

GOLF COURSE UPDATE – OCTOBER 2020

As we begin the Fall Season, the Grounds Department wanted to update each member what has been being done to continually upgrade our golf course. Aeration of Greens, Tees & Fairways has been completed as normal. Everything has healed and the course has bounced back very nicely. This has always been a necessity to keep the turf healthy, remove thatch and improve water filtration through the entire cultivar.

Just this week we have begun a new program to upgrade problem areas on our fairways. Wednesday & Thursday we began a Soil Modification Program to improve the fairway on # 3. This fairway has always had issues with a thin soil cap, poor water movement and thin turf. Because of that, this fairway has been susceptible to both cart traffic, turf wear, disease and heavy rains. This program began with the rental of a machine called an “Earthquake”. This unit slits the turf deeply and was done so, in multiple directions. Sand was then applied at a very heavy rate to top-dress the entire fairway. Over 20 plus tons of sand was applied. This process will thicken the turf cap, improve drainage, which will increase the long-term health. Our plan is to continue this program over the next several years in the spring and fall. While not every fairway needs this process, # 3 was the easy choice to try out this process.

As winter soon as approaches, the next phase of tree removal will begin. We will continue to remove these trees which will increase the overall health and visual esthetics of the course.

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