BILL GREEN, SUPERINTENDENT

SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

Cutten Fields

Golf Course & Grounds



Course Renovation Update

At this time only 4 greens (1, 7, 8, 9) remain to be opened after the recent renovations to the golf course . These four greens are progressing very well, and we are anticipating opening in stages towards the end of September early October. A handful of fairways have been adjusted or shortened to eliminate unnecessary fairway. In order to get the right turf type into these areas we will using a combination of seed or sod depending on the size and location of the area. The areas we plan to seed have been eliminated and were slit seeded earlier this week. Rough areas to be seeded include 2, 14 and 15. Sod will be used on 6, 7, 12 and a couple small areas on 8.



CANADIAN TURF TALKS PODCAST

Golf Course Architect Jeff Mingay and Course and Grounds Bill Green joined the hosts of Canadian Turf Talks to discuss the recent renovations at Cutten Fields. Episode 11 Design, Build and Renovate Listen now on Stitcher, iHeart, Spotify, Google podcasts, and Apple Podcasts



Please mind all ropes and signs during your round.



3 Temp Greens in play 1, 7, 8, and 9 Thompson hole is in play for hole 9.



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Save **YOUR** Greens & Repair Your Ballmarks

Unrepaired ball marks cause lasting problems

As the club ventures into having bentgrass greens membership needs to be diligent with respect to repairing ballmarks. Repairing ballmarks is a badge of honour, and golfers should feel a great sense of pride while repairing a ballmark, plus you look really cool doing it. Everyone really appreciates it including members, guests and staff. Often times a ball hits the green and subsequently rolls off, in this situation it is still important to repair your ballmark. If ballmarks are not repaired immediately, the recovery time is significantly increased. A study from Michigan State University showed that ballmarks properly repaired in the first 10 minutes takes about three to four days to heal. A ballmark that's not fixed or improperly fixed could take up to three weeks to get back to normal. Failing to



Almost any pointed tool, including a golf tee, can be used to effectively repair a ball mark. Using the proper technique is the key to success

repair a ball mark may seem like a minor oversight, but there are lasting consequences. Not only do unrepaired ball marks take weeks to heal, during which time they can cause balls to bounce off line. The damage to the putting surface is also an entry point for weeds that can cause serious problems. For information on how to properly repair a ballmark I encourage you to watch this 1.5 minute video created by the USGA. Please click the link below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?

PULL CARTS & POWER CADDIES

Bunkers, mounds and swales around greens can often create pinch points for golfer traffic. Constant traffic in concentrated areas with pull carts & power caddies can cause significant damage to turf between bunkers and greens. At Cutten Fields we ask that golfers take their pull carts and power caddies around these pinch points. We manage these areas to be as consistent as possible. Even maintenance equipment has been restricted to hand mowing to further improve turf health and consistency.

