

greens four times in 2005 by turning his perimeter sprinklers inwards and scheduling them to run in alternating cycles throughout the entire night with his full-circle sprinklers. On one of the USGA greens, Dave uses an open catch basin downstream of the drainage system to

visually monitor the flow of water from his periodic flushings and he reports that this irrigation program really gets the water flowing through the tiles.

—Brad Anderson, CGCS, Midlane C.C.



Benjamin Morales mowing no. 15 green at Coyote Run. The new clubhouse is in the background.



No. 18 green.



No. 13 green.



No. 7 green, banked by one of the five lakes on the course.

### At Twin Orchard Country Club, Dave Blomquist Bypasses Conventional Hollow-Tine Core Aeration on Greens

Dave Blomquist is one of the growing number of golf course superintendents who is finding practical alternatives to the inconvenience that golfers associate with conventional hollow-tine core aeration.

On putting greens, Dave is hydrojecting in the up position, several times per season. Dave is confident in the results of this program, and he sees no need for core aeration or deep-tining of greens; however, he hesitates to completely rule out the possibility of deep-tining greens at some time in the future.

On fairways, Dave uses solid-tine aeration and sand topdressing. This summer, Dave topdressed the fairways lightly with the Antioch root zone sand, once every week,

from 100 yards in towards the green. The results of this program were so beneficial that Dave plans to expand on the program next season by topdressing the entire length of his fairways every week. By topdressing every week, as opposed to monthly topdressing at higher rates, Dave feels that he runs less of a risk of layering problems in the future. Also at the light rates, an entire course can be topdressed in one work day.

This fall, Dave is making infrastructure improvements to his shop area: a new wash pad, more parking and expanded office space.

—Brad Anderson, CGCS, Midlane C.C.