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SEPTEMBER GREENS UPDATE

- GOLF COURSE UPDATE
 - Aerification of the greens was completed 2 weeks ago. I tried a new method of post aerification recovery involving different chemicals and fertilizers to try and see if we could achieve similar recovery time with increased playability and I am pretty pleased with the results.
 - There was some minor verti-cut damage to a couple greens and fairways that occurred during our cultural practices early this month. These areas will receive extra attention and I am confident will come back better than before.
 - As my staff numbers dwindled in late august, we have made 2 part time and 2 full time hires to make up for the lost labor. But please be understanding as weekly repetitions for things like mowing and raking bunkers may decrease as fall projects get completed.

- Native Management
 - In the coming weeks we will start to cut down some of the new and old native areas. This is to manage growth habit and thickness of the natives. It is important to mow the natives down this early while the weeds are still actively growing so our herbicides can be effective on killing the undesirable weeds in our native areas.
 - The native area near #6,7,8 will not be treated with herbicides to allow milkweed growth which is essential for the monarch butterfly migration and population in the area.

- New Business
 - #1 tee reconstruction is complete. Sodding scheduled for September 26th. How quickly the tee will be opened for play will be weather dependent.
 - Tee aerification and vertical mowing still scheduled for this month.
 - Nursery construction plan.