Dear AGC Members,

Wow! After a summer that included lot of rain, our September has been extremely dry and pleasant. Although we could have used a bit more moisture over the past 30 days, the temperatures have been very conducive to growing grass. The Little Darling Par 3 Course grow-in phase continues at a rapid rate and the fairways and greens are progressing in tremendous fashion. It has been exciting to watch the daily progress of our spectacular new par 3 course at Alexandria Golf Club.

We began laser leveling the numerous teeing grounds on Monday in preparation for the installation of some 25,000 square feet of low-mow bluegrass sod. Laser leveling of the teeing grounds is a critical step to ensure we have the proper grade for drainage and to ensure we have beautiful tees and outstanding playing surfaces when we open the course next year. The preparation of the tee grounds and installation of the sod marks one of the final steps in our construction process for The Little Darling Par 3 Course. I've included a few pictures at the conclusion of this communication to give you a better idea of the activities taking place this week. We plan to have all the tees leveled, sodded, and the surrounds hydroseeded by the end of the week. I'll send additional photos then.

Although it might be hard for some of you to believe, my excitement level continues to grow for a venue that will quickly become an incredible showcase for our community and for AGC. The Little Darling Par 3 Course will deliver immeasurable benefits to the Alexandria community, to AGC, and to the most important asset we have – our youth!

Thank you to each of our Founding Members whose contributions have helped us fund the construction process to date. As Founding Members, you are also receiving outstanding membership benefits that you will enjoy for years to come. Our Founding Member Program will conclude in mid-October so there is still a small window of time to become a Founding Member. Don't miss out on the tremendous Founding Member Benefits and don't miss out on being part of a legacy for generations to come. Contact me, David Kjos, or Bruce Leland for additional information regarding a Little Darling Founding Membership.

I recently read an article titled "Short Course Concept Has Long Legs" touting the benefits of Par 3 golf courses across the country. The author highlights the fact that the Google search history for "par 3 golf near me" is up exponentially. He also goes on to say, there is no mystery why this is happening. Short courses are packed with advantages:

- Less expensive to play, often coming in at half the cost of regulation courses.
- Not as expensive to build, requiring less land and maintenance.
- Easy enough for beginners to feel welcome but challenging enough for all skill levels.
- The time spent to play is significantly less than on a standard course.
- The vibe is usually more laid back, which appeals to a broader audience.
- Caters to juniors, women, families, and beginners—all of whom are growing segments.

We have a winning concept with The Little Darling Par 3 Course! In addition to the growing popularity of par 3 venues, the unique natural topography of The Little Darling site and overall design of the course will deliver one of the premier short courses in the country. You're going to love it!!

Don't hesitate to contact me if you would like a tour of this phenomenal addition to AGC. I'll be in Alexandria for about another 10 days before heading south. Thanks again for a great year at AGC and for your assistance in helping make The Little Darling project come to fruition. It is going to be special!!

All the best,

Jerry Rose
Little Darling Chair

Laser Leveling of Little Darling's 1st tee

Little Darling's Back Tee on #2 Prior to Sodding

Little Darling's Back Tee on #2 After Sodding