



Introducing a few alternative projects at Ruttger's...

Goat Grazing Project

You may notice the presence of fenced goats currently located on the right side of the 5th hole of Alec's 9 Golf Course. We are trying to reduce our reliance on chemicals on the golf course, and labor spent clearing these areas. Goats love to eat woody plants, weeds and tree leaves without disturbing the ground. Once goats eat and digest the seeds, the weed seeds are non-viable for future germination. This allows native plants to grow in their place. We will use a rotational grazing method, which means once they clear an area, we move them to a new area to start the process over again. In rotational grazing, electric fences are often used because they are very portable, keep the goats contained, and protect them from predators.

We have Pygora goats, they are mainly breed for fiber production, or in simple terms making yarn. They are shorn twice a year, in the spring and in the fall. Please keep your distance from the electric fence and respect the goats. If your ball happens to come to rest within the fence, just leave it and take a free drop outside the fence.

Goose Removal Project

As many people know we have a goose issue on Alec's 9 golf course and holes #17 and #18 of Jack's 18 golf course. Over the years, we've tried various methods to deter the geese...from DNR banding, to fences, to swan decoys, all with varied results that have not lasted. Currently, we are in the process of training two border collie dogs to chase the geese off the course during their migratory patterns in spring and fall. We hope to have the dogs start this process in fall and be fully operational in the spring of 2026.

Thank you for your understanding and support of these experimental practices. Please respect and allow the animals to do their work.