

Turf Talk:

The Tuesday, Wednesday course closures is coming to an end for the summer... Aug 31 is the last day. Golf maint would like to thank the Golf Membership for making this accommodation during this challenging season of golf course maintenance.

Below is a list of some of the work the team was able to get done during the closures. This work was done without the interruption of golf play or time crunch of course preparations...

1. Irrigation auditing
 - a. Checking sprinklers to make sure they are working and rotating properly
 - b. Make large irrigation repairs without inconveniencing golfers
 - c. Greens flushing – running sprinklers for long intervals to ‘flush’ salts that build up in soil profile
2. Bunkers
 - a. The team was able to reposition sand within the bunkers to make them softer, more playable, specifically at greenside bunkers.
 - b. Currently working to install drainage at fairway bunkers on hole 16 CW
3. Greens maintenance
 - a. Vertical mowing / topdressing
 - b. Fertilizer applications
 - c. Needle tine venting of greens to aid with air / gas exchange
 - d. Give greens a rest from traffic and maintenance
4. Storm clean up
 - a. Remove debris-trash, clean up cart paths, remove large branches, etc
5. Sod patch work, sprigging
 - a. Some minor sodding was done at both golf courses, sprigs installed at 17 CW
6. Fairway aeration
 - a. The fairways at both golf courses were aerified 3x (2-directions each event) during the summer....June, July, August.

This accommodation by the golfing membership went a long way with regards to the morale of the golf maintenance team. It demonstrated to the golf maintenance team that there is commitment by Membership to make the golf course playing conditions the best they possibly can. It conveyed there was an appreciation for the team’s hard work and their dedication during the long, hot days of summer.

This being the first summer of closure, the team learned a lot about what it can get done. There will be adjustments and more preparation for the closure days as we move into next year.

‘Thank you’ from Golf Maintenance team.