



Tree Talk



Pride and Professionalism

By Mike Kelly



[Criticism, like rain, should be gentle enough to nourish a man's growth without destroying his roots.](#)
[Frank A. Clark](#)

Well it's that time of the year again. The weather has been as hot as it possibly can be and we all know how Bermuda grass reacts to hot weather. We have more grass that we know what to do with.

Lately I been hearing how the greens are too slow, or that they are too grainy and need this or that. The rough is too high; the fairways are too fluffy and let's not forget the sand traps not having enough sand.

I do understand that the low handicap golfer prefers fast greens and fairways that are cut real close. And who doesn't like that beautiful white sand that we all see on every pro tournament.

However, with all these things there is a cost.

Have you ever played a course that was just too hard to score well? How often would you return to that hard course? I hear daily the low scores that come in with all the guys that play every day. Even with my 11 handicap, I was able to shoot some low rounds lately. I guess my point is it's always a lot more fun to shoot a good round and want to play the course again.

Last year it cost roughly a half million dollars just to work the golf course. This does not include the grill or facility. We bring in maybe \$250 thousand in membership fees. It's not hard to figure that we have to bring in an additional \$250 thousand in outside play just to break even.

Please don't misunderstand what I am saying. We do like to hear feedback and certainly react to what we can do to rectify pressing problems. But I think that people have to understand what money it takes to run a course like Lane Tree.

This gets back to a course for low handicap golfers or do we try to accommodate both the low and high handicapper. I am sure there will be lots of debate on this.

Hopefully everyone has had a safe and fun summer. We are getting into the better weather now so low or high handicapper, why not come out and enjoy yourself.

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Drive for show, Putt for dough,
Shank for comic relief.

Golf is a game where the ball lies poorly, and the players well.

Real golfers know how to count over five, when they have a bad hole.

Real golfers don't miss putts, they get robbed.

In golf as in life, it's the follow through that makes the difference.

Golf is an easy game... it's just hard to play.

Real golfers don't cry when they line up their fourth putt.

If there is any larceny in man, golf will bring it out.