I am more convinced than ever that it will be one of the premier par 3 courses in the country and the Alexandria community will be the benefactor of this amazing venue. As I continue to say, The Little Darling Course will deliver significant benefits to our youth, our families, and our community for generations to come.

With only a couple weeks of construction yet to be completed, there is still time to become a Little Darling Founding Member and receive the outstanding membership benefits associated with a founding membership. Founding Members receive a 40% discount on their annual dues as a thank you for helping us fund the construction of the course! More important than the savings, you will forever be linked to helping leave a legacy in Alexandria for many years into the future. For more information or to become a Little Darling Founding Member, please contact myself (jar5858@gmail.com or 216-978-5497), David Kjos (kjosnews@gmail.com or 320-760-5955), or Bruce Leland (baleland@gmail.com or 320-805-0141).

Thanks to everyone who has helped get us to this point in the project. I am extremely grateful to each of you for your support!

All the best,

Jerry Rose
Little Darling Project Chair