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Re: Fall Sample Collection

Summary of lab data:

- *No applications are needed at this time. If you use a standard “starter” fertilizer at ryegrass overseeding, that will take care of things.*

Dear Kent,

I was glad to see you got a new Assistant Superintendent so quickly after Ray left. He has some really good experience and seems like he isn't afraid to work hard. The visit focused on the construction of the new practice facility for the University of Arizona. It was moving along but we could not collect a greens-mix sample while I was there because there was a delay at the plant for that. I did collect a gravel sample and the Driving Range Tee/New on course tees mix. Both will be baseline testing and we are looking at this stage of the project as a “test run” for the bigger work on the course in 2023. Last we communicated, you had collected some greens-mix and I sent you paperwork to get it to the lab. The plan we discussed was to learn what the Phoenix sand plant can do and know what the new practice green will be and then make any adjustments we want to over Winter in preparations for the 2023 phase of the project.

On the course visit, I thought the bermudagrass was in excellent condition and the greens may have made it through Summer in the best condition in several years. One more year to seed and “patch” things up for the prime season and this time next year we should be seeing new greens and a mix that will be much more manageable and can produce the conditions everyone wants. After finishing up another greens renovation in Las Vegas, it was interesting to see how that Club never really had a chance to produce high level conditions due to poor construction. Decent maintenance practices could never overcome the bad start. I can already see the differences on the soil tests between the old and new greens. I believe your Club will see the same thing after new greens are installed. Poor irrigation design and a greens-mix that causes real problems for your climate, doesn't help. When All that is fixed, Tucson CC will be ready for a bright future.

Let's catch up when you have time.

Sincerely,
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