

**GOLF AND GREENS COMMITTEE
MINUTES --- June 3, 2008**

Committee Members: Marian Dyer (co-chair); Richard Tisdale (co-chair/absent); 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
 - The outside service staff is transitioning to older personnel which it is hoped will bring about attention to detail and better service.
 - Gary Blocker, who was in charge of cart maintenance, is no longer with the club. This change will terminate the repair of private carts by club personnel.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (OLD & NEW BUSINESS)

- 1) Project Prioritization – the committee established a list of projects and priorities (see attachment). Barry also provided his daily project list (copy attached).
 - a) The Board asked for the top three so that they can be integrated with other goals and projects across the club.
 - b) The top three projects and goals for the golf & greens committee are:
 - i) A real commitment to better golf course conditions on a day to day basis. Develop a standard to measure the week to week condition of the course. Management/ownership commitment for budget to support this objective.
 - ii) Improved outside service by golf personnel; including improvements to all practice facilities with respect to amenities, cleanliness and daily playability – establish schedules to restock range during the day, refill balls at short game facility during the day, etc.
 - iii) RESTROOMS/CONCESSION
 - Renovation of rest rooms – both courses
 - Expand North bathroom to include more capacity/stalls
 - Additional restroom on the south course (somewhere hole #9 and # 11 tee)
 - put combination locks on the rest rooms
 - Improve concession service on courses
- 2) Barry Carter has completed the first draft of a course standards document. He will be working with Ross and Jeff on its contents before sharing it with the committee. The committee wholeheartedly supports the establishment of this document since it can serve as the basis for determining whether we are on course with requirements to properly maintain the courses.
- 3) Greens:
 - a) Due to the drought & heat we will have to raise the height of the greens (to about 10.0).
 - b) Tue/Thur/Sat greens will be double cut
 - c) Wed/Fri/Sun. greens will be single cut and rolled
 - d) We are pursuing getting a better roller.
- 4) Weeds/overseed:
 - a) Treatments are continuing and weeds are coming under control.
 - b) The hardest to manage areas are where we have water carriage when we have rain because the water brings foreign elements onto the golf course.
- 5) Irrigation issues:
 - a) System repairs are occurring daily; wiring problems, heads replaced, etc.
 - b) The # 9 well which is the source of 1/3 of our water (450 gpm) is down. The pump is being repaired and it is anticipated it will be up and running in about 10 days.
 - c) With this supply down, we have not been able to water as much as we would like. It also prevents us from bringing the ponds to full level.

- d) Divers have investigated the suspected leak in the pond at #10. It has been determined that there is not a leak in the pump station.
- 6) Transition:
 - a) The overseed is now dead.
 - b) Aerification has begun at the rate of 2-3 holes per day
 - c) Aerification cores are pulverized and put right back down on the course rather than the large cores being left behind as in previous years.
 - d) We need rain for the Bermuda to kick into high growth.
- 7) Drought Contingencies
 - a) Cart path only will be implemented six holes per week to alternated holes each week (see attached memo to be issued by the pro shop).
 - b) More drastic measures may be necessary depending on the drought and member adherence to the cart path rules.
- 8) Bunkers:
 - a) Inconsistency of bunkers (some fluffier than others) is because our irrigation system does not adequately water some of the bunkers.
 - b) Barry is looking at ways to add heads around the greens to water the bunkers.
 - c) Liners on the faces of about 1/3 of the bunkers already need repairs.
- 9) Barry agreed to email members more frequently on course conditions so that everyone is better informed week to week.

COURSE TURF REPORT
June 24, 2008

North Course:

Greens:

- 1) Current mowing height 125mm. Average speed 10.0. Due to drought conditions, we cannot take the greens too low. We are using a demo roller presently to help with green speeds.
- 2) Mowing system is double cutting on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays; single cutting and rolling on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays.
- 3) Major summer aerification is completed, although we still need to topdress to completely fill all holes.
- 4) Primo program is implemented.
- 5) Root system is 3" and deeper.

Tees:

- 1) Drought conditions affecting several tee boxes, due to poor coverage, missing heads, and compaction. Aerification will commence as soon as conditions are favorable.
- 2) #6 Red tee completed and should be ready for play in one to two weeks.
- 3) #7 Pro tee restoration complete and should be ready for play in two to three weeks. This tee is Zeon zoysia, which takes added time for establishment.
- 4) All surrounding areas continue to be sprayed for weeds.

Fairways:

- 1) Aerification is complete.
- 2) Weekly verticutting of fairways continues, although drought conditions may force us to skip a few times. All fairways are showing satisfactory bermudagrass growth.
- 3) All surrounding roughs continue to be sprayed for weeds.
- 4) Injection fertilization of fairways continues.

Miscellaneous:

- 1) Drought contingencies being implemented, including keeping carts on paths.
- 2) Roughs will be aerified as drought conditions allow. Week areas will be aerified as often as possible.
- 3) Transformers at pump station on south course have been repaired, enabling us send well water to the North from wells #5 and 8.
- 4) #9 deep well pump, pipe, and wiring is being replaced this Monday and Tuesday.
- 5) Deep well transfer line is being sleeved the rest of the way from the South course to the North course irrigation lake this week.

South Course:

Sodding around greens, tees, and bunkers will be done next Monday, June 30th. Sprigging will be done on greens, tees, and fairways of holes 4,5,6,7,8,9,10, and 13 Tuesday, July 1st through Friday, 4th. Irrigation is complete except for connection of loops under road between #10 and 11; several satellites remain to be installed.

All tree removal works have been completed but a large amount of tree trimming remains to be done. Planting of ornamental and native grasses will commence with the establishment of the fairway sprigging.