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Re: Summer 2018 Visit

Dear Kent,

I was able to play all 18 holes the day of my visit. The greens rolled well and the color was good. The bermudagrass in the tees, fairways and roughs was still not in full growth, but your recent Nitrogen applications should help transition the ryegrass out. You received some rain, since I was there, and monsoon season was supposed to start a little early. After a very dry Winter and Spring, anything will help the longer cut grass. One topic we discussed was decreasing the amount of rough on the property as well as increasing areas of rough that is overseeded in the Fall at the member's request. There is a tremendous amount of space on the property that is not in play but should be kept neat. Your ideas of planting more trees to "wall" off areas of the course would work great to beautify the course and make it so you don't have to mow as much grass. With the recent applications of Nitrogen based fertilizers on the tees and fairways, I don't see a need to apply anything else this Summer once the bermudagrass is growing well with the increasing humidity. This is also the first year in a while that you won't be topdressing the fairways.

The numbers on the green reflect the conditions that the greens were in but there is still a lagging Magnesium level. Please apply the following to the greens each of the next three months:

2 pounds of product per 1,000 square feet rate of Pro-Mag

I did collect a sample on the new Putting green at the clubhouse. I think the priority for those two greens is to core aerify as often as possible to work on the sod layer that was evident when I sampled it. The new greens currently drain well and I wouldn't want to see that infiltration rate decrease unnecessarily fast due to the sod layer increasing. Please apply the following to the new putting and chipping greens each of the next three months:

2 pounds of product per 1,000 square feet rate of 11-55-00

2 pounds of product per 1,000 square feet rate of Pro-Mag

2 pounds of product per 1,000 square feet rate of 0-0-50

In having a very dry Spring, there may be some positive effects on the greens. The roots may be a little deeper and adding the fans for air movement will give the bentgrass and poa annua a fighting chance to do better this Summer. The current greens-mix in the on course greens tends to hold more water than is preferable in the heat and humidity. The recent aerification will help to keep things moving as the rain becomes more regular in the next two months. Keep me posted if you see any sign of disease on the greens.

Sincerely,
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