

Green Committee Meeting

October 24, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 4:00

The Committee did not meet in September

Members Attending: Bob Farren, Nancy Brooks, Lou Mongelluzo, Bob Alperi, Juanita Milam, Jackie tucker, Bob Cherry, John Zalewski, Larry McWane, Phil Reaper, Mary Pappas, Charlie Clayton, Dick Biegger.

Weather Data: Thru October 24, 2011

Precipitation 1.54 inches rain; average high 76.0 average low 55.1 Prior year hi 76.4 low 53.8

YTD total for 2010 38.52 + 2" snow YTD total for 2011 32.85 + 4 inches snow

Nancy Brooks – Thanks committee members for coming. We will tour the greenhouses today.

Bob Farren – The conditioning levels throughout all of the courses have improved a great deal since our last meeting in late August. Several greens have required sod plugs and selected repair techniques. The overseeding is complete throughout the property. Course No. 2 and Course No. 3 will remain dormant for the winter season as well as the Lawn Sports turf. Bob Farren reiterated the challenges of the golf maintenance employees doing their best to prepare the courses in front of play. However, there will always be times when work needs to continue during play. The employees are instructed to perform the tasks while keeping the interruptions to a minimum.

The Committee had a very enlightening tour of the Greenhouse operation. Thanks to Chris Burrows, Ground Superintendent for taking the time to share his expertise and passion for our annual color displays. We observed the thousands of pansy plants and how they are grown, staged and moved. They are no longer grown in plastic containers but a mesh material that goes directly into the dirt, thus saving labor hours. We also inspected the hothouse area used for trees, ferns, orchids, etc. Cuttings are used (such as lantana) to grow all the plants for spring. Christmas plants are purchased.

Course No.1 – The fall aerification of the greens is currently underway.

Course No. 2 - The course is in excellent condition at this time. The firmness, texture and the pace of the greens is approaching championship conditioning levels. Bob Farren apologized to the Committee for the unfortunate situation surrounding the aerification of the greens before the Member – Guest and will make certain it doesn't happen again. The greens are scheduled for aerification November 15th thru November 23rd.

Course No. 3 – The greens are recovering well from last weeks aerification. The par three tees have been overseeded.

Course No. 4 – The overseeding is complete. This is the only course that will be overseeded "wall to wall". The greens are scheduled to be aerified October 30 thru November 4th.

Course No. 5 – Overseeding is complete with greens scheduled to be aerified November 9 – 14.

Course No. 6 – Overseeding and greens aerification is complete.

Course No. 7 – Overseeding is complete with aerification is underway this week. Some trees have been removed on the 12th hole.

Miscellaneous -

Bob added general comments about the moist approach areas to greens. This is due to the young, immature overseeding sprouts and will continue until they are well established (mid to late November typically).

A discussion was also held regarding possibility of having one course (perhaps #1) planted with one of the new dwarf Bermuda greens sometime in the future. Hyland Hills and Legacy Golf Links now have Bermuda greens. It is not green in the winter due to being dormant and very difficult to make ball marks on at all times. They need to be covered when temperatures dip below freezing.

Lawn Sports and Marina – Surfaces will remain dormant for the winter months. We have not determined the painting schedule. GCM will, at the request from the Committee, aggressively topdress the playing surfaces next year. We will need the event calendar to reflect this in order to accomplish the process. The mower board needs repaired or replaced. Many of the bricks around Court No. 1 need to be repaired over the winter.

2011 Year in Review for Annual Membership Meeting – 9:00 am and 6:00 pm December 12, 2011

- The Sandhills region experienced the second consecutive year of record breaking high temperatures. We had close to 40 days with the temperature reaching or exceeding 95 degrees. This offered a great challenge to the GCM team. The high temperatures were also reflected in the decline in total rounds played.
- The greens on Course No. 3 struggled late in the season but not surprisingly due to their maturity in the first season. The fairways were not overseeded last winter and will remain dormant this winter as well.
- As insignificant as it may seem to some; the replacement of the rail road crossing was a welcome improvement.
- GCM were happy to work with the Tin Whistles to relocate their plaque into the Garden as well as the re-creation of the TW Springhouse at the 12th tee of No. 1.
- Without question the most significant accomplishment was the successful restoration efforts for Course No. 2. The team was challenged a great deal with the harsh winter conditions but was able to open the course on time. We were pleased with their performance this first summer. It helped a great deal to have limited play on them during the afternoons in July and August. The changes have been well received throughout the Membership, guests and frankly the entire golf industry.
- Jackie Tucker on behalf of the Lawn Bowls and Bob Cherry on behalf of the Croquet players expressed great appreciation for the efforts and vast improvement on the conditioning levels of the lawn sports surfaces.

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Respectfull submitted

Nancy Brooks
chairperson