

+New Richmond Golf Club

Course Maintenance Update

July 2026

Hello Members,

July brought both outstanding playing conditions and several unexpected challenges. I want to thank our maintenance team for their hard work and our membership for your patience and support. Despite periods of extreme weather and equipment issues, our staff remained focused on providing the best possible playing conditions.

Course Conditions

The month began with excellent conditions for the Fourth of July and Ladies Guest Day events. As July progressed, frequent rainfall followed by prolonged heat and humidity created ideal conditions for turf disease throughout the region.

While we experienced a few isolated areas of disease on the fairways, our preventative maintenance program successfully protected the vast majority of the golf course. Most affected areas are already recovering and should continue to improve with favorable growing conditions.

Many members have also noticed slightly slower greens in recent weeks. This has been an intentional adjustment to encourage healthier, denser turf during one of the most stressful periods of the season. Our goal is to strike the right balance between green speed, turf health, and long-term playing quality.

Current Projects

- Monitoring and repairing the Links irrigation system following the failure of the main pump motor.
 - Continuing routine equipment maintenance while preparing the course for upcoming tournaments: Men's Guest Day, and The Club Championship.
 - Preparing the Old Course for August aerification.
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Upcoming Maintenance

Old Course greens will be aerified on **August 10–11** using a new process called **DryJect**. Unlike traditional core aerification, DryJect injects sand into the root zone with minimal disruption to the putting surface, allowing for a much quicker recovery.

Because aerification takes place immediately following the Club Championship, members can expect the greens to be slightly softer and more receptive than usual. This is intentional, as our priority is to promote rapid recovery and encourage healthy turf growth following the process. While firmness may temporarily be reduced, we will continue mowing and rolling the greens leading up to and throughout the Club Championship to provide smooth, consistent putting surfaces and maintain the green speeds our members expect.

During the same week, our maintenance team will also complete fairway aerification, allowing us to accomplish significantly more work in less time while minimizing disruption to play.

Agronomy Corner

Healthy greens require a balance between speed and turf health. During periods of extreme summer stress, we occasionally reduce green speeds slightly to promote stronger root growth and improve the overall health of the putting surfaces. These adjustments help ensure our greens remain healthy and consistent throughout the remainder of the season.

Looking Ahead

As we move through August, our primary focus is preparing the golf course for two of the club's premier events: **Men's Guest Day** and the **Club Championship**. Every maintenance decision—from daily course setup to moisture management and green preparation—is being made with these events in mind to provide the best possible playing conditions.

Following the Club Championship, we are excited to showcase the benefits of performing aerification during the heart of the growing season. By completing this important cultural practice while the turf is actively growing, we expect a faster recovery, healthier playing surfaces, and excellent course conditions throughout the remainder of the season. We believe this timing will provide long-term benefits while minimizing disruption to our members.

Thank you for your continued support of New Richmond Golf Club. I would also like to recognize Kevin and the entire maintenance staff for their dedication and flexibility throughout a

challenging month. Their commitment has been instrumental in maintaining the quality of our golf course despite several unexpected obstacles.

I look forward to seeing everyone enjoy the course as we head into the late summer season.

Jake Brand

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