

MAKING DECEMBER MEMORIES AT CONESTOGA

As we turn the page into December, I want to extend my warmest wishes to you and your families for a joyful holiday season. This is a special time of year at Conestoga Country Club, a time filled with tradition, celebration, and the sense of community that makes our club feel like family. I am truly grateful to serve as your General Manager and to be part of such a supportive and engaged membership.

December is always one of the most memorable months at CCC, and this year is no exception. Throughout this newsletter you will find a full calendar of events and offerings designed to bring people together, create lasting memories, and offer something for everyone. From festive dining experiences to family activities and seasonal celebrations, there are many ways to enjoy the holidays at the club.

I encourage you to take a moment to look through the upcoming events and make your plans early. Whether you are joining us for a special dinner, gathering with friends, or simply stopping by to enjoy the holiday atmosphere, we look forward to celebrating the season with you.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping make CCC such a vibrant and welcoming community. Wishing you a wonderful December filled with joy, connection, and plenty of time spent with those who matter most.

Warm regards, Jonathan Gehman General Manager

THE 'NECESSARY EVIL' OF CORE AERATION: PROTECTING OUR GREENS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas. As we head into the holidays, I want to explain why we have to do this "necessary evil" which is to core aerate greens.

We have been mowing and rolling quite often in the fall season to encourage the speed of the greens. Having said that, this really seals off the surface, not letting any air or water into the profile. For example, on November 9th, it rained only 0.2", the puddles formed immediately on the greens like a bathtub. There was a lot of standing water laying on the greens. We had to wait a good 30 to 40 minutes for the puddles to finally disappear. Having puddles on the greens is a perfect recipe for ice damage. Ice damage on the Annual Bluegrass "Poa" is a huge concern for the supers in the northern climate zones. So this is why we perform these necessary evil during the week of November 10th.

This two picture are the Soil Reliever.

1/2" diameter and 3 inch x 3 inch centers.





The soil reliever penetrates the greens 10 inches deep as you can see the irrigation flag (2 pictures below). Not only it penetrates, it fractures the clay bottoms. This will create a pathway for water from the surface into the drain tiles 12 inches deep. When we got 1 inch rain after we aerated the greens, the water came out of the drain tiles very rapidly. No puddling on the surface which means reduced the risk for ice damages.



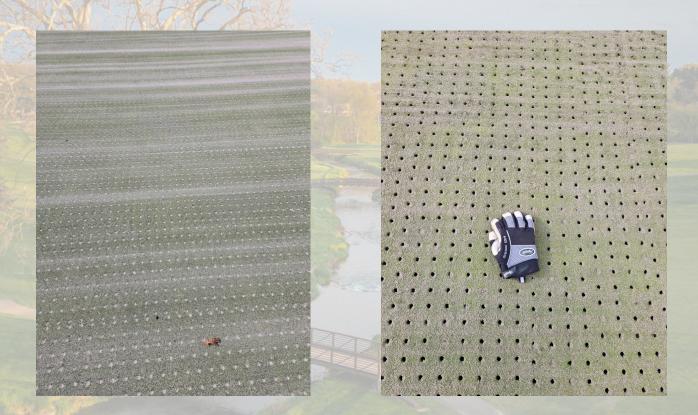


After deep tining the greens, we core aerated the greens 1/2" by 2 inch x 2 inch centers. We have to push the plugs off to the collars and then shovel the plugs into our utility truckster to haul it away. This is very important because we are removing organic matter (OM) on the top inch of the greens. This will help to reduce the OM therefore producing a firmer surface which also means faster green speed. We only core aerate once a year which is in November.





After core aerating, It takes roughly 36 tons of sand to fill the holes up. Also, another huge benefit of topdress sand on the surface is that the sand protects and buffers the crown of the grass. This helps especially if we allow winter play on the greens. This minimizes the wear and tear on the greens. Having said all that, there are too many Pro's of aerating greens in November. The only Con is that the aeration holes will not heal until March. Remember, we do not core aerate in Spring, but we have perfect greens from March to November.



Merry Christmas and see you around the club.

Matthew S. Turner
Golf Course Superintendent

Looking Ahead to December

FRIDAY
DECEMBER 5

PRO SHOP OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 11

HOLIDAY HAPPY HOUR
W/LIVE CHRISTMAS MUSIC

SUNDAY DECEMBER 14

BRUNCH WITH SANTA

SUNDAY DECEMEBER 21

UGLY SWEATER
CHRISTMAS PARTY

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER



Pro Shop Open House

DECEMBER

5

4:30PM-7PM

Foot-Joy Sales Rep Onsite with 2026 Styles Please note that credits cannot be used on these orders.

All Pro Shop Items on Sale this Evening Only

Complimentary Beer & Wine

Dinner Buffet & Raw Bar in the CCC Ballroom from 5pm-8pm (\$40)



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*We only have a few 1pm seatings and 1:30pm seatings left.
Please make dining reservations through your membership portal*



Sunday. December 21

. BUFFET . DRINKS BY MEMBER SIGNATURE . GAMES & ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS . UGLY SWEATER CONTEST .

> 5PM - 8PM CCC BALLROOM

ADULT \$24 I TEENS \$15 I CHILD \$12 I 5 & UNDER FREE



PLEASE JOIN CCC FOR

New Year's Eve



wednesday 31 december

Pub and Dining Room

MENU COMING SOON

MAKE DINING RESERVATIONS
THROUGH YOUR MEMBERSHIP PORTAL

A Look Back at 2025



