



Rivershore Estates and Golf Links

Links Division Report – May 2018

❖ Greens

- The growth on the greens has increased a great deal with the warmer temperatures. All greens have received their first application of growth regulator in order to promote consistent greens speeds. However, with the high growth rate due to favorable growing conditions and the emergence of seed heads from the poa annua it is difficult to maintain green speeds throughout the day. We have begun our bi-weekly verticutting and top dressing which will help to improve smoothness and ball roll. Also, once we begin to experience prolonged hotter, dryer weather growth slows and green speed consistency improves.
- The greens have received first application of wetting agent
- Green dots have been painted to mark green edges. This will help our operators to maintain the correct shape of our greens when they mow.



❖ **Tees and Fairways**

- Tees have experienced some scalping as we attempt to restore their proper size and shape. The scalped look in these areas should disappear once the turf receives regular mowing at the appropriate height of cut for an extended period of time.
- Some tees have received solid tine aeration. The rest will be aerated soon.

❖ **Roughs**

- All rough immediately surrounding the greens and any weaker areas have received an early season application of fertilizer. All of the primary rough will receive fertilizer in June.

❖ **Projects**

- #2 tee was seeded April 19th. The seedlings emerged roughly 10 days after seeding and the uniformity in emergence across the tee was very good. This area will begin to receive weekly applications of fertilizer as soon as the young plants can withstand the traffic.



- The Arizona shale has been installed in the rock garden near the pro shop putting green. We will be installing some boulders and planting a row of shrubs along the curb in front of the pro shop.



❖ **Irrigation**

- The issues with the flow metre have persisted. The flow metre will need to be replaced.

❖ **Sand traps**

- The sand traps have received their first cultivation of the season.

❖ **Coming up**

- More work at pro shop rock garden
- Remove sand from pot bunker on 11 and replace with clean sand leftover from sand trap on 4 green
- More solid tine aeration on tees