

QUAIL DUNES

| Maintenance Report |

Sod #7 ladies tee

Sod from the area between hole 10 and 9 was removed and used to replace the majority of the front portion of the gold tee on #7. This area will remain closed for a time as the new grass has a chance to knit in, then this tee will re-open.

Tree Damage

Parks Department staff came out with the bucket truck and removed several “hangers” that had busted during recent storms. We will continue to monitor the trees as these branches aren’t discovered in the canopy until the start to wilt.

Verticutting

Verticutting and topdressing of the greens took place. Included with this process, bentgrass seed and gypsum were added to all of the greens. The gypsum is used to lower the overall salinity of the soil.

Severe Weather

As the heat hits and we enter the general monsoon season, remember there is always a chance of a severe thunderstorm. Stay aware of any local watches or warnings in the area if you plan to come out and play. We recommend that if weather begins to roll in, that you get inside. If you are caught outside in strong winds be sure to cover up as falling and flying debris are usually a storms number one killer.



Superintendant's Report

We have begun meeting with industry professionals to develop a plan moving forward to improve the greens. The recommendations are typically coming back pretty much the same: continue with the seeding/hexing process. Kenny Troutman, former Assistant Superintendent at Pinehurst Country Club came out and met our team. His recommendations echoed others that I have gotten. That was to continue with seeding to grow them back in. After meeting with Mr. Troutman it was determined that re sodding the greens at this time may not be the best option. Because of the time it would take to heal, the playability or the surface, and the need to close several greens during the process.

Moving forward we will be using the walk behind aerator to break through the “crust” on many of the bad areas throughout the greens, using a drop spreader to spread the seed throughout these areas that

Planning

The Quail Dunes Staff has begun working with industry representatives, as well reaching out to other area courses to help formulate and develop a plan for upcoming winter policies. We will be working with City Council to communicate the needs of the course for long range improvements and capital expenditures.

have been needle tined, then topdressing the area and spraying with a surfactant/wetting agent in hopes of keeping some moisture at the surface level to keep the seed hydrated.

Our team is also working on bringing in other industry professionals to look at the greens including, Judd Fitzgerald, former Assistant Superintendent at Augusta National, as well as, the grow in Superintendent at Ballyneal.

Thank you to those community members for their input and concerns. Many people with turf knowledge have offered help, input and time. We hope to reach out to several individuals in the future to gather their thoughts.

Up Coming Events

Fireman's Scramble – July 13th

Dale Douglass Jr. Golf Day – July 19th

Men's League – Weekly Thursday evenings

Ladies 9 – Weekly Wednesday evenings

Junior Golf Camp

July 8 – 11

Advanced Jr's continues on Tuesday afternoon through July.

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