

## Renovations Coming to Longview Golf Course



Longview Golf Course will undergo a \$2.9 million renovation to the back nine and driving range beginning June 2009. Construction will still allow all 18 holes to remain open through the Labor Day weekend. After that, Longview will be open for 9-hole play throughout the remainder of the construction period, which is expected to be completed next spring. If Mother Nature cooperates, the Grand Opening will be Memorial Day of 2010.

The purpose of this renovation is to improve the back-nine playing conditions while maintaining the course's existing par and length. As a complement to the new training facility — and for those players who had formerly enjoyed Gunpowder Falls — we have incorporated shorter length tees. A new parking lot will be added by the clubhouse, which over the past two years has received an interior face-lift. While the new lot and course renovations will require the closing of the existing putting greens, construction plans include the addition of one (or possibly two) new putting greens adjacent to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees.

Longview's head golf professional, Chris Hanson, is already working on plans that will allow players to reserve an 18-hole round while the back nine is closed.

### Phase 1 (Beginning in June)

- New entranceway
- Six new greens complexes

### Phase 2 (Beginning in September)

- New driving range (to be located where holes 10-12 are currently)
- Rerouting of several fairways
- Range building
- Two parking lots

### Phase 3 (October thru May 2010)

- Grow-in period

Renovations will be divided into three phases. Once completed the new training facility will feature:

- 300 yard bi-directional range with multiple target greens for right- and left-handed golfers
- More than 50 practice stations
- Covered tees
- Two natural-grass training areas for private and group instructions
- Two ball distribution areas
- New range building
- Parking adjacent to the pads

We have heard numerous stories from players about how they grew up playing at Longview. Beginning Memorial Day of 2010, there will be even more reasons for that tradition to continue.