

Spring/Summer Season

We hope everyone is as excited as we are for the Spring and to put this unpredictable winter behind us! As temperatures now consistently move into the mid 80's and above, the process of "transitioning" out our overseeded turf areas will begin. The base bermuda grass will start to regain its summer legs!

We did not overseed our fairways again this year, so our bermuda in these areas should recover more quickly from the winter. The bermuda does not have to compete with overseed as it dies out. However, we will have to manage this process on the tees and greens. You may notice maintenance personnel "syringing" or hand watering the greens during hot and dry afternoons to assist in 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. This process helps the Bermuda grass grow stronger and healthier, which in turn provides a good playing surface for our golfers! As 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?

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 enhances the turf by bringing a resurgence of growth. It also keeps 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.



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 the bunkers and keep the rakes inside the bunkers.

Be sure to drink plenty of fluids!



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