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Re: Summer 2018 Visit

Dear Justin,

The day I was there to collect samples was also the day of the SoCal STMA Field Days. It was a perfect place to have it and demonstrate some of the tools that you use to keep the fields maintained at a high level. After the event I collected the 4 field sections and the new sodded area around the Field House. This was the first time I have done soil testing in June so this report will sort of stand by itself for now until we collect next June and have year over year data.

There are no real deficiencies on this round of data. However, we know certain things need to be done this time of the season to prepare for the next. It looks like you will have plenty of heat coming this week, but your overnight lows are still comfortable. The soil temperatures should be steady in good bermudagrass growing range by now. With your upcoming Summer aerification and verti-cutting, any nitrogen applications timed around those projects should set things up for a good Fall. Currently, the nitrogen levels are low so you will not be over doing it when you apply. I think its more about the timing of the application so that you can get the most from it.

The Stadium field has a planned renovation. When you get into the decisions on selecting the sand and gravel for the base, let me know. We can work together to find a mix that will have organic material in it and something that drains well. Even if there are some budget constraints that may effect how much of the mix you can purchase, we can determine the proper depth of a given mix and then make adjustments from there based on price. As you know, selecting the proper mix is critical to how the field will need to be maintained long term.

I can see the fields getting better each visit. The programs you have implemented are working to maintain the fields at standards everyone involved seems to like. Stick with the good cultural practices like topdressing, verti-cutting and deep aerification. Areas that may have been troubled over your time there will begin to be less of an issue as you keep these programs in place.

Sincerely,
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