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# MARCH GREENS UPDATE

## 1. HIRING PROCESS COMPLETE

- A. 5 returning and 9 new staff members.
- B. One employee started today, 3 additional to start March 30<sup>th</sup>.

## 2. EQUIPMENT AND MOWING UPDATE

- A. All equipment in good working order for the season.
- B. First mow on greens planned for week of March 29<sup>th</sup>, Tees + Fairways TBD at this time, dependent on growth this upcoming week.
- C. Purchase of new utility cart for increased number of staff??

## 3. WEATHER

- A. Currently at 200 GDD. This is 45 more days than the average typically for this time of year. Growing Degree days measure the average of the daytime high, and the night time low temps to establish a time frame for chemical applications like poa seed head control, crab-grass pre-emergence, and timing various fungal development.
- B. Very dry month of March. Barley 0.10 "rain.
- C. With the dry conditions and warmer than normal temperatures we would benefit from a nice long rainstorm in the near future. Adequate soil moisture is essential for spring green up and the exposed dry turf through the month of March has left us a little browner than I would like to see, but I am confident with some rain and fertilizer applications planned in the near future should get things growing and get us caught up to speed. Increased amounts of sand topdressing in the fall can help alleviate some of the winter stress we are seeing now.

## 4. STUMP GRINDING

- A. 35 trees removed since Feb 1<sup>st</sup>.
- B. Rented a stump grinder for a week and removed 58 stumps from the property.
- C. \$40-\$100 per stump. Estimated savings of \$3000.

- D. Stump Grinding cleanup underway, process may take 2-3 weeks. Plus, time for seed to germinate may push into May.

## 5. NEW FLAGS AND MARKERS

- A. Information and Costs provided to BOD for the potential to design both new flags and Tee markers