

Greens improvement strategies for 2012

We have been experiencing moderate to severe thatch problems on our greens over the last 3 to 4 years. Our greens are 30 to 40 years old and need to be rebuilt at some point. Due to the current financial situation, green reconstruction doesn't seem tangible at this time.

New cultivation techniques will have to be implemented to combat the thatch problem. Small tine core aerification and mid season topdressing will be the 2 most noticeable practices golfers will see this year.

The topdressing operation could possibly require 9 holes to be closed for a half day. This will occur in late May to early June.

Small tine aerification during the summer should not disrupt play at all.

These techniques will improve the health of our greens and should allow us to keep a more consistent green speed.