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Re: Fall 2018 Visit

Dear Tom,

The course was in a small window of drying out during my visit and things seemed to be doing well. I have never seen that golf course so wet before! Shortly after my visit hole #4 flooded again and we just got an all day rain event the day before I wrote this letter. It has been an extremely difficult year to keep up minimum maintenance standards and the rain has shown every little section of the property that doesn't drain perfectly. I know you will have many of those drainage projects completed this Fall and Winter and you and your staff did a great job of not making things worse by being patient. The golfers may have had a wet and shaggy golf course, but you did a great job of protecting the asset this year.

We talked at length, after receiving the lab data, about the need to apply Hi-Cal Lime to the fairways. As we saw with #1 fairway there is no need to lime there. Fairway #1 is one of your best fairways and has a pH more closely to neutral. So it would make the case for liming the others we saw that had a pH closer to 6- your soil seems to provide what the plant needs near neutral pH. I would guess that the fairways that perform well and don't have significant drainage issues, probably lean towards a higher pH. As we continue on a tee and fairway sample program we will be able to dial in things such as lime applications based on a broader data set. Right now we have one-third of the fairways sampled so far and you should apply a single rate to all the fairways. I would recommend no more than 1,000 pounds of product per acre at this time.

We also discussed a possible need for a 0-0-50 application on the tees and fairways. My recommendation is to have the product on hand for a late Winter/early Spring application. Your levels on the fairways have increased nicely since Spring even with the rain. The recent application will help the seeding you did as well. With regards to the new grass, I believe you have the nutrient levels you need to sustain the new grass as long as you get normal rain. The rain has been a huge positive factor for the seed's success. I know it gets hard to mow it but the chances of it lasting for the long term increased with your good timing of the project. A week or two later or earlier than when you seeded would have lowered the germination rate by a lot!

The greens have a need for increased manganese levels that you can work on as long as the ground isn't frozen. Other than that everything else is in line for this time of year.

Take a look at the report and as you can, let's go over the details of the report together.

Sincerely,
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