



June/July Course Update

What a quick turnaround from the wet and mild weather we've had this growing season. It appears we have finally broken the funk of our seemingly scheduled Thursday-Sunday thunderstorm. With the very favorable growing weather of the past few weeks, along with an extremely successful wall-to-wall aerification, the course is nearing peak growing season shape. This time of year, our focus shifts to simply trying to mow out the course, which puts the majority of our project-type work on the back burner for the next few months.

We want to thank everyone for the cooperation and understanding of our course-wide aerification on May 20th and 21st. While this was a temporary disruption to the playing conditions, the turf has responded exceptionally well to this much needed critical practice. Fortunately, we had ideal weather conditions for aerification and the process went about as smoothly as possible. We will be performing our second aerification of the season on July 8th and 9th.

The sprigging of the range tee is coming in nicely and we are expecting to open it during the first week of July. If we are able to open it the week prior, at least partially, we will.

April/May Status

- Seeding of Native Areas and Wildflowers in several areas around the course. Nearly all of these plant varieties are very slow growing and we may not see a great stand of these native areas until later in the summer or next season.
- Aerification of Greens, Tees, Fairways, Collars, and weak portions of the rough.
- Treating the course for fire ants
- "Wrapping" of the sand bins on the course with treated wood.
- Wall-to-wall application of slow release fertilizer.
- We are delaying the project to selectively remove trees on the left side of #11 until this coming Winter.



Fairway and Greens Aerification from May 20th...you could hear the turf breathe a sigh of relief!

June/July Goals

- Course-wide application of plant growth regulator. In addition to retarding vertical growth, these plant hormones increase the shoot and root density of the plant. It is normal for there to be a temporary discoloration of the turf, which it quickly outgrows. The end result is a tighter, denser, healthier, more uniform playing surface.
- Course-wide application of mid-season fertilizer.
- Limb up in-play trees around the course.
- Edge the bunkers and cart path.
- Pressure wash the tee signs and stone yardage markers on the tee surface.
- Course-wide aerification on July 8th and 9th.
Weather-permitting, this will be a repeat of the late May aerification in that we will close the Practice Green and Front 9 on Monday, then alternate that on Tuesday by opening the Front 9 and closing the Chipping Green and Back 9.
- Freshen the mulch around the tee signs.
- Continue our weekly agronomic practices on the Greens surface of Spiking, Solid-Tine Aerifying, Vertical Mowing, and light-but-frequent Topdressing, etc.



*That's a lot of action on #4 Green!
Double Vertical Mow, Roll, and Double Mow.*

As we're now in the prime-time of our growing season we look forward to having the healthiest and highest quality playing surfaces we've ever had.

- Ole Miss Golf Course Agronomy