Joint Advisory Golf Committee

7-10-24

Director of Golf Maintenance's Report

Golf Courses Update:

- Summer aeration:
  - Tee and collar core aeration was completed on all courses on June 17th-20th. This process was rough on the machines as the ground was extremely compacted. Ideally moving forward, we would look to accomplish this task twice a summer as it will provide immense benefits to the turf and improve playing conditions.
  - Scotsdale and Brittany greens were core aerated on June 24th and 25th.
  - Scotsdale and Brittany greens will be core aerated again on August 24th and 25th.

- First round of Bermuda sod work was completed in June.
  - 3.4 acres of Bermuda and Zoysia grass has been sodded to replace areas of winterkill on all courses so far.
  - We are scheduled to begin laying 1.5 acres of new sod this week to replace the majority of bare areas still out there on tees, fairways, and collars.
  - We continue to promote new turf growth and alleviate soil compaction through slicing of fairways and weak areas and building turf density and health through extra fertilizer being applied to Bermuda playing surfaces during the summer while growing conditions are optimal.

- Zoysia sod and sprig trial underway at the Highlands, so far so good!
  - #1 Highlands fairway was sodded with Meyer zoysia grass and opened for play 21 days after planting.

- #18 Highlands fairway was sprigged using the sod to sprig process with Meyer zoysia grass.
    - We planted the first 3rd of the fairway at the standard rate, the second 3rd of the fairway at double the standard rate, and the third 3rd of the fairway at triple the standard rate. We have seen a nice take on the sprigs to date. Our goal is to see which rate of sprigs gets us to at least 75% Zoysia by the end of this growing season (End of August).

- Bladerunner Farms donated four other varieties of Zoysia grass sod that we are trialing on #17 fairway of the Highlands to make sure there isn't a better option out there for our needs.

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- The Bluemuda trial will take place in the rough surrounding the putting green at the Country Club and will be planted in late August or early September, depending on temperatures.

- USGA GS3 ball in use at all courses, all the superintendents feel like it is helping them produce better putting conditions on the golf courses. We have seen some interesting trends while in use. As we continue to collect data and learn how our inputs are affecting putting quality, we will continue to improve the consistency of putting surface quality.

Capital Project Update:

- Tanyard Creek Practice Facility
    - The range floor was sprigged on May 30th and it is now being mowed regularly and is very close to being fully grassed. The driving range tees and surrounding area has had drainage installed and has been sprigged, we anticipate 6 weeks for grow in time (3rd week of August).

- The 777 bentgrass putting and chipping greens were seeded on June 20th and the 21st and we expect to make the first mowing on them this week, we're pleased with the progress so far.

- The contractor will come back in late August to finalize the finish grade and sod work around the building, the putting and chipping greens, and to install the all weather concrete slab, as well as finish the bunkers around the chipping greens.