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Re: Spring 2018 Visits

Dear Charlie,

It was good to see all the courses in 3 straight days this year. Going forward, I will do that each Spring and I will do that again this Summer when I make follow up visits to golf each course. It helped me to see where each course was in it's stage of the early Spring. As you know, this Winter and early Spring was exceptionally cold and slow for grass, but waiting to do sample collection when we did shows that soil temperatures had mostly caught up to early May's norms. I still see courses in the area with aerification holes from March and April. On your courses that you waited to aerify greens until later, they should heal quickly due to weather and using the amendment recommendations.

With regards to the recommendations page of the report for the greens, I suggest every course do an application of 0-0-50 on the greens monthly. I believe that you already ordered that for each course last week. Some sets of greens were leaner than others coming into Spring according to the data and the results I saw. It may take a couple of months worth of the recommended applications to catch things up. I would focus on the sandier greens like RiverWinds, Blue Heron Pines and Running Deer. Everyone "looks" good this time of year but the next stress season is coming and the sandy soils, in particular, need to be ready for that. All the greens are deficient in Manganese and some worse than others. Anytime you can apply manganese sulfate or manganese based liquids will help. It would be great if all 6 places attacked this between September and December of this year.

I also went to Tuckahoe Sand and Gravel in February and collected a sample from their pile of the topdressing sand that you use. It was similar to the 2016 sample except for it being slightly finer now. You may see less of the "rocky pieces" left on top. We should continue to check it every couple of years and especially follow any changes in the finer particles. We can talk in more detail about each course. I have some notes I took during my visits that we can go over when you have time.

Sincerely,
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