

## **UPDATE ON CURRENT COURSE CONDITION**

Dear Members,

After almost three months of unplayable conditions, we were finally able to play a tournament this past weekend. The course, however, has yet to recuperate from the damage caused by the excessive water and rainfall, damage to our pumps, as well as a severe pest infestation.

### The course

Most of the wet spots have dried and the course, although unplayable during the rain period, has held itself relatively well with the exception of those areas that were treated to receive Bermuda. We have again started the seeding and planting of Bermuda grass on our fairways and are repairing the course wherever is needed.

### Greens

As a result of a caterpillar (moths) infestation which we were unable to properly combat with pesticides (because of all the rain), the greens got a severe "bad haircut". And even though they look bad, are certainly hard to "read" and are holding little to no balls, we expect them to be back in shape in a month or so, provided we can now treat and maintain them as we are used to.

### Bunkers

The bunkers have been ponds for most of the last three months. Provided we are able to get enough sand, they will be restored one-by-one over the next couple of weeks.

### The Infrastructure

The flooding caused our booster pump to break down. Since we could not obtain spare parts anymore, we were forced to purchase a new pump. The pump which had to be shipped from Italy, arrived on site last week Friday and is currently being installed.

As a result of the breakdown, we have only been able to water holes 5 through 17 (the north side of the course). However, we expect this situation to be remedied by this weekend.

### Garbage

The rain and flooding has brought not only water but also a lot of garbage. We are doing everything in our power to pick up all the bottles, cans, cups and other "driftwood" and would like to ask your assistance in getting our course clean. The mowers and equipment may have shredded a cup or buried a bottle here and there and we would surely appreciate it if you would pick up what you find on your way to your ball and drop them in one of the blue garbage bins on the course.

We sincerely hope that with the above we were able to shed some light on why the course and the greens are not in the condition we are used to. We promise to pick up where left off before the disaster of November 1<sup>st</sup> of last year and hopefully, if the weather cooperates, get the course back in good playing conditions as soon as possible. We appreciate your understanding and hope to be able to count on your assistance.

With kind regards.

*The Course & Maintenance Management*