



MAINTENANCE WEEK

JULY 2018



WHY DO WE CLOSE THE GOLF COURSE?

TO MAINTAIN R.C.G. LAS BRISAS IN THE BEST POSSIBLE CONDITIONS ALL YEAR ROUND, IT IS NECESSARY TO DO REGULAR MAINTENANCE TO ENSURE THE BEST CONDITION OF OUR GRASS. THE MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME FOR OUR FAIRWAYS AND ROUGHS IS AT THE SAME LEVEL AS SOME OF THE WORLD'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS GOLF COURSES

THE BEGINNING OF JULY IS THE BEST TIME TO UNDERTAKE MAINTENANCE WORKS FOR THE FAIRWAYS AND ROUGHS, WHILE THE BERMUDA IS FULLY GROWING. THIS ALSO COINCIDES WITH OUR LOW PLAYING SEASON

PERFORMING ALL OF THIS MAINTENANCE WORK WITH OUR OWN TEAM REQUIRES AN EXCESSIVE AMOUNT OF TIME AND RESOURCES

THEREFORE, WE WORK WITH LATIZURRI, A MAINTENANCE COMPANY SPECIALIZED IN THIS TYPE OF JOB, WHICH WILL ALLOW THE NECESSARY WORK TO BE DONE IN A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME

WE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE COURSE BEING CLOSED TO CARRY OUT OTHER WORK ON GREENS AND TEES, SODDING PROJECTS, TREE PRUNING AND OTHER SPECIAL PROJECTS



WORK ON GREENS AND TEES

GYPSUM IS APPLIED TO REDUCE SALINITY IN THE SOIL

VERTICUT TO REDUCE THATCH AND PROVIDE A FIRM SURFACE

SOLID AERATION IN THE ENTIRE AREA WITH 15 MM TINES AND A 9 CM DEPTH

TOPDRESSING WITH SAND

BRUSH, BLOWERS AND ROLLERS AS NEEDED TO CLEAN THE PLAYING SURFACE

THESE ALLOW A RAPID RECOVERY OF THE PLAYING SURFACE, REACHING SPEEDS OF 10 FEET IN 10 DAYS



WORK ON GREENS





WORK ON TEES





WORK ON FAIRWAYS AND ROUGHS

VERTICUT IS DONE IN ORDER TO REDUCE THATCH AND PROMOTE VERTICAL GROWTH OF THE GRASS AND A FIRM PLAYING SURFACE

SOLID AERATION OF THE AREA WITH 19MM TINES AND A 12CM DEPTH. SPECIAL ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO THE FAIRWAYS THAT RECEIVED MUD IN THE 2016 FLOODS

HOLLOW AERATION OF THE BACK NINE ROUGHS THAT HAVEN'T GOT SANDY SOIL WITH 19MM TINES AND A 10CM DEPTH. THIS WILL RELIEVE COMPACTION AND ALLOW FLOW OF OXYGEN AND WATER TO THE ROOT ZONE

TOPDRESSING WITH SAND, USING FIRST THE OLD SAND FROM BUNKERS PILED BEHIND THE DRIVING RANGE

CLEANING OF DEBRIS FROM VERTICUT AND AERATION

BRUSH AND BLOWERS TO WORK SAND INTO THE HOLES AND GRASS

FERTILIZER APPLICATION TO PROMOTE RECOVERY

WORK ON FAIRWAYS AND ROUGHS





SODDING WORK

2016 FLOODS LEFT ON SOME FAIRWAYS AND ROUGHS A LAYER OF MUD THAT WAS CLEAN OUT OF THE SURFACE. STILL A LAYER OF SEVERAL MILLIMETERS OF MUD WAS LEFT THAT SEALED THE ROOT ZONE, BLOCKING THE FLOW OF OXYGEN AND WATER, AND REDUCING DRAINAGE

IN THESE AREAS, MAINLY IN THE LOWER SPOTS, THIS LAYER HAS BEEN REMOVED AND REPLACED WITH SOD FROM OUR NURSERY





WIRE INSTALATION

A COMPLEX WIRE SYSTEM IS INSTALLED TO LIGHT TREES ON HOLES AROUND THE CLUB HOUSE





BUNKERS CHECK OUT

REGULAR CHECK OF BUNKER SAND DEPTH IS CARRIED OUT

RECYCLED WATER USED FOR IRRIGATION CONTAMINATES THE UPPER LAYER OF THE SAND. IN THE MORE AFFECTED AREAS THIS LAYER IS CLEANED AND REPLACED WITH NEW SAND IF NECESSARY

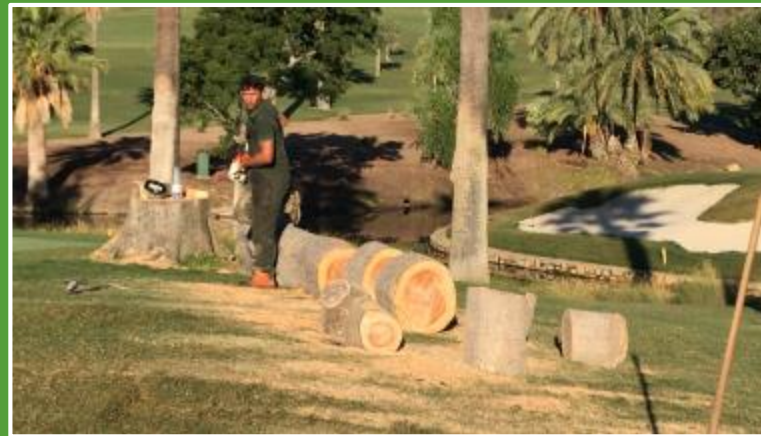
FINALLY, DEBRIS FROM AERATION IS REMOVED AND BUNKERS ARE PREPARED FOR PLAY





TREE PRUNING

TO MINIMIZE RISK, WHEN THE COURSE IS CLOSED DEAD TREES OR UNHEALTHY SPECIMENS ARE CUT DOWN. THIS IS DONE FOLLOWING RECOMENDATIONS FROM OUR CERTIFIED ARBORIST ACCORDING TO OUR SHORT-TERM PROGRAMME





NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKS

ONCE THE COURSE IS CLOSED, WE ENCOURAGE NEIGHBOURS TO DO THOSE WORKS IN THEIR PREMISES AFFECTING THE COURSE BOUNDARY. THE MORE COMPLICATED WORKS IN THE WALL AT 4TH HOLE WERE DONE DURING THIS WEEK





OTHER JOBS

THIS WEEK ALLOWS US TO CARRY OUT SOME JOBS DIFFICULT TO DO WHEN THE COURSE IS OPEN

STEEP AREAS WITH GRASS (BUNKERS, SLOPES) TEND TO BUILD UP THATCH. FOR THIS REASON, THEY NEED AN ANUAL AGGRESSIVE CUT

NATURAL AREAS WITH NO TURF ARE CLEANED AND FILLED WITH NEW MULCH





CLEANING LAKES

DURING 2016 FLOODS, GREAT AMOUNTS OF DEBRIS WERE DELIVERED IN THE ENTRANCE OF LAKES AT HOLES 12 AND 15

SINCE WE GOT HEAVY EQUIPMENT ON SITE FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE CREEK AT 17TH GREEN, IT WAS THE RIGHT TIME TO REMOVE IT OUT. THIS MATERIAL WILL BE REUSED IN OUR PREMISES





RENOVATION AT 17TH CREEK

TO MINIMIZE DAMAGE ON 17TH GREEN IN EVENTUAL FUTURE FLOODS, THE STUDY CONDUCTED BY A SPECIALIZED ENGINEERING RECOMMENDED CORRECTIVE MEASURES IN THE CREEK COURSE

DAMAGES ON 17TH GREEN, APPROACHES AND BUNKERS WERE SEVERE, PRESENTING A MUD DEPOSITION AND EROSIONS IN MANY AREAS





RENOVATION AT 17TH CREEK

JOBS TO WIDEN THE CREEK COURSE WERE NOT POSSIBLE UNTIL REPAIR OF A BROKEN SEWAGE LINE BY THE MUNICIPALITY



A FIRST REFURBISHMENT OF THE BANKS WERE DONE





RENOVATION AT 17TH CREEK

DURING MAINTENANCE WEEK, FOR SAFETY REASONS, THE HEAVY WORK CLOSER TO THE LINE OF PLAY WERE CARRIED OUT

THE PROYECT INCLUDES A CHANGE IN THE PONDS LEVEL, REDESIGN OF THE WEIRS FOR OTHERS WITH A BETTER SHAPE FOR A MAXIMUM WATER EVACUATION. CREEK COURSE ALSO IS WIDENED





RENOVATION AT 17TH CREEK

CREEK BOTTOM IS CLEARED REDUCING TURBULENCE TO MAXIMISE FLOW

PROTECTION OF THE WALL BEFORE THE BRIDGE IS REINFORCED WITH A STONE WALL





RESULTS









