

QUESTION: Why is the golf course closed all day on Monday?

ANSWER: The Greens Committee members have received numerous inquiries regarding the golf course being closed on Monday. We hope the following information will answer many of your questions.

The WYCC golf course underwent a traumatic change beginning last August. The greens were completely dug out, replaced with a new USGA approved soil base, and seeded with Dominant Plus Bent Grass. The seeding was done at the end of the growing season and we have not yet had the 2008 growing season (primarily mid-April thru August). Joe Wayne and his crew worked 24 hours per day for months watering the new greens every few hours.

While the new grass seedlings look good now, they are in fact still in their infant stage and have not yet had the maturing opportunity of a full growing season. When the Board met with Dr. Leon Lucas in December, it was recommended that we open the course for limited play only in January and February, which is what we did. We were also advised to allow the golf course to have regular recovery periods after heavy play days, at least until we have a full growing season.

We have also had extensive tree removal in order to provide more sunlight to the new greens; extension and expansion of several tee boxes; installation of French drains on many fairways; relocation and spreading of topsoil; and improvement of many bunkers.

So, combined with Dr. Lucas' advice and the necessity of ongoing maintenance and spraying, we elected to keep the course closed on Mondays. With the heavy traffic play days being Saturday and Sunday, we all have a fiduciary responsibility to respect the new grass and let it have the Monday recovery period; otherwise, substantial damage can occur and then we may face a real expensive situation - redoing the greens and closing the course for an indefinite time period. No one wants that.

As an added note, Dr. Lucas informed the Board that in his opinion, it would take two full growing seasons for the greens to reach their maximum maturity

We thank you for your concern, your calls and most of all your continued cooperation. We hope this note makes the issue more understandable. Please feel to bring your comments and concerns to our attention. Your input is valued. We should all agree that we all are working for the same goal - a great golf course in top condition.

Sincerely,

Jim Leach, Chairman  
Bill Wall, Vice Chairman