



# Rivershore Estates and Golf Links

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## Links Division Report – April 2018

### ❖ Greens

- The greens continue to play very well. We have made two applications of fertilizer to all the putting surfaces thus far and the colour is improving. The growth is not as fast as we would like to see but this is almost certainly due to the cooler temperatures.
- Our staff have been transplanting healthy turf from the edges of some putting greens into weaker areas that are located in spots more likely to impact play. Also, the weaker turf will have a better chance to recover at the edges where it is less likely it will receive traffic.

### ❖ Tees and Fairways

- Tees and fairways have received their first mowing of the season. The colour on the tees has improved greatly over the last couple weeks. Unfortunately, the colour on the fairways is still very poor. We expect this to improve as growth increases with fertilizer and higher temperatures.

### ❖ Rough

- We have started our seasonal mowing of the naturalized areas. By mowing these areas once a year first thing in the spring we hope to discourage the growth of broadleaf weeds. The grasses in these areas will tolerate the mowing much better than the broadleaf weeds and will hopefully gain a competitive advantage heading into the growing season.



❖ **Projects**

- The 2<sup>nd</sup> tee has been leveled and the surrounds prepared for sod. Once the irrigation sprinklers are leveled to the new grade we will fertilize and seed the teeing surface. Immediately following the seeding of the tee deck, we will install bluegrass sod in the surrounds.



- The rock in front of the pro shop has been prepared to have new Arizona shale installed. The area where we removed turf last fall was cleaned up and covered with a layer of landscape fabric to inhibit weed growth. We are now just waiting for the producer to prepare some product and deliver it.





❖ **Irrigation**

- We experienced a malfunction of the flow metre at the irrigation pumphouse. This malfunction resulted in inaccurate readings and incorrect operation of the irrigation pumps. We removed the flow metre, inspected it and re-installed it. Since the flow metre has been replaced it has been functioning properly. While we did not observe any debris disrupting the normal movement of the paddle wheel, we think that in the process of removing the metre we did free some type of impediment. We will closely monitor the pumps and flow metre behaviour for the next while.

❖ **Other**

- Any taller stumps that were left from tree removals have been cut down as low as possible in preparation to be ground out.



❖ **Coming up**

- Seeding and sodding of 2 tee.
- Stump grinding.
- Fertilize tees, fairways and rough.