



NEWSLETTER

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Happy Thanksgiving



The Board of
Directors and Club
Staff would like to
wish our
Membership,
Families and
Friends a very

Happy
Thanksgiving



SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

It has come to my attention that a lot of members enjoy hitting from the Bermuda areas on the fairways and the zoysia on the tees; and would like to see Bermuda on the remainder of the fairways. This is feasible because of our local climate conditions. We live in a region called the Transition Zone. This region occurs where cool season and warm season grasses grow, based on the time of year.



Currently, our fairways have a mix of cool season grasses and warm season grasses. Bermuda and zoysia are both types of warm season grasses. In the summer the warm season grasses dominate and turn dormant after the first hard frost in Fall; then remain dormant until Spring. You can observe when warm season grasses have gone dormant when they've

turned brown after the first hard frost. The remaining green grass will be the cool season grass. Bermuda is a great grass for a hitting surface. It gives a good lie for a clean strike on the ball. There is softer cushion at impact and it is more forgiving on miss-hit shots. Bermuda grass also requires less water to maintain. Bermuda turf does not grow as fast vertically as cool season grasses. This is because Bermuda grass grows horizontally, which enables it to fill in old divots in the fairway as it grows. The dormancy period of Bermuda and its slower vertical growth creates many advantages. On any golf course the fairway mower is one of the most costly pieces of equipment they own. With Bermuda you wouldn't need to use the fairway mower as often as you would with the cool season patches, which we currently have. Therefore, any hours saved on an aging fairway mower like ours is extremely valuable. The labor to perform the task of mowing all the fairways takes around six

hours. The labor saved in the hours of not mowing as much can be put to use towards other projects. Less mowing would also include less interruption to members during prime golfing hours especially during early and late golfing season.

In the past, we have not over-seeded in the Fall or fertilized heavy in the Spring. Instead, we have been fertilizing in the Summer when the Bermuda is flourishing. It has helped a lot to promote Bermuda growth in the fairways. Although this approach has helped, there are certain areas in the fairways that have little to no Bermuda. These areas need some help to fill in. One way to do this is to buy seed, which is the least expensive way. The seed that I've looked into is a fairly new type with a good track record. You have probably seen it before, as it was used on the Salem High School football field.

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NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

Mark your calendar and save the date to celebrate the New Year.

Ring in 2014 with some Spirits, Music and Great Food.

Details and Times will follow with an email blast.

*Social Events
Committee*



SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT (cont'd)

The seed is a little expensive, but if we were to plant a little each year, it wouldn't take long to have a good percentage of our fairways covered with Bermuda grass. We have approximately four acres of large areas without Bermuda. The smaller areas can be filled in by transplanting sod from the larger areas of Bermuda. We can eventually have consistent and maintenance friendly turf on all of the fairways. Here at the Spring Creek Golf Course, we strive each year to listen to the ideas of our members and respond accordingly. We are

constantly discussing new ways to improve our course in a cost-effective manner. The recent volunteerism project is one way for you to assist us in remaining cost-conscious, and thereby continuing to keep membership fees low. The concept is simple. If our members can assist in easy maintenance projects, then the club will have less operating expenses. If expenses are lower, we have more income to utilize in enhancing your experience at the course. If you are interested in helping, get in

contact with any of the board members and they will let you know of upcoming projects.

Thanks for another great year!

Sincerely,

Brad Blackwell

Golf Rules Quiz Answers

In the last newsletter, we had three rules quiz questions. Below are the answers..

Q1: In stroke play, a competitor broke a club in anger, finished the round with 13 clubs and then learned that he would be involved in a hole-by-hole play-off. May the competitor replace his broken club for the play-off?

A. *Yes. The play-off constitutes the beginning of a new round of play. The competitor may replace the club at that time.*

Q2: In stroke play, between the play of the 3rd and 4th holes, a player applies a strip of black tape to the top of his putter to prevent glare. Before he plays from the 4th tee, the player learns that he is in breach of the Rules. What is the ruling?

A. *The player incurs a two-stroke penalty at the 4th hole and must declare the putter out of play. For further reference, see Decision 4-1/5.*

Q3: In stroke play, a player is in the process of marking the position of his ball on the putting green. As he reaches into his pocket to remove a coin to use as a marker, the coin falls on the ball and causes it to move. What is the ruling?

A. *There is a one stroke penalty. Further reference, see Decision 20-1/15.*

If you have a rule that you would like researched or want to learn more about a certain USGA rule, please email dsmd1995@gmail.com.

This month's Golf Education Term is.....

Casual Water

"*Casual water*" is any temporary accumulation of water on the *course* that is not in a *water hazard* and is visible before or after the player takes his *stance*. Snow and natural ice, other than frost, are either *casual water* or *loose impediments*, at the option of the player. Manufactured ice is an *obstruction*. Dew and frost are not *casual water*.

PHOTO RESTORATION PROJECT

We are in the process of scanning four photo albums of Salem Golf and Country Club.

There are two goals in this project....

First, to scan and preserve the Golf Course History for future generations.

Second, to identify the persons, (while there are still those who can remember) in the pictures from the 50's and 60's.

A few organized scrap bookers back in the day did an excellent job of writing down names on the backs of photos. However, a big majority of the photos like the two I have featured this month do not have names on the back. If you recognize friends and family members in any of the featured pictures, please email me at dsmd1995@gmail.com.

Top Picture: Back Row from left to right, Dorman Steelman, Bob Allen, Bucky Tune, Harold Benowitz, G Claire Plank. Front Row: Denver Cook, Maxine Herring, R. Moser, ?, ?, Bunny Pines.

Bottom Picture: Someone looking like Babe Ruth hitting a home run is taking a good pass at the ball. Several onlookers are waiting their turn. Location maybe at the corner on what is now hole 8. ????



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For a one time listing fee of \$20.00, the club will allow you to advertise on a page designated for such purpose.

Mail your fee to: 201 East Fourth Street, Salem MO, 65560 to the attention of Bryon Craig.

Please include a phone number so you can be reached regarding the stock. Email addresses will not be listed.

MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT WAS A BIG SUCCESS. SEVERAL PLAYERS BATTLED IT OUT FOR WHO COULD NAME THAT TUNE ! LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR.

Thanksgiving Quotes...

"Perhaps no custom reveals our character as a Nation so clearly as our celebration of Thanksgiving Day." - [Ronald Reagan](#)

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." - [John F. Kennedy](#)

"Thanksgiving is an emotional holiday. People travel thousands of miles to be with people they only see once a year. And then discover once a year is way too often." - [Johnny Carson](#)

A YEAR IN REVIEW OF THE 2013 MAJOR WINNERS



MASTER TOURNAMENT
 ADAM SCOTT

THE U.S. OPEN
 JUSTIN ROSE

THE BRITISH OPEN
 PHIL MICKELSON

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP
 JASON DUFNER



KRAFT NABISCO
 INBEE PARK

LPGA CHAMPIONSHIP
 INBEE PARK

US WOMENS OPEN
 INBEE PARK

LPGA BRITISH OPEN
 STACY LEWIS

THE EVIAN CHAMPIONSHIP
 SUZAN PETTERSON



SENIOR PGA CHAMPIONSHIP
 KOKI IDOKI

THE TRADITION
 DAVID FROST

SENIOR PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP
 KENNY PERRY

U.S. SENIOR OPEN
 KENNY PERRY

SENIOR BRITISH OPEN
 MARK WEEBEE

