

GOLF AND GREENS COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 30, 2008

Committee Members: Marian Dyer (co-chair); Richard Tisdale (co-chair); Becky Spears (absent); Rachel Wadsworth; Jordan Hanna; Rhett Morrow; Jeff Hunter (absent); Barry Carter; Ross Thornbrugh; Milt King (Board Member).

REPORTS

- I. Barry Carter – Turf Report is attached. Discussion was held on the following in the report:
 - Tee # 10 red – the “drop circle” and the red tee cannot co-exist. Even though recently resodded, the area is already chewed up since it is used as the drop zone and the red tee. Jeff was to research if the course was rerated with the red tee at the upper 82 yard marker rather than the lower location. Ladies prefer the 82 yard upper location. Barry will investigate.
 - Tee leveling – a roller that can be used on both courses is coming.
 - Fairway fertilization – bulk fertilization is arriving Friday for both courses.
 - Intermediate rough – though we have no equipment to do this at this time, there may be equipment coming in the spring that will be able to do this cut.
 - South Course:
 - a. The committee strongly urged that as holes open, they be roped off so cart traffic can be contained. Barry indicated that they may not rope off the holes but use signage. There was some doubt as to how effective signage would be.
 - b. Fencing & gates will be placed on the road side of #10 and #11 since we have had repeated damage from vehicles driving on the course.
 - Isidro Garcia has been promoted to the Asst. Superintendent of the North Course.
- II. Jeff Hunter – report given by Ross Thornbrugh. Restaffing of pro shop is progressing – Eddie Morota has been rehired and a new Class A Head Professional has been hired.
- III. Marian Dyer – Ladies club championship was recently completed with many close matches. Thanks to all those that allowed the extra hole matches to extend into their start times. Miki Gardner is the club champion for the second straight year.
- IV. Richard Tisdale – the Brute has been shortened to a one day event since the South Course isn't open.

DISCUSSION ITEMS (OLD & NEW BUSINESS)

1. The North Course is drying out considerably. Barry advised that he had not reduced watering on the North Course, but acknowledged that it is dry in places. He also advised that scalping the rough shorter makes it look drier than it actually is. The Committee urged that we do all that is possible to strengthen the turf before winter since we will not be overseeding.
2. The committee discussed green approaches mowed at fairway height. Barry advised that the main reason we do not have them on certain holes is that the areas are non-accessible to the type of mower that must be used on the steep faces of the raised

greens (faces are too steep on several holes). It is also partly the design of raised greens. In the spring, they will look at implementing a mowed approach on #18.

3. We further discussed the uneven, “gnarly” nature of the turf greenside. Barry advised that the only real way to solve this is probably to re-sod them. The committee supports re-sodding even if it can only be done a few holes at a time each year.
4. The Committee provided Barry feedback on the draft of the North Course Operations Manual. The manual is very thorough and reflects a lot of effort to fully document sound agronomical practices and specific desired results. The main feedback was that the lower end target of 8.5 green speed was too slow (Barry will adjust upward to 9), and that in many areas more specific metrics should be included – for example, at least minimum fertilization rates, minimum pre-emergent rates and timing, etc. Barry will revise and another draft will be circulated to the committee for the next round of discussion.
5. The committee discussed the mowing pattern on the perimeter of the course. Barry explained the mowing plan as follows – a 3 mower width will be made at the fence line of homeowners and everything but blue stem is being mowed. This will contribute to the native grass and Audubon programs we are pursuing. Barry advised that 50% of the courses in the most recent Golf Digest top 30 ranking are native grass courses.
6. Jordan Hanna asked about the cost of a lamacoid machine that could mark sprinkler head yardages on the North Course in a manner that can be more easily read. The branding/painting method chosen by our previous superintendent is ineffective and labor intensive. Frustration over how long it has taken to try and get this accomplished was expressed (pending request for at least 2 years). Barry will research alternatives. This will not be an issue on the South Course with the new irrigation system and its uniform heads.
7. Other old/pending items:
 - a. The tree at the front of #6 red tee still needs to be removed.
 - b. Men’s blue tee markers still need to be repainted in a more easily identifiable blue color. Barry advised this will not be done until after the South Course opens.
 - c. Irrigation control box on #12 still needs to be moved. Barry advised that this will be a winter project after the South Course opens.

Course Turf report for Green Committee

North Course:

Greens:

- 1) Current mowing height 125mm. Average speed 10.6.
- 2) Continued mowing program consistent with double cutting twice a week and single cutting and rolling 3-4 times per week.
- 3) Pencil tine aerification and topdressing completed.
- 4) Root system is 3" and deeper.

Tees:

- 1) Tee aerification completed but leveling with roller commencing.
- 2) #1 Red tee in play.
- 3) #10 in play.
- 4) Surrounds continue to be sprayed for weeds and our summer pre-emerge program is complete

Fairways:

- 1) Thin Bermuda grass areas continue to be treated with extra fertilizer, and composted/topdressed..
- 2) New contours in fairways have grown in.
- 3) Summer pre-emerge program is completed.
- 4) Weak areas treated with ammonium sulfate @1/2 lb. nitrogen per 1000 sq.ft..

Miscellaneous:

- 1) Rough height lowered to 2"; unable to do intermediate cut at this time due to lack of proper equipment.
- 2) Sodding of weak areas completed.
- 3) High traffic areas along cart path edges are being protected with short stakes, and will be monitored daily..

South Course:

1. Sprigging has been completed on all holes, with the re-sprigging on areas of holes 1,2,3,8,16, and 17 coming in well.
2. Sod has been laid on rough areas around greens and tees
3. Planting of ornamental and native grasses has commenced and will be ongoing.
4. Greens are being mowed at 3/16".
5. Tees and fairways are being mowed at 1/2".
6. Nine holes scheduled to open on October 14. Remaining holes scheduled to open November 1.
7. Weed eradication is underway on all areas except those most recently sprigged.