



A Word from Andrew Mattison on Golf Maintenance

For those members who have returned to Glacier, welcome back! And to our full-time residents, I hope the spring has been treating you well. I want to let you know about some changes we have recently made to course maintenance.

At this time, the golf maintenance team has been split into two different crews that will maintain the golf courses on different days of the week. This split schedule has been created as a preventative measure. If a scenario arises where a member of our staff becomes infected with COVID-19, the entire golf maintenance team would not have to be quarantined for 14 days. Under the new schedule, at least one of the crews would still be able to take care of the golf courses.

While this change offers many benefits to our team, it does also have its drawbacks. By splitting the crew in half, we now have significantly fewer associates on-site as compared to a normal day. That means fewer tasks can be accomplished each day, so you may notice a slowdown in tasks like raking bunkers, changing pin locations and mowing frequencies. We have put plans in place to assist with mowing the grass less frequently, including applying plant growth regulators (PGRs) at the higher end of the label rate.

PGRs are normally applied to slow the growth of the grass, and the PGR rates can change throughout the season based on course conditions. For instance, in May and October — when the grass does not grow as quickly — we can use lower rates of PGRs. In peak growing months, and during this time, we will use a higher rate to control growth and keep the grass from growing too tall so it doesn't negatively affect playing conditions.

During this time, I would like to ask all of you for your patience. Maintaining the golf courses to tournament conditions is always my top priority. Unfortunately, that is quite difficult to accomplish with a split golf maintenance crew. Rest assured, all golf maintenance associates are working diligently to maintain the courses to the best conditions possible.

Sincerely,
Andrew Mattison
Golf Course Superintendent