



Greens Renovation Project

Course Closure - May 11

April 28, 2020

Dear Members,

Plans for this summer's greens renovation have been developed over the last two years and we are close to starting the project. Craig and the members of the Green Committee have reviewed several Bermuda grass varieties and have selected a type called Mini Verde that is grown in Arizona under excellent quality-controlled conditions. Also, a complete renovation of the #17 green complex will be done for better playability of the hole. The proposed new green will also provide more pin locations.

The golf course, as originally planned, will close on May 11. The Driving Range will remain open until September 28. Incidentally, The Vintage Club and Desert Horizons Country Club are starting their greens renovation projects one week earlier on May 4. We feel with the recent course closure due to Covid-19, and pent up demand for golf, the extra week for member play is warranted.

Basamid (a soil sterilant) will be applied to the surface of the greens to kill the existing Bermuda grass. This product, because of its unique chemistry, has distance and re-entry intervals that must be strictly adhered to. Basamid remains active in the soil for 21 days. For the safety of our members and workers, we will not allow play on temporary greens.

University research studies recommend a minimum of 100 days to grow-in Bermuda grass. This research applies to all Bermuda grass surfaces, especially new greens. That said, we are under a very tight timeline to ensure the success of this project. Since the greens will be sprigged over a three-week period, the last third of the greens will only have a 95-day grow-in period.

Below is the timeline of the project:

May 11	COURSE CLOSURE - Application of Herbicide
May 13 - 16	Sod Removal
May 17 - 19	Rototilling Greens
May 18 - 20	Basamid Fumigation
May 21 - June 10	Fumigation Period
June 11 - 18	First set of 6 Greens Stolon Application
June 19 - 26	Second set of 6 Greens Stolon Application
June 27 - July 3	Third set of 6 Greens Stolon Application
July 4 - Oct. 6	Grow in Period (107 days for first set, 103 for second set, 95 days for third set)
Oct. 7 - 10	Overseed Preparation of the Greens and Golf Course
Oct. 11 - 13	Overseed Golf Course and Greens
Oct. 14 - 20	Rye Seed Germination Period
Oct. 21 - 23	First Mowing of new Rye Grass
Nov. 6	Driving Range Opens (16 days after the seed germination)
Nov. 10	Golf Course Opens (20 days after germination)
Nov. 13 - 15	Fall Ball Weekend

Our number one priority is to have greens with superlative turf quality when we reopen the course next fall. We ask for everyone's understanding and cooperation during the course closure. We are working with other clubs in hopes of arranging reciprocal play during our project. A list of reciprocating clubs will be forwarded in the coming days.

The Green Committee
Eldorado Country Club