



# July 2010 Currie Golf Course Superintendent Report

## **Greens Roller Arrives**

Since the end of last season, the maintenance staff has been evaluating greens rollers by using demos offered by various manufacturers. After a spring evaluation period, a manufacturer was chosen and a greens roller purchased. I am happy to report that the new greens roller arrived a couple of weeks ago. Since its arrival, we have been rolling greens twice a week. We plan to develop a consistent rolling program in the weeks ahead for both courses; this should result in maintaining the desired speed and consistency.

## **Courses Heat Up with the Weather**

During these hot spells, my focus is on keeping grass healthy and green, which leads to periodic light water syringing during the day on greens and fairways. The cultural practices I initiated in the spring were intended to prepare the grass for this anticipated hot, humid July weather. This hot spell will provide me with feedback on where the problem areas are so that they can be appropriately addressed for next season.

## **Driving Range Improvement**

For those of you who haven't noticed, an upper deck of the practice tee area at the driving range was seeded during the spring. It has grown in sufficiently and is now available for use. This will allow us to rotate teeing areas more frequently, allowing the turf to recover more quickly and provide better turf from which to hit.

## **Fairway Bunker Maintenance Continues**

My staff is continuing work on the fairway bunker edging, which will take most of the summer due to the turf overgrowth in these traps. The next two months we're employing more of a "maintain the course" philosophy for the improvements that we have done thus far before we move into our fall project mode in late August - beginning September.

## **We Welcome Your Comments**

I hope everyone has enjoyed the new golf atmosphere on both the East and West courses. I appreciate any and all the comments that have been mentioned about the course or input to help moving forward in improving Currie Golf Course. Please contact the staff at the West Clubhouse with your comments. They will forward them to me.

As always, your cooperation in repairing ball marks, replacing divots, and keeping golf carts an appropriate distance from the greens will allow my staff to focus on the continuous improvement of the Currie Golf Course complex.

Jerome Blahnik  
Currie Golf Course Superintendent