

**Cane Garden Country Club
GOLF ADVISORY COUNCIL Meeting
May 12, 2009**

Council Members Observe the Aerification Process:

STEP 1: VERTI-CUTTING ONE LAST TIME



Members of the Council observe the verti-cutting mower in preparation for the Aerification Machine.



Superintendent **Craig Foley** describes how verti-cutting reels are different than normal mowing reels. These reels are vertical reels that thin out the turf grass.





Craig shows how the grass is removed from the green using the verti-cutting mower

STEP 2: AERIFICATION



After verti-cutting, Craig explains the Aerifying Machine—“we are using ½ “ tines that will punch holes into the green. Aerification is the process that relieves soil compaction and allows for water and nutrients to get to the roots and soil easily. This process is done twice a year, May and August.



Council Members observe the Aerification Machine in action as Craig describes the “cores” pulled from the green. “You can tell how healthy your greens are by looking at the “core” samples. Look for good color and a strong “thatch” base.

STEP 3: CORE HARVESTING



A Core Harvesting machine cleans up after the Aerification machine

STEP 4: TOP-DRESSING THE GREENS



Craig explains the process of Top-Dressing and shows how the sand fills in the holes created by the Aerification Machine. This promotes a smooth putting surface until the hole close back up.



STEP 5: DRAGGING IN THE TOPDRESSING



Dragging in the topdressing ensures the sand fills in the ½ “ holes and creates a smooth surface for the golf ball to roll.

FINISHED PRODUCT



The healing process for the greens will take approximately two weeks,

THE MAINTENANCE CREW—GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

