

## **Bucknell Golf Club Green Committee**

Members of the Green Committee are Dave Grill (Chairman), Don Bowman, Bonnie Best, Jane Harley, Brian Kelly, Jim Laubach, Charlie Lincicome, Dave Maier, Wayne McDiffet, Mike Patterson, Jeff Ranck, and Ken Wagner. The Committee generally meets on the first Thursday of each month in the Club House. Any member of the Club is welcome to attend Green Committee meetings, please contact the Pro Shop to verify the time of the meeting.

If you have any comments or concerns regarding the condition of our golf course, please feel free to pass these on to any member of the Green Committee.

Excerpts from the Green Committee's most recent meeting follow:

### *Superintendent's Report*

October recap:

- Bunker sand has been redistributed in the bunkers.
- Areas of fescue cut for leaf removal
- Fairway contours redefined
- Greens have been hydroprojected
- Trees removed around #2 blue and orange tees

Fall/Early Winter Forecast:

- Broadleaf weed control applications
- Verticut collars
- Leaf removal
- Tree removal projects begin

### *General Discussion*

- Jim Laubach presented a proposal to remove several trees on #5 in front and to the left of the green to improve sunlight conditions on the green. Committee members were asked to take a look at these trees and be prepared to discuss at our December meeting.
- In response to members' comments, the Committee reviewed proposed extensions of fairways to reduce carries from the tees on #3, #9 and #17. After discussion the Committee concluded that we will make two additional mower passes at the end of these fairways which will extend these fairways approximately five yards towards these tees.
- The Committee discussed the difficult conditions experienced this year with the rough on our golf course due to the unusually wet conditions throughout this golf season. Our golf course is very short by modern standards and our rough is important in keeping it a challenging test. We agreed that there should be no change in our practice of mowing the

- rough to 2 and ½ inches.
- The Committee reviewed a proposal to widen the left side of #9 fairway from the 219 yard marker to the 100 yard marker. Green Committee members were asked to take a look at the area and be prepared to discuss at our next meeting.
  - The Committee discussed our attempt to grow fescue on the right side of #8 during the past two years. While we are making progress toward establishing fescue in this area, the difficulty in seeing from the tee where the ball enters this area and its thickness make it very hard to find golf balls hit into the area and slows play considerably. The Committee agreed that the area should be maintained at regular rough height down to the 150 yard marker. The fescue should be allowed to grow to its maximum length beyond the 150 and also along the perimeter of the rough short of the 150. The perimeter of the normal rough should be extended by 20 to 30 yards to the right, the exact extension to be determined by Charlie and Jim.
  - In discussing the rough conditions, the Committee agreed that we should encourage golfers driving carts to drive in the fairway as well as the rough during normal weather/turf conditions. It was pointed out that some of the complaints about rough lying down and being longer than the standard 2 and ½ inches is due to the cart traffic in our roughs.