

**GOLF AND GREENS COMMITTEE
MINUTES --- September 2, 2008**

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

Absent: Jordan Hanna

Turf Report by Barry Carter Attached

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Barry presented the committee with a draft of the Course Operations/Standards Manual to read and bring back any comments to the next meeting before it becomes final.

The course will be fertilized 4 times a year. The committee last month voted not to overseed and attached is a letter from a member that spells out reasons for not overseeding.

Barry said he has been getting complaints from property owners about Sonterra letting the native grasses grow up instead of mowing up to the property lines. The committee voted to continue to let Barry allow the native grasses to grow but kill out all Johnson grass. The long range plan is to make Sonterra eco-friendly and have those perimeter areas become native grasses.

Also discussed was how hard the North course should play. It was decided that there would be 2 cuts of rough, the first cut of rough would be a height of approximately 1 inch and then the second cut would be similar to the existing rough which is approximately 2 and a quarter inches. The committee decided that this would help speed up play and yet keep the Championship look. It was also noted that some areas next to the greens would be a longer than the 1 inch because of mowing problems around the greens.

Barry also presented the committee with an aerial photo of the North course pointing out the sprinkler system and the areas that need new sprinkler heads and repairs to the lines. This will be an ongoing project to bring the system up to an acceptable standard.

Becky Spears brought up a need for new rakes and suggested that the rakes currently on the North course be taken to the South course and new rakes be purchased that would be the type of rake especially used for the new sand on the North course. The committee agreed with this and Barry will look into it.

The work on the South course for all practical purposes is completed and there was a discussion about when the course should open. It was a consensus of the

Committee that the opening of the South course should be delayed until a later date other than the one set at this time. Every committee member feels and they have heard from various golf members that to delay the opening would not offend the golf members, in fact quite the exact opposite, the members feel that Sonterra is trying to push the opening too soon, but we were informed that that decision will be made by the owners and so far they have decided to open on October 4, 2008.

The committee wants to recognize the outstanding work that Barry Carter and his crew have done under extraordinary and very difficult times due to having one course closed. We feel that the North course has responded to their hard work and will remain a work in progress that all members can be proud of.

The meeting was adjourned.

Course Turf report for Green Committee
8.26.08

North Course:

Greens:

- 1) Current mowing height 120mm. Average speed 10.6.
- 2) Mowing program consistent with double cutting twice a week and single cutting and rolling 3-4 times per week.
- 3) Weak areas from aerification have healed and green coverage is 100% and consistent.
- 4) Widened collars and new collection areas have been mowed in, although we are looking at adding some others.
- 5) Root system is 3" and deeper.

Tees:

- 1) Tee aerification completed.
- 2) #1 Red tee leveled and almost ready for play.
- 3) #10 alternate tee and drop zone leveled and almost ready for play.
- 4) #7 Pro tee complete and in play.
- 5) Surrounds have been sprayed for weeds and our summer pre-emerge program is ongoing.

Fairways:

- 1) Thin Bermuda grass areas have been aerified, treated with extra fertilizer, and composted/topdressed..
- 2) New contours have been cut into fairways, helping with definition
- 3) Summer pre-emerge program is completed.
- 4) All fairways fertilized with ammonium sulfate @1/2 lb. nitrogen per 1000 sq.ft..

Miscellaneous:

- 1) 3+ inches of rain rain has alleviated much of the drought stress, allowing us to resume 90^o cart rules.
- 2) Roughs will be aerified as conditions allow. Weak areas will be aerified as often as possible.
- 3) High traffic areas along cart path edges have been and are being sodded.

South Course:

Sprigging has been completed on all holes, with the last sprigging being done on August 2. Sod will be laid on rough areas around greens and tees, plus weak areas on #8 fairway.

All tree removal works have been completed but a large amount of tree trimming remains to be done. Planting of ornamental and native grasses has commenced and will be ongoing.

Weed eradication is underway on all areas except those most recently sprigged.

Landscapes Unlimited has a couple of final touches to do but otherwise work is complete.