

## TURF TALK

May 2017

Spring/Summer Issue

### Summer Reminders

- ◆ During periods of extreme heat and/or drought, it's even more critical to practice the 90 degree rule and minimize the amount of time your golf car tires are on the turf
- ◆ Help each other by filling those divots with sand provided!
- ◆ Keep all 4 tires on path when parking
- ◆ Don't forget to rake those bunkers and keep the rakes inside the bunker

Drink Plenty of Water!

We hope everyone enjoyed the un-seasonably warm winter, and are ready for summer! As temperatures move into the mid 80's and above, we begin the process of "transitioning" out our overseed turf area's as the base bermuda grass begins to regain it's summer legs!

As we did not overseed fairways this year, our bermuda in these area's should recover more quickly from the winter as it does not have to compete with overseed as it dies out. We still however have to manage this process on the tee's and greens. You may notice maintenance personnel "syringing" or hand watering the greens during hot and dry afternoons to assist this process.

Also with the warmer temperatures, it's once again time to aerate the playing surfaces to relieve compaction of the soil and provide greater water and air movement in the soil. All of which helps the Bermuda grass grow stronger and healthier and provide a good playing surface for you, our golfers. A reminder, it takes approximately two weeks for the putting surfaces to return to normal putting conditions after being aerified. Please check the Greens Aerification Schedule on the back or on our website, so you can plan your golfing experience accordingly.

### What is Aerification and Why is it important to you?

Aerification is the mechanical process of creating air space in the soil that promotes a healthy rooting system for natural turf. Healthy rooting systems are an integral part of a successful golf course management program. Turf grass on golf courses sustain a significant amount of stress and constant pounding due to cart/foot traffic and maintenance equipment. By removing cores from the compacted soil, an infusion of air, water, and nutrients enhance the turf by bringing a resurgence of growth, and keeping the turf durable during stressful conditions. Failure to perform this simple maintenance can result in poorly drained soil, thin turf stands, and continued problems with disease.

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## 2017 Greens Aerification Schedule Championship Courses

Glenview Champions	May 1	August 3	
Cane Garden	May 2	August 5	
Tierra Del Sol	May 4	July 31	
Bonifay	May 5	August 4	
Havana	May 16	August 18	
Hacienda Hills	May 16	August 15	
Palmer Legends	May 19	August 15	
Evans Prairie	May 19	August 18	
Lopez Legacy	May 31	September 1	
Belle Glade	May 31	August 31	
Mallory Hill	June 2	August 29	
Orange Blossom Hills	June 2	August 28	

*\*Subject to Change\**

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