

Dear Members,

Within a week we will wrap up the 2026 pool season. Each year the sight of seeing the pool parking lot full of cars when the pool opens in May is always fun. Then, after what seems like a couple of weeks it's Labor Day and the pool is closed for the year.

The Acorn

My recollection is the Acorn was an idea brought to the board with enthusiasm by Rick Reed and Dan Robinson in approximately 2013. It was something Rick had seen in Texas. Our property seemed to be well suited to support the Acorn. The key to it being built was one main thing, irrigation. Since the area already had irrigation, the process of building the Acorn was much simpler and, most importantly at that time, cheaper. The Acorn pre-dated the 2016 Pool Project by a year or so, and was even used for some golf events while the course was closed for renovation. When the Acorn was built it drew a lot of attention from other clubs in the Tulsa area and beyond. At one point the board discussed having a Dress Code for the Acorn similar to that of the Golf Course. I can't remember if the Dress Code was approved but clearly it did not last very long.

As we fast forward to 2026, largely due to the effort of Robert and Amber the Acorn is being used more than ever. Long live the Acorn.

The Pool

In Approximately June of 2015, I was sitting on the #5 tee box, the Acorn was full of kids, and the swimming pool parking lot was packed. My playing partner Derek Reiners observed and said something like, "That's what we were going for". It was true. Derek and others had put in the time and effort to make it possible. Before the pool remodel, there was no dedicated bar area, if you wanted to order a drink, you may have to wait behind five kids ordering ice cream. Further, when we opened the pool, the slide was laying in pieces on the grass on the right side of Number 9. In an effort to save money, we chose what turned out to be an undependable slide manufacturer that went dark on us right at the time we needed the slide to be assembled and installed. Luckily, JP Construction, the pool builders, came to the rescue. As for the pools, there is a reason why they are not connected, money. If they were to be connected the guttering system of the old pool would have to be totally revised. Since that was not going to happen, they were not connected.

The way the process worked was that we had a sum certain amount of money, we had a golf course to be renovated, and what was left for the pool area. That process caused quite a few

unusual questions and answers. Anyway, a lot of lessons have been learned, and we plan to put that to good use in the coming months.

Very Truly Yours,

Don DeSelms