



GREENS COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER – MAY 2016

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May 2016

April and May have been busy at AGC. Opening day on April 22 gave a great introduction to playing conditions for 2016. The course is looking fantastic! Weather conditions are sunny and cool. Although, temperatures have been lower than usual, optimism abounds for all members that May/June will continue to bring warmer temperatures than early spring.

Course Maintenance Standards:

The new Course Maintenance Standards will be posted on the course website and available to all members shortly. We encourage you to review them to see what it takes to keep a golf course in great condition!

Members are reminded that all concerns and questions will be considered by Greens Committee members and will be brought forward as required.

Current Course Condition:

Sodded areas are doing great and number # 1 tee should be available for play by mid-late June. Areas affected by winter-kill have rebounded well and

are showing much new growth. The onset of warmer weather will enhance the already excellent condition of the course. Growth Regulator has been applied to the greens May 19th. The greens are filling in nicely and modified mowing / rolling practices have enhanced the quality of green turf surface.

Major Maintenance undertaken since last newsletter:

- Stump removal # 12, 17 / Resodding
- Tree clean-up by volunteer crew
- Sodding work on many holes which will improve the look and playability of the course.
- Site visit / assessment from Professional Agronomist, Jeff Colwell.
- Cartpath work on Holes 4, 5, 9, 10, 13. The use of larger grade rock which is covered by class 'A' gravel appears to be holding well. Expectations are this new strategy will decrease heavy rainfall run-off damage. Most of these items have been accomplished by existing manpower & require minimal funds; as well, sodding material using existing resources have worked well.

June Maintenance:

During June, the following maintenance is expected to be accomplished:

- Additional sodding of high play areas; 10 fairway, 8 green side, etc.
- Further application of growth regulator on the greens / tees
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Future issues under consideration:

Discussion is ongoing with regard to treatment of trouble areas such as the cartpath on #2, the bridge #6 and railway ties on #12. The Newsletter will update members as the solutions evolve.

Notice to those playing in the MacDonald Chrysler Shootout that the date has changed to June 25 and 26. Antigonish is hosting the NS Golf Association Mid-Amateur July 22nd to July 24.

Conditions are on-track to be excellent for both events with ample opportunity to showcase our course.

Professional Agronomist Visit:

- Jeff was very impressed with the condition of our course.
- He has provided recommendations for new equipment that will further enhance our course conditions, especially the greens.
- He has provided agronomic recommendations for our greens that will be discussed in the next newsletter.