

Superintendents Speak Out by Doug Fleming

The Driving Range. How to keep playable surface under the golfers' feet? What's the grass of choice? How heavily should it be maintained? How heavily should it be used? Here are some responses from superintendents in the area:

Golf Course Name	Burning Tree Club	Fawnlake C.C.	River Run C.C.	Fairway Hills G.C.	Hillendale C.C.
Superintendent	George Renault CGCS	Bob Wren	Fred Heinlen	Ryland Chapman	Geoff Blind
Size of Driving Range Tee	22,000 sq. ft.	44,000 sq.ft.	8,000 sq.ft.	Turf Mats Only	44,000 sq.ft.
Dates of Turf Use	7 days/week Apr 1-Sep 1	7 days/week Mar 1-Dec1	7 days/week Year-round	N/A	6 days/week Mar 15-Dec 31
Use of Turf Mats	7 days/week Oct 2-Mar 31	7 days/week Dec 2-Feb 28	None	7 days/week Year-round	1 day/week Mar 15-Dec 31 + 7 days/week Jan 1-Mar 14
Provision of Range Balls	Unlimited/Free	Unlimited/Free	Charge per Bucket	Charge per Bucket	Unlimited/Free
Types of Turf	Zoysiagrass	Zoysiagrass Bermudagrass	Ryegrass/	N/A	Kentucky Bluegrass/ Ryegrass + 10,000 sq. ft. tee of Bermudagrass
Annual Seed Use	None	None-All Divots Sanded	200 lbs.	N/A	500 lbs.
Annual Fertilizer Use	10 lbs. N	3 lbs. N	6 lbs. N	N/A	4-6 lbs. N
Weekly Maintenance	10-15 man-hours	20-25 man-hours	5-7 man-hours	None	30 man-hours



Next MAAGCS Meeting!

Kenwood Golf & Country Club

Tuesday, July 15th 1997

Superintendent/Club Official Tournament

Host: Andy Sheehan, CGCS

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