



Memorial Tree Fund Policy

The Memorial Tree Fund Program has been established to allow family or friends to honour a deceased member through recognition on the Memorial Tree plaque in the Clubhouse. Minimum donation of \$250 provides the addition of an engraved plate in the member's name to the Memorial Tree plaque. Donation funds are pooled for use in the on-course tree replacement program. The actual installation of trees is dependant on future need, and the extent of available funds.

Policy statement rationale

As is the case with most golf courses of similar age, our course would generally benefit from fewer trees, not more. In many locations, as trees have matured and increased in size, they are now creating problems for turf grass growth due to increased shade and root intrusion. In certain locations, trees were planted too close to green sites and are now causing problems with approach shots.

Our soils are typically very shallow in most areas and therefore are not generally conducive to the planting of anything other than very small caliper stock, which have correspondingly small rootballs. Shallow soils hold less moisture, and the smaller rootballs are not capable of surviving extended dry conditions. Therefore, the trees have a very high mortality rate.

Typically, members have wanted locations where memorial trees are most visible. This is generally difficult to accommodate, and it was impossible to keep everyone happy, as some locations were seen as more desirable than others. In addition, stand-alone specimen trees all require hand trimming. More trees equals more labour.

The establishment of the Memorial Tree Fund allows individual donations to be pooled and held for the purchase of larger caliper trees for locations requiring replacement as we progressively remove the overly mature, damaged or diseased trees.