

SHORELINE GOLF LINKS ADVISORY GREENS COMMITTEE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MARCH 20, 2010

In Attendance: Jim Cottrell, Victor Calvo, Steve Crane and Jack Smith

Absent: Harry Emerzian and Mona Nakamura

1. Goose and Coot Management Update

Jack stated that Shoreline staff has started to locate geese nesting sites in and around Shoreline and have added 163 goose eggs as of April 20.

2. Superintendent's Update

Steve mentioned that aeration of tees has been canceled several times due to rain and will need to be rescheduled. All fencing around the ponds has been removed. The depression on #2 green has been repaired.

Due to the rains during the month of April Shoreline Golf Links will be aerating the putting greens **May 19 and 20**, with a new method called Dryject Aerating.

The process is unique in design and there is nothing like it in the turf industry. The machine injects water at 3200 psi. The water enters the surface of the turf making a small hole and as it penetrates the soil the water expands in diameter. As the water passes the manifold of the machine it creates a venture suction which pulls the dry material out of the hopper and into the hole that is being made. The result is a small hole on the surface, and a larger hole filled with material through the profile of the green. Now the depth and the diameter are affected by the condition of the soil profile, the more resistance the hole loses some depth and becomes wider in diameter. The average is about three to five inches deep and about one half inch in diameter.

There are many advantages;

- There is no upheaval that can be caused with a conventional aerator, as the tines are pulling the plug, so the surface is virtually undisturbed.
- There is less material used, because the material goes into the hole there is very little left on the surface.
- There is an opportunity to add amendments directly into the soil profile. This puts the material right into the root zone, instead of applying it to the surface and watering it in, which may get bound up in the thatch layer.
- As stated the surface is virtually undisturbed with little material on the surface which for the golfers leaves a much more playable green.
- The healing time should be faster, because of the smaller hole, but also because the sand doesn't have to get brushed and worked into the holes, the turf isn't damaged from all that dragging.

3. Mark your Calendars

U.S. Kids 6/21 and Shoreline Junior Classic 6/25

Jack told the committee the 2010 Demo day was the largest since 2005.

The next Advisory Greens Committee meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 18.**