

Update from 5/16 Course & Grounds Review

Weather has been extremely hot with daily record temps in the upper 90's and zero rainfall. In spite of increased irrigation, the course is showing signs of stress.

Hole #17 was closed on Tuesday, May 28. Green to be sprigged with Tifeagle Bermuda grass on June 4th and a drop zone tee added in front of the orange tee.

Fifty tons of G Angle bunker sand is onsite. The green side bunkers on Holes #1, 2, 3, 4, 8 and 15 will be sanded beginning Tuesday, June 4. G Angle bunker sand is the choice of most clubs in the Tampa area. It is fractured sand that helps prevent "buried lies" and is white in color.

Greens were fertilized with 6-2-6 organic and sprayed with Mancozeb for disease control.

It was agreed upon by Tim Baker, Larry King and myself to close the course on beginning on Monday, June 10 through Wednesday, June 12 for green aeration. We will be using $\frac{5}{8}$ " tines which is standard and the recovery time should be 10 days to two weeks. The greens will also be top dressed heavily to aid healing. We are spot spraying for Goosegrass and obnoxious grasses and will begin a broad spectrum boom spraying in the rough areas for weeds. A slight discoloring may occur.

As you can see, June will be a very busy month for the maintenance staff, however, the results are only going to improve turf conditions and playability of the golf course. Your co-operation and understanding will be greatly appreciated in making Cheval *the place to be*.