

## **Director of Golf Report**

**February 2023**

### **Pro Shops**

Preliminary rounds for January were 35,901, the total was 5,586 fewer than prior year. Rounds were primarily impacted due to weather. The average temperature for January 2023 was 62.84, down from 68.81 for January 2022. There were 7 days impacted by rain for January 2023, compared to 2 days for January 2022. Preliminary revenue shows Green Fee/Cart Fee revenue missing budget by \$38,680 and missing prior year by \$74,370. Preliminary reports show merchandise exceeding budget by \$1,082 and Driving Range revenue missing budget by \$8,068.

For the year ending December 31, we played 353,257 rounds, of those 189,496 were played by Annual No Fee (Resident) and Annual Surcharge passholders. Remaining rounds were played by Cardholder Daily (60,333), Cardholder Guest (35,715), RCSC Staff (9,539), Non-Resident passholder (15,065) and Public (43,109).

Beginning in March the Golf Division will be running a trial, as approved at the January 2023 Golf Advisory Meeting, in an attempt to reduce the number of reservations failing to get a tee time through the lottery system. For the Month of March we will be running straight sheets only, with a few exceptions. Ladies and Men play on Tuesday and Wednesday will continue to choose the tee sheet format they wish to run on their respective days of play. In addition there are two remaining Ladies Team play events that will also play crossover tee sheets (March 2 and March 11). The time frame of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. is the most requested through the lottery process, by running straight sheets there will be more times available during this time frame, as there will be no courses closed for crossovers. We will be keeping track of the "bump rate" of unsuccessful requests and comparing the rate to unsuccessful requests in March of 2022. We will report the results of the trial at the April 2023 Golf Advisory meeting.

### **Snack Shops**

Snack shops are now closing at 5:00 p.m. on a consistent basis, and will continue to do so until business begins slowing in April.

### **Golf Courses**

The preliminary aerification/overseed schedule was presented to Golf Advisory in January and is attached to this report. We will continue our practice of a single, more aggressive aerification. In addition to regular aerification events we will be solid tine aerifying more frequently. Solid tines do not impact the green surface to the extent of hollow tines and do not require course closures. Fairway verticutting begins at the end of April and in two day blocks. As the Lakes West and Willowbrook courses were not overseeded, those courses will not need to close for the verticutting event. Though it does not eliminate transition related issues, verticutting does open the grass canopy by thinning out the rye grass, allowing the bermuda base to recover from dormancy quicker. We ask each Green Committee to review the schedule and inform us of any conflicts with scheduled events, we will do our best to resolve them. This year the North and Lakes East courses will forgo overseeding of fairways.

In addition to the normal agronomic events, the North course front 9 will close as part of fairway verticutting on April 17 and will remain closed through the overseeding process, reopening October 14. The front 9 will be closed on April 17 to begin prepping the fairways for Tif Tuf Turf installation in June. To prepare the fairways, the current common bermuda base will be chemically removed in three stages to provide the greatest chance of removal, these applications will be approximately 30 days apart. Once chemically removed there will be some mechanical preparation, the Tif Tuf will be installed through a process called hydro-sprigging. Hydro-sprigging uses cut stolons and rhizomes in slurry of fertilizer and binding agents and is applied using a large hose, similar to a fire hose. The remaining time of the closure will be used to allow the new Tif Tuf base to establish. The North course was chosen to not overseed to protect the newly established turf from the rigors of the overseed process.

# 2023 AERIFICATION/VERTICUTTING DATES

## Golf Course will be Closed

### Fairway Verticutting

|         |              |   |
|---------|--------------|---|
| Mon     | April 17, 18 | North (Front Nine Closes through Overseeding) |
| Mon-Tue | April 24, 25 | Quail   |
| Thu-Fri | April 27, 28 | South   |
| Mon-Tue | May 1, 2     | Lakes East                                    |
| Thu-Fri | May 4, 5     | Riverview                                     |
| Mon-Tue | May 8, 9     | Willowcreek                                   |

### Fairways Aerification

|         |             |                |
|---------|-------------|----------------|
| Thu     | May 15      | North (Back 9) |
| Mon     | May 18      | Quail          |
| Thu-Fri | May 22, 23  | South          |
| Mon-Tue | May 25, 26  | Lakes East     |
| Thu-Fri | June 1, 2   | Lakes West     |
| Mon-Tue | June 5, 6   | Riverview      |
| Thu-Fri | June 8, 9   | Willowcreek    |
| Mon-Tue | June 12, 13 | Willowbrook    |

### Greens Aerification

|               |               |                |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Thu, Fri      | June 15, 16   | North (Back 9) |
| Mon, Tue      | June 19, 20   | Quail          |
| Wed, Thu, Fri | June 21-23    | South          |
| Wed, Thu, Fri | July 5-7      | Lakes East     |
| Mon, Tue, Wed | July 10-12    | Lakes West     |
| Mon, Tue, Wed | July 17-19    | Riverview      |
| Mon, Tue      | July 24-26    | Willowcreek    |
| Mon, Tue, Wed | July 31-Aug 2 | Willowbrook    |

## 2023 OVERSEED SCHEDULE

### Golf Course will be Closed

| <u>Course</u> | <u>Overseed</u> | <u>Opens</u> | <u>Off Cart Path</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Lakes West    | Sept 25         | Oct 14       | Nov 3                |
| Quail Run     | Sept 25         | Oct 14       | Nov 3                |
| Willowbrook   | Sept 25         | Oct 14       | Nov 3                |
| North         | Sept 25         | Oct 14       | Limited Restrictions |
| Lakes East    | Oct 16          | Nov 4        | Limited Restrictions |
| Riverview     | Oct 16          | Nov 4        | Nov 24               |
| Willowcreek   | Oct 16          | Nov 4        | Nov 24               |
| South         | Oct 16          | Nov 4        | Nov 24               |

As of 1-17-2023

- \* North and Lakes East non overseeded fairways, cart restrictions limited only to around tees and green complexes
- \* If temperatures are too high for Sept 25 start first wave will be pushed back one week, resulting in one week overlap of course closures

# GREEN COMMITTEE OF WILLOW BROOK/CREEK GOLF COURSE

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT February 2, 2023

CHUCK MANNING

## COURSE CONDITION:

We have received 1.40" of rain in January.

Please encourage the use of the sand and seed mixture to fill divots on tees and fairways.

Do not use sand and seed mixture to fill divots in the roughs.

Please repair ball marks on greens.

Delays due to temperature are always a possibility for the next few weeks.

The roughs are very dry so please properly dispose of smoking material.

### BROOK

**Greens:** HOC .190" / Soil temperature 40<sup>0</sup>

**Stimp Reading** 9.7'

**Fairways:** HOC .750"

**Tees, Collars, and approaches:** HOC .750"

**Green banks/ Street Fronts:** HOC 1.5"

**Rough:** HOC 1.5"

### CREEK

**Greens:** HOC .130" / Soil temperature 40<sup>0</sup>

**Stimp Reading** 10.3'

**Fairways:** HOC .750"

**Tees, Collars, and approaches:** HOC .750"

**Green banks/ Street Fronts:** HOC 1.5"

**Rough:** HOC 1.5"

## PROJECTS IN PROGRESS:

1. Complete fertilizer program
2. Completed pesticide/Herbicide applications
3. Apply per emergent herbicide
4. Top dress greens
5. Divots
6. Trim desert plants
7. Raked deserts
8. Trimmed trees
9. Vacuum leaves

## PROJECTS COMPLETED

1. Divots
2. Rakes deserts

## STAFF:

Willow Brook Creek is short 1 staff member.

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