A MESSAGE FROM THE GOLF DIRECTOR

FALL IS OFFICIALLY UPON US. THE WEATHER IS COOLER AND FINALLY FOOTBALL IS ON THE FIELD. WITH THE CHANGE IN SEASONS WE ALSO ARE GOING TO START SEEING SOME CHANGES AT GGC. THE STARTING DAILY TEE TIME IS NOW 7:30 AM AND THE GOLF CARTS ARE DUE BACK AT 6:30 PM. THIS IS GENERALLY THE TIME OF YEAR THAT WE SLOW DOWN BUT DUE TO THE RONA, OUR SCHEDULE KEEPS MOVING FORWARD IN EARNEST. IN ADDITION TO THE CITY CHAMPIONSHIP, WE WILL ALSO HOST SUPERBALLS MID-DECEMBER AND ONE BEFORE THE SUPERBOWL.

AS THE DAYS GET SHORTER AND TEMPERATURES DROP, OUR FOCUS CHANGES DRASTICALLY. WE REDIRECT OUR LABOR POOL FROM A NEAR 100% FOCUS ON MOWING TO NEARLY A 100% FOCUS ON DEBRIS REMOVAL. DURING PEAK SUMMER MONTHS WE SPEND MOST HOURS PER DAY CUTTING FAIRWAYS, TEES, ROUGH, ETC. IN THE FALL, THAT SAME LABOR POOL IS DIRECTED TOWARDS DEBRIS REMOVAL & COLLECTION. ALSO, WE WILL NOT OVER SEED TEES THIS YEAR; HOWEVER, WE WILL OVER SEED THE DRIVING RANGE TEE AND RANGE TARGET AREAS.

EACH MORNING WE MAKE DECISIONS THAT IMPACT YOUR EXPERIENCE ON THE GOLF COURSE. AN EXAMPLE OF THIS MIGHT BE... DO WE CHANGE HOLE LOCATIONS TODAY? THE FACTORS THAT GO INTO THIS DECISION MIGHT BE ROUND BOOKED, HISTORICAL VOLUME OF PLAY ON THAT DAY OF THE WEEK, EXPECTED PRECIPITATION, WIND SPEED/ DIRECTION, ETC. CHANGING THE HOLE LOCATION ON THAT DAY MIGHT NOT BE AS BENEFICIAL AS HAVING OUR CREW BLOWING OR COLLECTING LEAVES. AFTER ALL, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR THE PLAYER IS BEING ABLE TO FIND YOUR GOLF BALL... AND OF COURSE, HAVING A REASONABLY CLEAR PATH TO THE CUP. THE BEST WAY TO ENSURE OUTSTANDING PLAYING CONDITIONS THIS FALL IS TO BOOK YOUR TEE TIME IN ADVANCE. THIS ALLOWS US TO PLAN ACCORDINGLY AND PROVIDE AN EXPERIENCE THAT AT A MINIMUM, MEETS YOUR EXPECTATIONS. LASTLY, I BEG YOU TO USE YOUR OWN GOLF BALLS AT THE PUTTING GREEN. FROM A TECH PERSPECTIVE, PROPER GOLF BALLS FLY, BOUNCE, SPIN AND ROLL OUT MUCH DIFFERENTLY THAN RANGE BALLS. FROM A PRACTICALITY PERSPECTIVE, USING RANGE BALLS AT THE SHORT GAME FACILITY IS CREATING HUNDREDS OF UNREPAIRED BALL MARKS. THIS GREEN WILL NEVER PLAY LIKE THE GREENS ON THE COURSE IF WE DON’T TREAT IT LIKE A GREEN ON THE COURSE. ON MANY OCCASIONS WE SEE PEOPLE HITTING DOZENS OF RANGE BALLS AT THE SHORT GAME GREEN AND THEN SIMPLY WALKING AWAY. BY USING YOUR OWN GOLF BALLS, YOU GET MORE OUT OF EACH SHOT, YOU CREATE LESS DAMAGE BY HITTING FEWER SHOTS AND SINCE YOU’RE RETRIEVING YOUR GOLF BALLS, YOU’RE MORE LIKELY TO REPAIR THOSE PITCH MARKS.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WAYNE COUNTY LADIES AMATEUR
-- OCTOBER 17TH - 18TH, 2020 --

1ST SERGEANT AF TOURNAMENT
-- OCTOBER 23RD, 2020 --

CALM TOURNAMENT
-- OCTOBER 24TH, 2020 --

CITY CHAMPIONSHIP
-- OCTOBER 31ST - NOV 1ST, 2020 --

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