

## **The heat is on!**

I hope everyone is enjoying the golf course as it starts to round into shape for the summer!

As we all know, when the course starts to look good that means it is time to AERIFY! The summer aerification is going to happen on Monday July 6th. It will not be very big holes but is a necessary procedure. It needs to be done at this time because the grass is undergoing a lot of stress with the heat and increased play. Aerifying it will help the plant breathe as well as allowing the water we put on it to get down to the roots. Aerification also allows us to remove some of the organic matter at the surface which will help lessen the chance for disease in the next couple of months.

Now that the temperatures are starting to warm up and the Bermuda grass is growing we are going to try experimenting with letting carts off the path on holes 10 and 14. It is going to be on a limited basis for right now so that we can evaluate the wear and tear on the turf and how fast it can recover. As a precaution to everybody...if you don't create a "Cow Path" then it is easier for the grass to recover.

There have been some questions on why there has not been any sand in the bottles on the carts. This has been because there has been nowhere to store the sand where the staff could fill the bottles with any efficiency. The good news is there will be sand on the carts in the next few weeks. When the cart barn is finished we have come up with a place to store the sand and you will soon be able to start filling your own divots.

One final thing...the range may be closed for an hour or two on Monday mornings as we need to mow the range. Sorry for the inconvenience!

Hope everybody has a great time and plays well!

Respectfully Submitted,

Rob Chalifoux  
Golf Course Superintendent