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Re: Fall 2018 Visit

Dear Kent,

There were several nice things that had been completed or changed this Summer from the past. You had added many forward tees- all done by your staff. You had also stayed open through August- that was one of your original goals when you came on to the property. You had decided not to topdress fairways this year for the first time in 6 or 7 years- that may be something you can pick up again. Overall, the bermudagrass looked healthy and many bare spots had filled in. There is still an internal debate about how much should be overseeded- that will go on forever and cost has to be factored in. I lean towards doing the least amount possible to protect the bermudagrass. You had a good year for it and it would be very playable during Winter I am sure but you almost need the ryegrass in the main play areas to protect it against wear and tear.

The greens were doing well except for the continued bermudagrass contamination. The fans were a homerun and helped out during monsoon season. I saw no greens that went backwards this Summer. Although I missed the drill and fill, you said that it went well and got done- minus the wet sand issue. It is one of the downsides of the drill and fill but the effort you made will help to meet your goal changing the existing poor draining profile in the greens. The data was consistent and only lacking in one area and that was magnesium. I would again focus on that this Winter using Epsom Salts in the spray tank and Pro-Mag granular applications until December. The color response will be excellent! Please apply the following products each of the next 3 months to the greens:

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

The water samples were consistent and the bicarbonate levels were just slightly out of range on the high side. Nothing to worry about or treat for.
As you have time, let's go over the details of the report together.

Sincerely,
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