

July 2010 Letter from Chris Getty  
*Squire Golf Course Superintendent*

Here are some updates from around the course-

**Greens-**

- The greens have completely healed from June aerification
- A pencil tine aerification, light topdressing, and granular fertilization are scheduled for Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.
- A monthly pencil tining will follow throughout the summer months to:
  - Help provide oxygen to the roots of the plant
  - Help alleviate compaction and soften the greens which will allow for approach shots to land and stay on the green easier

**Tees, Fairways, Roughs-**

- The tees, fairways, and approaches were sprayed with a plant growth regulator on June 21<sup>st</sup>. They will be sprayed in three week intervals throughout the summer months. The next date they are scheduled to be sprayed is Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Weed Control-**

- Spot spraying will continue on the fairways and roughs for sedges, grassy weeds, and broadleaves. Expect to see some yellowing of the Bermuda grass surrounding the weeds that have been sprayed. This is normal when using herbicides and these areas should green back up within 7-10 days after being sprayed.

**Insect Control-**

- The second insecticide application for mole cricket control is scheduled for Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Miscellaneous-**

- Throughout the month of June, the maintenance staff has mulched 90% of the desired tree and flower beds around the course. Mulch should be completed by the middle of July.
- The drainage project on #5 has been postponed due to a large area of around 1,800 sq ft of solid cap rock under the fairway blocking the path for the drainage pipe to reach its destination. Some alternate solutions to complete this project are currently being discussed.

I hope this information is helpful to you in understanding the upcoming projects happening on the Squire. I look forward to communicating with each of you in the future. Thank you for being a member and helping us achieve our goals!

Hit 'em long and straight!

Chris Getty