

## COURSE CARE MEETING - 9/7/2016

**People present:** Tony Marino, Jason Koskela, Jason Wolf, Nancy McDonald, Rodger Oswald

### AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1. Geese Problem:** BCG has contacted Fish and Game who referred them to Placer County Insect and Mosquito Vector Control Agency. Awaiting a response. At this time, the only preventative measure is using dogs in the morning and night to move geese from fairways to ponds. BCG recognizes that this is a problem and is seeking a solution. Major hurdle are “goose friendly” folks. (Kinda like tree huggers?)
- 2. Dallas Grass** (clumpy maverick grass): The entire BCG crew recognizes the problem and is trying to treat specific areas with an herbicide that has limited success. Awaiting approval from EPA for a product that will work very well. Until then, local treatment is being done on tees as well as digging out clumps in the fairway and filling the hole with sand and seed. A more concerted effort will be made when we move from fall to winter.
- 3. Tree Trimming:** Tree trimming continues - especially with problematic areas (e.g., #3 and #9 Hills).
- 4. Fairway Dry Spots:** Hot summer weather combined with wind creates havoc with sprinkler system as well as creating hard/grassless and very wet areas on fairways. Additional problem is Asian Clams in irrigation system which reduces water flow and limits coverage. BCG is working on the clam issue as well as doing some localized and hand watering. Suggestion was made for men’s and women’s groups to create special/local/temporary rules to grant relief in problematic areas (e.g., “lift, clean and place). In some cases, Bermuda grass will replace the rye or bent grass as it is heartier and handles heat better. Doing this would help eliminate frustration with bad lies. The contributing factor to the thin/bare spots is the soil. Heavy clay and rock do not allow for deep water infiltration. In these areas we can only move water down about an inch. That is why we see “brown spots” year after year. We could water heavier to push deeper, but that would make the surrounding areas unplayable. This is why we utilize portable roller base sprinklers, we have more control of the water. We are sprigging some of these areas with Bermuda grass. Bermuda grass can tolerate these conditions better than our current rye/poa grass.

**5. Wet Bunkers:** This is the result of the need to “water hard” during the hotter months as well as some poor drainage. Golfers need to be aware that they can take relief from water in bunkers. Suggestions to add sand would not negate the problems identified above. I’m assuming were talking about standing water in bunkers? Wet bunkers will happen every night due to how the irrigation system is designed. There are some bunkers that do hold water. They hold because the sand is gone or are contaminated with clay. All bunkers start out with a clay cap than sand is added. There will be a bunker audit this winter to help formulate a plan for 2017.

**6. Height of Rough:** BCG is following their normal protocol of mowing rough weekly. It takes one week to cut the rough on both courses - and this schedule is being maintained. The combination of water, fertilizer and sun exacerbates the problem. Problem should abate as we move out of summer into cooler weather.

**7. Display Board:** The display board for the Men’s Club will go up next week. It was suggested that the ladies consider purchasing a new display board as well as the old one is looking a bit “weary.”

8. Men and Women’s groups should be aware that there will be **course closures** (both courses) on September 19, 28, October 7 and November 4 and 11 for outside tournaments.

**9. Rakes:** Rakes are to remain in the bunkers.

10. It has been noted that **ball marks** on greens and **unfilled or unreplaced divots** are occurring more frequently on Tuesday play. In other words, we are culpable for not repairing ball marks and taking care of our divots. Like Pogo said, “We have found the enemy and it is us.”

11. Tony Marino, Jason Koskela and Jason Wolf want all clubs to know that they have an **“open door” policy** and are very willing to have one-on-one conversations with our members.