



ESCONDIDO GOLF & LAKE CLUB COURSE RENOVATION UPDATE

Week Seventeen | August 24 - August 29, 2026

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SAFETY NOTICE: GOLF COURSE CLOSED - ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION ZONE

The golf course remains completely closed to all member access. Active construction is ongoing across all 18 holes. Please do not access the course on foot, by bicycle, by cart, or with pets under any circumstances. The driving range remains open for your use.

August 31, 2026

Read through for the full update or skip to the end for a look at what to expect in the five weeks ahead.

Dear Members of Escondido Golf & Lake Club,

Week Seventeen was focused on two priorities: new supplemental drainage behind Greens #9 and #16, and continued bunker sand installation across the front nine. Crews excavated and installed French drains behind Green #16 over two days, then shifted to Green #9, where the drain was excavated and backfilled with gravel and sand. From there, work moved to bunker finishing, with sand installed and final grading completed in the fairway and greenside bunkers on Holes #9, #10, #11, #12 and #13.

OVERALL PROJECT MILESTONE STATUS

The table below reflects the current status of key work categories as of August 29, 2026.

CATEGORY	STATUS	DETAIL
Greens (All 18)	COMPLETE	All 18 greens established from sprigging; grow-in and rolling protocols continuing
Tee Complexes (All 18)	COMPLETE	All tee surfaces sodded, including Holes #17 and #18
Bunker Reconstruction, Course-Wide	IN PROGRESS	Sand installation and final grading continuing hole by hole; this week's focus was Holes #9, #10, #11, #12 and #13

CATEGORY	STATUS	DETAIL
Supplemental Drainage (French Drains)	IN PROGRESS	New French drains excavated and backfilled behind Greens #9 and #16 this week
Irrigation Installation, Course-Wide	COMPLETE	Course-wide irrigation in place and operating
Practice Tee & Nursery Green	IN PROGRESS	Extension complete; turf grow-in continuing
Fairway & Rough Turf Establishment	IN PROGRESS	Turf continues to mature and fill in across all 18 holes

WEEK SEVENTEEN PROGRESS SUMMARY: AUGUST 24 TO AUGUST 29, 2026

The following work was completed this week by Integrity Golf Construction:

CATEGORY	STATUS	DETAIL
Monday, August 24	COMPLETE	Excavation and French drain installation behind Green #16 (Section 1)
Tuesday, August 25	COMPLETE	Excavation and French drain installation behind Green #16 (Section 2)
Wednesday, August 26	COMPLETE	Excavation for new French drain behind Green #9
Thursday, August 27	COMPLETE	Gravel and sand backfill of the Green #9 French drain; sand installation and final grading on the green surround and fairway bunker
Friday, August 28	COMPLETE	Bunker sand installation and final grading on Green #10
Saturday, August 29	COMPLETE	Bunker sand installation continued across fairway and greenside bunkers on Holes #11, #12 and #13

COMING UP: WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

Work planned for the week ahead as outlined by Integrity Golf Construction:

CATEGORY	STATUS	DETAIL
Bunker Sand Installation, Remaining Holes	UPCOMING	Sand installation and final grading to continue hole by hole across the remaining front and back nine bunkers

CATEGORY	STATUS	DETAIL
Green #9 & #16 Drain Restoration	UPCOMING	Surface restoration and resodding over the new French drain lines
Turf Maturation, Course-Wide	UPCOMING	Continued fertility, mowing, and grow-in management
Grounds Detailing	UPCOMING	Ongoing fairway topdressing and native and rough area establishment

REFERENCE PHOTOGRAPHY: AUGUST 24 TO AUGUST 29, 2026



Green #16: French Drain Excavation and Installation



Green #16: Completed Drainage Trenches



Green #9: Gravel and Sand Backfill for French Drain



Green #9: Bunker Sand Installation and Final Grading



Green #10: Bunker Sand Installation and Final Grading



Green #13: Fairway Bunker Sand Installation

IN-HOUSE AGRONOMY WORK: WHAT YOUR GROUNDS TEAM HAS BEEN DOING

While Integrity Golf Construction has been focused on green complexes, bunkers, and fairway areas, our in-house agronomy team has been maintaining the property and advancing supplemental improvement work throughout the closure window.

CATEGORY	STATUS	DETAIL
Grow-In Irrigation, Greens #1 - 18	IN PROGRESS	Irrigation cycles established and monitored daily on all freshly sprigged surfaces; frequency and duration adjusted to maintain optimal moisture for stolon establishment
Establishment Irrigation, Collar & Approach Sod, All 18 Holes	IN PROGRESS	Cycles monitored and adjusted in coordination with contractor operations
Soil Moisture Sensors, Irrigation Carts & Mowers	COMPLETE	8 sensors installed to measure soil moisture across all playing surfaces, supporting an estimated 20 to 30 percent reduction in irrigation water use
Chipping Green, Sodding & Grow-In	IN PROGRESS	Sodding with Champion Ultradwarf Bermudagrass continuing; will be established alongside the greens
Driving Range, Tee Deck Renovation	COMPLETE	Vertical mowing, topdressing and conditioning completed; range remains open for member use throughout the closure
Pump House, Filter Replacement	COMPLETE	New filter running smoothly, supporting full irrigation delivery for grow-in and establishment needs
Fairways, Sand Topdressing Program	IN PROGRESS	Topdressing continuing course-wide; growth regulator, soil conditioner, and nutrient applications ongoing
Fertility Program, Course-Wide Granular Application	COMPLETE	Course-wide granular fertility program completed on golf course and Lake Club, Great House, and cottage area lawns
Rough Areas, Soil Conditioner & Herbicide Spray	COMPLETE	Wall-to-wall application of soil conditioner, nutrients, and selective herbicide for nut sedge, crabgrass, and dallisgrass removal
Native Areas, Detail Mowing	IN PROGRESS	Detail mowing of all native areas ongoing throughout the renovation period

CATEGORY	STATUS	DETAIL
Sodding, Bare Areas Under Trees & Cart Paths	IN PROGRESS	Ongoing sodding of bare areas throughout the property including tree lines and cart path edges
Drain Line Repairs, Course-Wide	IN PROGRESS	Broken and damaged drain line repairs continuing course-wide
Valve Boxes, Raising & Replacement Around Greens	IN PROGRESS	Raising and replacing valve boxes around green complexes continuing in preparation for grow-in
Natural Granite Outcrop Detailing & Planting	IN PROGRESS	Full detailing and selective planting in all granite outcrop areas; Holes #8, #12, #13, #16 and #17

WHAT TO EXPECT ON OCT. 1

In five weeks, the course is set to reopen, and it is going to be spectacular. Every greens complex, tee complex, and bunker will reflect the level of investment this renovation was built around, and we could not be more excited for our members to experience it. At the same time, we want to set an honest expectation: a project of this scope leaves its mark. Freshly sprigged turf, new sod lines, and areas of disturbance take time, sunshine, and a full growing season to mature into the smooth, tournament-ready conditions you know and expect from Escondido. We anticipate it will take roughly a full growing season for every corner of the course to reach its final, polished form. The end result will be worth every bit of that wait.

Thank you for your continued patience as we install new drainage behind Greens #9 and #16 and continue bunker sand installation across the course. Bunker finishing across Holes #9 through #13 remains the primary focus in the days ahead.

Warm regards,

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