

Golf & Greens Committee Meeting
June 5, 2007

In Attendance: Stan Wreyford (APGM), Jason Rouk, Jeff Hunter, Grant Morris, Rachel Wadsworth, Mark Evans, Steve McKim (co-chair), Marian Dyer (co-chair). Becky Spears (absent).

Golf Course Activities

- This past month a great deal of basic agronomy and maintenance work has been completed (e.g., weed control, fertilization, flower bed plantings, tree removal, etc.).
- The committee strongly recommended a weekly Turf News be issued to recap the major activity on the courses each week.
- The committee recommended planting a tree behind North #6 at a distance that will not inhibit green health, but will create a better visual impact behind the hole.
- The committee asked that the large tree near the range be trimmed since it shades #10 tees.
- The committee reviewed recent work on #4 and decided the rough should be mowed normal height. With the water issues in the area there was concern for the health of the grass and mosquitoes.
- The lakes on the North course still have a leak(s), but cannot be addressed until the fall/winter. Water pumps are currently pumping at 300 GPM, which is vastly improved from last year's 50-60 GPM.
- The equipment to reactivate the fountains on #6 and #17 has arrived and should be installed within a week or so.
- North bunker renovation will begin the week of June 11 with holes 2, 3, and 8. There will be two staging areas for sand (near #2 and #17).
- Aerification start dates:
 - June 11 – North greens, tees & approaches; North #4 fairway, and 11 fairways on the South Course.
 - June 25 – South course greens, tees, and approaches.
- Yardage markers will be addressed by etching/branding/painting sprinkler heads. This is the only practical solution at this time because we have so many different types of sprinkler heads.
- North Greens: These greens continue to recover, but need another 3-4 weeks of warm sunny weather before they can respond to agronomy and cultural practices that will produce more consistent putting conditions. Various cultural practices, such as rolling, verti-cutting, and brushing were discussed.
- Leveling and sodding of various tee boxes on both courses were discussed. Jason is working with the club's General Manager on compiling an activity list of items like this and an action plan will follow.
- The entrance to the South Course was discussed with respect to the new construction and leakage of water onto the course entrance. Jason is working with the owners and contractors to correct this problem.

South Course Renovation Project

- Stan Wreyford informed the committee his objective is to have a plan defined by late summer.
- Preliminary meetings on the irrigation system have occurred, and there will be follow-up meetings in July.

Overseeding

- A lengthy discussion occurred on the pros and cons of overseeding this winter.
- With the improved health of our turf due to the better agronomy and cultural practices of the last year, Stan Wreyford and Jason Rouk said a 3 or 4 week transition period could be expected rather than the protracted transitions we have experienced in the past.
- With the understanding that the transition period will be 3-4 weeks, the committee will recommend to the Board of Governors that both courses be overseeded this year. Roughs will not be overseeded as the transition is too difficult.
- It was agreed that the improved play for approximately 4 months of winter was a good tradeoff for a one month transition period.
- Ongoing, the courses will not be overseeded every year as that will weaken turf health. Ideally, we can reach a schedule where one course is overseeded and one course is given a rest each winter.

Other Issues

- The short game practice facility will not be opened until we receive at least another 3-4 weeks of warm sunny weather. Drainage issues also will need to be addressed prior to opening.
- The committee agreed to reestablish the green tees on the North Course in their original positions after the bunker renovation is completed but prior to having the course re-rated. This will likely also address placement of a few white tees that have migrated to the original green tee box locations.
- Some vandalism continues on the South course with people driving on #10 fairway. It was recommended that the club follow-up on the contractual obligation of the apartments to either build a fence or plant hedges along the road that dissects the course on the way to the apartments.
- The practice range needs greater supervision as minors are still unaccompanied on the range; tees are not readily available, and balls are not restocked often enough. It was suggested that a tent with water, tees, and benches be placed on the range and that the staff be present on the range more often.
- The MGA Board voted to recommend to the Board of Governors the establishment of a Handicap Committee.