

## **April Letter from Chris Getty**

Squire Golf Course Superintendent

Here are some updates from around the course:

### **Squire Greens' Perimeters**

#### ***Actions Taken-***

- Spike weekly (Aids in gas exchange and alleviates surface tension)
- Topdress & Granular Fertilize with 12-3-12 bi-weekly
- Foliar Fertilize 2x/week (Consistently feed the plant nutrients through the leaf)
- Organic Fertilize weekly (Helps soil hold moisture & slowly releases nutrients to the plant)
- Solid Tine Aerify bi-weekly (Provides oxygen to roots)
- Applied nematicide (Treated for parasitic nematodes attacking plant roots)
- Plugged Areas (Correcting areas with less than 50% grass density)
- Light Watering 2/3 times a day

#### **Additional Info-**

- Heights of cut have been lowered on the greens, tees, fairways, and collars to provide better playability and to aid in transition
- Tees, fairways, and roughs were fertilized March 31<sup>st</sup>, expect the course to green up and the rough to start growing
- Weed control has begun in the roughs, expect to see yellowing of weeds
- Insecticide application to tees, fairways, and rough is scheduled for late April for control of mole crickets and grubs

We appreciate your patience as the maintenance staff works hard on the greens' perimeters. These areas have improved within the past month and will continue to improve with the warmer temperatures here to stay. The firmness of the greens seems to be another area of concern for many of you. Please understand that it takes 1-2 years for newly built greens to build up a thatch and organic layer which allows the ball to land softer and hold the green easier. The greens are being aerified monthly and rolling has been minimized to help aid in a softer playing surface. Thank you for being a member and I look forward to talking to each and every one of you in the future.

Chris Getty