

Green Committee Minutes
June 3, 2010

Attendees: Steve Schmidt, Ryan Nolan, Ruth Bott, Jan Urban, Bill Burke

Course Updates (presented by Ryan Nolan)

May Accomplishments

- Aerified, rolled, top-dressed and fertilized Marsh Hawk and Black Heath greens as well as one practice green, two nurseries and the member chipping green
- Spiked Blue Heron greens with needle tines
- Aerified all tee boxes on Marsh Hawk and Black Heath
- Fertilized all Bermuda grass
- Sodded and filled in fairway bunker on Marsh Hawk #7
- Sodded right area by Marsh Hawk #2 tee
- Aided Techo in fixing drain pipe issue on Black Heath #7
- Edged bunkers on Blue Heron and Marsh Hawk
- Continued with satellite irrigation box repairs (Note: this is a never-ending battle with 10 to 12 year old equipment and no full-time irrigation man)

Goals for June

- Aerify Blue Heron greens on 7th and 8th
- Edge bunkers on Black Heath
- Help Techo finish project on Black Heath #6 (Note: Techo should fill ditches on Monday the 7th. We will sod later.)
- Spray growth regulator on fairways
- Continue fixing drains and sinkholes throughout the courses
- Sod weak areas throughout the courses (tee tops, around greens, etc.)
- Bermuda grass is now growing, so we can now evaluate weed population and treat accordingly

Old Business

Status of Sink Hole Repair

This work is ongoing (see above), but does not include Black Heath #4. Work on the sink hole on Black Heath #4 has not been scheduled or funded. It is a major undertaking and will involve the replacement of 48 inch pipe. Although a major portion of the pipe has caved in, drainage is still occurring, so Steve and Ryan strongly believe that it would be a mistake to simply fill in the area until the work can be funded. Unfortunately, left as is, this sink hole will continue to erode, i.e. grow.

Chapter 11 Impact on Course Maintenance

While the impact on the budget has been minimal, the fact that the club is in Chapter 11 means vendor purchases are now COD. This generates more paper, eats up supervisor time and delays action. There is really nothing we can do about this except understand it and accept that some actions will take longer to accomplish.

New Business

Combo Tees on Blue Heron

The combo tees are still a cause of confusion for some members. If new scorecards can't clear this up, we may need to alert golfers with signage that a combo tee is coming up. Steve has suggested painting a small but noticeable "C" on the cart path either at the beginning of the hole or at the silver tee.

Facility Repairs on the Courses

The repair of bathroom doors (Blue Heron #9 & #10 and MH #2) and the repainting of water towers is needed. (Note: This item was on our agenda but does not fall under Steve's responsibilities.)

Open Discussion

Pull Carts

Tom Lynch (member since 1986) attended our meeting. He was there at Steve's invitation to express his concern about the disregard for course rules governing pull carts around tees and greens. Committee members agreed that this problem seems to be growing again. Mr. Lynch suggested a full fledged campaign to focus the attention of members on the need to respect our local rules regarding pull carts. Pull carts need to be kept off the teeing grounds and, as a rule of thumb, kept out of the circle encompassing the green and any side bunkers. Even when pull carts near the green do no permanent damage, they can still flatten the grass under their tires and make chipping onto the green more difficult for the golfers that follow them. It should be a matter of good golf etiquette to keep pull carts a safe distance from the greens and to never take them between a green side bunker and the green.

The Committee suggests that the CCMA post flyers on this subject in the Pro Shop and in the Computer Room. In addition, if damage from pull carts around a green occurs, the Club might consider directing pull carts to exit the fairway at the same point motorized carts exit until the damaged grass recovers. In any case, our course marshals need to be more aware of course abuse by all golfers.