

GOLF & GREENS COMMITTEE
MEETING REPORT – 10-/28/08

Present: Rhett Morrow, Ross Thornbrugh, Rachel Wadsworth, Jeff Hunter, Barry Carter, Jordan Hanna, Milt King, Becky Spears, Barry Carter
Absent: Richard Tisdale, Marian Dyer

The Committee reviewed a draft of the proposed “Golf & Greens Committee Manual – North Course” submitted by Barry Carter. Various suggestions were made as to the specificity of events such as fertilization, weed control applications, green rolling, etc. Barry answered many committee member questions pertaining to general agronomic procedures as well as future projects for the North course. Some winter projects include continual work on the irrigation system on the North course, pond liner installation on Hole #'s 7 & 10, yardage numbers on sprinkler heads (North course heads will be replaced as needed with Toro heads which will provide easier application of yardage numbers). A contractor for pump repair and renovation of the pond on #6 has been contacted and work should begin this winter. A schedule for continual tee leveling is being developed.

Questions were asked regarding the tufting of grasses around the greens (left of #2 green as an example). This is caused by grass mutation over the years. Barry is going to try mowing with a “fly” mower in certain areas to see if turf conditions can be improved. Bunkers are being evaluated specifically to develop standards for the level of sand in different areas of the bunkers. Lighter weight rakes for the North course bunkers will be purchased in the future with the intent of decreasing harm to the bunker liners and also leaving less in the form of indentations in the sand itself.

The South course is developing well. The root system of the fairway grass is several inches deep and Barry indicated that taking a divot cannot harm the course – the grass will grow in those divots. The GPS information is complete and yardage numbers are ready to send to Toro to create the yardage numerals for the heads. Cart path only will continue for several months.

Jeff Hunter reported that the “Friday Night Lights” was successful and plans may be made to have more events like this. He is developing ways to get more play on the South since the course is improving everyday and is certainly very playable. As with any new course time will be its best ally & it is not a mature course yet as we could not expect it to be. Many of those who have and are playing it have enjoyed it. Additional holes for play will be added as they develop & grow.

Golf course marking was discussed and plans will be developed to provide better marking practices.

To improve Driving Range conditions Jeff requested using mats for 1 week to allow the grass to recover. Barry will overseed the range but will wait for consistently cooler weather.

Submitted by Becky Spears
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