

St. Johns Members,

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, we are pleased to begin work on transplanting material from our nursery green onto the course's putting surfaces to replace the common Bermuda that has encroached in the middle of our greens. Earlier this year, we prepared a test location on the second hole and monitored the recovery closely. Through its progression, our Superintendent, Andy Maguire, has identified the approach must be diligent and very detailed. We believe that to successfully create an excellent putting surface, free from common Bermuda returning, we must first eradicate it completely prior to installing sod from the nursery green.

We will start with holes 9 and 15. Each of these greens has a large section of contamination but is isolated in one location. This will give us the ability to configure the process in a smaller area. We will then move onto holes 4 and 6 completing each hole in two phases, alternating between the two greens during each phase. Beginning first with the left side of 4, then the back of 6, returning to the right side of 4, and completing the front of 6. Lastly, we will complete holes 10 and 14 with the remaining nursery green before we must halt and regrow its surface. Our intention is to complete these six holes by the end of July.

Seven days prior to each section of green being replaced, the contaminated area will be spot sprayed with herbicide. During this time the grass will discolor but it will not affect the speed or roll of the greens. These sections will then be immediately replaced with fresh sections of sod. We expect the recovery process to be within three weeks, per section completed.

Throughout the recovery process, the Club will be posting notices to all golfers on how to play through these conditions. All newly sodded areas on the putting green will be played as an "Abnormal Ground Condition." When a ball is on the putting green and there is interference with your line of play, free relief may be taken by placing the ball on the spot of nearest point of complete relief, no closer to the hole. For any questions on how to proceed in taking free relief, please ask a member of our Golf Staff.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this process to create exceptional putting surfaces through the whole course. We believe that our efforts will be rewarded through the summer and in the years to come.

Best Regards,

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General Manager

