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## **Westmount Golf & Country Club**

**Attention: Cory Janzen**

### GOLF COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS

#### **Hole 1**

- good opening hole
- extend path across swale to create more exit points to spread wear
- add possible bunker into right hillside to steer play away from houses
- opening fairway has great width
- drain low bowl in the centre of the fairway
- add deciduous tree to screen house behind green
- reshape all bunkers to recreate Thompson character
- a very good opening green

#### **Hole 2**

- split back tee to square up tees
- expand main tee forward to create larger tee
- relocate middle tee forward, build higher and further right for best position
- add a bunker to the right fairway to define the ideal line
- path at green should be relocated slightly further left for safety
- extend path at green twenty feet to spread cart wear
- reshape bunkers to improve visibility and character

#### **Hole 3**

- rebuild and raise the green to improve the drainage, airflow and general growing environment
- rebuild retaining wall or investigate relocating cart path to remove wall
- rebuild or relocate cart path
- investigate relocating the pond closer to the green
- add a forward tee in the area of the pond if the tee can be moved forward
- reshape back bunker for character

#### **Hole 4**

- back tee is very difficult to growing turf grass
- great tee shot from middle tees, since the player must work the ball to avoid the rough
- raise the second middle deck for visibility
- relocate the cart path to right and around back of forward tee
- reshape left bunkers for character to improve aesthetics
- reshape the two front bunkers for character
- remove pine from back right of green
- reshape back bunker to the right to protect the 8th tees

## GOLF COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS (continued)

**Hole 5**

- Great tee shot
- widen the back tee to the right for more surface area and to improve the line of play
- remove 3 maples and a spruce from the left landing area for playability
- remove all cedars and spruce from underneath the hardwoods to promote better tree lines
- reshape the target bunker for character
- create a continuous cart path on the right of the hole to provide more flexibility with cart management; the path would be very helpful for the movement of maintenance equipment through the property
- great natural green site
- relocate the cart path further right into the trees to remove the path from view and play
- return the right front bunker for improved definition
- reshape and flash up rear bunker for improved visibility

**Hole 6**

- very strong par three
- rebuild and expand back tee
- rebuild forward tees to increase surface area and remove the path from direct view
- add a forward tee to add more variety to the yardages
- reshape and reorganize bunkering to improve the aesthetics of the hole
- relocate path to left to access new back tee on #7 and to improve the traffic flow
- wonderful green that is full of character

**Hole 7**

- enlarge the back tee for more surface area
- add a fairway bunker to the left side to contain shots
- reshape the bunker in the left landing to create additional character
- reshape the entire left hand side bunkering to create a Thompson style bunker complex
- reshape the right bunker to add additional character
- remove 3 jack pines from in behind hole

**Spare Hole**

- add a spare hole between the 7th green, the 8th tees and right of the material staging
- create one large tee for easy maintenance
- place the green on the left side of the hillside
- create a berm to separate the materials area from the hole

**Hole 8**

- a great short par 4
- add a maintenance road in the trees on the right side of the hole that can also be used for carts during poor weather
- remove left bunker short of the green and replace with fairway to make the hole more difficult
- reshape and deepen the right bunker
- reshape back bunker for additional character

## GOLF COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS (continued)

**Hole 9**

- trees on the right of the tee will need to be removed before they encroach on the tee shots
- the hole appears wide open off the tee but narrows dramatically in the landing area
- add a framing bunker into the far right side of the bowl to improve the definition of the hole
- reshape the bunkering to create more drama at the green site
- remove the dogwoods from the slope on the right of the green for playability

**Hole 10**

- rebuild, realign and expand the back tee
- relocate the front tee further to the right to improve the angle of the hole
- reshape left bunker for character
- add a bunker into the slope on the right in the prime landing area
- reshape the two bunkers left of the green into one bunker, cut lower into the front left of the green

**Hole 11**

- relocate the back tee, to improve the angle of the tee shot, by adding to the back of the next tee forward
- add a containment bunker to the left landing area to keep shots in play
- reshape target bunker in the slope to create more character
- remove the bunker from the second landing and widen the fairway back out
- remove the chipping hollow on the left of the green to match the green site with the rest of the course, add a bunker into the left side to frame the green
- reshape the right bunker lower and more in front of the green to improve framing
- rebuild green to match the character of the course, use old green as a guide

**Hole 12**

- great setting for a hole
- rebuild the green to match the other greens, reshape to match the original green character
- return the bunkers to the original locations when reshaping the green
- widen the path to accommodate access to the city well
- create enough room to relocate the back tee on #13

**Hole 13**

- relocate back tee to left for addition height and better alignment
- expand middle tee to maximize surface area
- remove hedge from in behind forward tee
- enlarge and raise forward tee for better visibility
- reshape left fairway bunker to improve the aesthetics of the bunkering
- add a directional bunker into the hill on the right
- reshape the second bunker on the left also to improve the character of the bunkering
- add a bunker to the front left to define the front of the green and to reward a player for positioning the ball on the right side of the fairway
- add a back right bunker to frame in the green site

## GOLF COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS (continued)

**Hole 14**

- explore the option of going back with the tee
- expand the back tee to the right and back for more surface area
- remove a few select trees behind the green for sunlight and airflow
- relocate the forward tee to the right side of the hole for better alignment
- remove all cedars from underneath the trees on the right
- remove 5 spruce trees from the left to restore the width of the hole
- reshape bunkers to improve the definition and character of the green

**Hole 15**

- one of Canada's best par 4's
- add a back tee into the chute behind
- reshape the greenside bunkers for additional character
- replace apple tree at top of the hill

**Hole 16**

- wonderful long par 4
- remove dead tree from left of landing
- reshape the rear bunkers for character
- clear hillside to improve aesthetics

**Hole 17**

- expand the back tee for additional surface area
- fill right middle tee to height of left tee to create one level tee deck
- grade front of left tee to match height on right side, to match and make one level tee
- all tees should step down towards the hole for maximum visibility
- abandon the front tiny tee since the forward tee has the most difficult angle to the hole
- reshape all the greenside bunkers to restore some of Thompson's bunker style to the golf course.
- make room with back right bunker for a back tee on #18

**Hole 18**

- investigate the possibility of creating a new back tee, the least intrusive location is placing a tee at back right of the 17th green.
- rebuild entire existing back tee, expand the tee area for more useable surface
- return old fairway bunker into right hillside for framing
- reshape left side bunker for improved visibility
- add the right green side bunker back in to contain shots and to frame the green site

## GOLF COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS (continued)

### **Practice Area**

- join all the tees together at one elevation to maximize the available tee surface
- remove all the interior mounds and reduce the exterior mounding to blend the area more naturally into its surroundings; the fill can be used at the tee expansion for the range tee
- try to restore some of the feel of the old golf holes by returning the fairways and bunkers
- create subtle plateaus in the fairways that could be pinned to indicate distances
- the range could be closed on certain mornings for junior play on 2 holes

### **Clubhouse Gardens**

- we recommend using a gardener with experience in heavy shade to pick the plant materials
- the club should use perennials to achieve a more natural looking Victorian style perennial garden that would suit the clubhouse exterior
- we recommend focusing all shrub and perennial planting at the clubhouse to maximize the effect

### **Tree Removal**

- due to the tree by-law identifying large areas for removal will only serve to scare the city
- we recommend that each and every year the club should identify the worst area and approach the city for approval to remove that section of trees
- the course needs a continuous program to remove trees for sunlight and to create much needed airflow
- most of the tree removals should be done in conjunction with any renovation project in the area

### **Drainage**

- we recommend using Kelly Ami to review the overall drainage system of the course, they are the leading experts in drainage systems for golf courses
- the main line exits are undersized, and would need replacement before any additional drainage can be added
- the course needs to have slit drainage added to many of the major swales and low areas to create an opportunity for better playing conditions

### **In General**

Westmount Golf and Country Club is a wonderful routing, beautifully framed in by the natural maple forest. Stanley Thompson designed a wonderful mixture of holes and green sites to create one of Canada's best golf courses. The area where the club needs to focus its attention is the bunkering, the bunkering is not consistent with Thompson's style. The bunkering needs to be reshaped to reflect Thompson's artistry and flair for creating dramatic bunkering. The reshaped bunkers will either be cut into natural slopes or will have Thompson style mounds added so that the sand can be flashed to improve the visibility of the bunkers. The bunkers will feature many capes and bays to create the movement and character that Thompson was famous for.

We look forward to enhancing one of Thompson's best golf course.

If you have any questions about the report, please call me at the office.

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