

## BOG Report Golf Course Maintenance

As of the week of the 20<sup>th</sup>; we still have not had a significant frost on the course, which is very unusually for this time of year. We are still having a very dry fall; so far we have received only 1.85 inches of rain for the month and 56 inches for the year.

The greens have done very well this year, so far. We have not had any frost on the greens, so we are still mowing them. We probably will stop mowing them very soon and only roll them. This time of year, we are using a moisture meter to determine if the greens need to be watered or not. We will topdress as needed throughout the winter, all depends on the weather. The covers are out and are ready to go when needed. We also have cut two holes in the greens, one has the flag pole and the other has a green cover in it; we will move the flag back and forth for a couple of weeks, then change to 2 more holes on the greens.

Blowing and mulching leaves is the major focus the maintenance crew will have for the next couple of months. We have a system to blowing leaves. Every hole is different. We blow the leaves to a certain area of the hole using either the tractor blower, buffalo blowers or backpack blowers and then we mulch them up into tiny pieces. Our goal is not to blow the same leave twice; in other words we do not just blow the leaves into the woods and the leaves blow back the next day, we mulch them up and blow new leaves that has fallen or blown onto the golf course.

We are in the process of spraying our fall preemerge on the fairways and rough. We should be finished by Christmas.

We will be starting a few projects soon. We have had a longer growing season than normal this year. So we have been focusing on mowing rather than doing projects.

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