

**GOLF AND GREENS COMMITTEE
MINUTES --- MARCH 25, 2008**

Committee Members: Marian Dyer (co-chair); Richard Tisdale (co-chair); Becky Spears; Rachel Wadsworth; Jordan Hanna; Rhett Morrow; Jeff Hunter; Barry Carter. Also in attendance: Ross Thornbrugh.

REPORTS

- I. Barry Carter – Turf Report is attached
- II. Jeff Hunter – Staffing plans are being worked on for merchandising, assistant pro, pro shop staff, and marshalling. One new assistant and a full time merchandiser have been hired in the pro shop.
- III. Marian Dyer – SWGA attendance is higher than 2007. The first Guest Day was a great success and planning is underway for the Classic Affair (May 6-8).
- IV. Richard Tisdale – MGA –The March Tournament went well with 142 players and free refreshments being provided with lunch. An incident of slow play by one group that also ignored the Marshal's direction to catch up has been addressed by the MGA Board and the MGA Vice President will meet with these players to avoid a reoccurrence.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (OLD & NEW BUSINESS)

1. Barry Carter will aerify later in the season in 2009. See Turf Report for more details.
2. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the weeds on the course, primarily in the rough. Barry reported that he is ordering additional chemical for current treatment and expects to get better control of the weed propagation over the next 2 to 3 weeks.
3. The new fountain in the pond on #10 North will help with algae, and adding a light kit is being investigated. The leak in this pond's pump house is still under investigation.
4. Stump removal will be done before March ends.
5. Improvement of #7 North Green is being analyzed and potentially more trees will be removed, or additional pruning will be done. They are also analyzing whether the entrance point to the green should be moved to avoid the foot traffic in the most vulnerable part of the green.
6. New sand bottles cart coolers have been ordered; coolers have arrived.
7. North Course rerating should occur in next 2 weeks or so. New cards will be ordered for North only due to South Course renovation (will use temp cards for South).
8. Bag tags have been ordered (similar to previous plastic bag tag).
9. Yardage markers are completed for holes 1-3 on the North (other holes to follow).
10. Barry Carter has written an article for the next newsletter to educate members on how to properly use the range in order to facilitate faster turf recovery.
11. Cart traffic concerns – tree removal & cart path only on #1 has shown improvement of turf in the entry/exit areas near green. No resolution yet on #15. The committee noted that the cart path only requirement on #15 is regularly not followed.
12. North Course bathroom condition discussed. No renovation in budget this year, but Ross advised he would look into making it as clean and functional as possible. Access to the bathroom needs to be controlled to outside parties. It is the consensus of the committee that the bathroom needs to be combination locked and the men's & women's designation reestablished. This would also address players who are playing late in the evening after beverage cart personnel have left & locked the facility.

13. South Course Renovation update:

- Total closure of course expected second week of April.
- Jeff announced a bus trip to Con Can was being organized for Friday, May 16, since the TGA tournament will be in progress at Sonterra. He is also working on tee times at Riverhill and Comanche Trace during this time frame.
- The Committee requested that the North Course be open on any Monday that is a Federal Holiday. Management said they did not think this would be a problem.
- A general discussion was held on the amount of soil enhancements that would be done. Ross advised it had been analyzed and thought they would be okay with the plan they have put into motion.

**COURSE TURF REPORT
MARCH 25, 2008**

North Course:

Greens:

- 1) Current mowing height 130mm. Average speed 9.5.
- 2) #19 and PG greens continue to show excessive wear due to small size and shade. We will be looking at getting a green cover for the #19 green for next winter.
- 3) Aeration was done Front 9 on Tue, March 18th; Back 9 on Thursday, March 20th 3/8" hollow tines were used, on the closest possible spacing. Process was to top dress first, aerify, fertilize with gypsum and 13-2-13, drag until thatch separated from the soil cores, water in, then mow. Warm weather will allow for a rapid recovery. #1 green hydraulic leak is mostly recovered.
- 4) The broad area in the right green surrounds is also recovering and may not need to be plugged out.

Tees:

- 1) #6 Red tee scheduled to be leveled once we get into growing season.
- 2) #7 Pro tee will be put back in service.
- 3) All surrounding areas have been sprayed for weeds.

Fairways:

- 1) Left side of #1 where trees were thinned still showing some signs of improvement.
- 2) All surrounding roughs have been sprayed for weeds.
- 3) Foliar fertilization of fairways has begun.

Miscellaneous:

- 1) Soil and water tests in process.
- 2) Fertilization in use.

South Course:

Greens:

- 1) Current mowing height 140mm. Average speed 9.5
- 2) Additional works will wait for renovation.

Tees:

- 1) Overhanging tree on #16 will be thinned some more.
- 2) Additional works will wait for renovation.

Fairways:

- 1) Usual maintenance while waiting for renovation.