

Carolinas Golf Association

AGRONOMY Report Sample

To: The Golf Course Superintendent, a member course of Carolinas Golf Association From: Bill Anderson, CGCS Agronomist, Carolinas Golf Association Re: Site visit (date) Agronomy Report Sample

On behalf of the Carolinas Golf Association, we thank you for the opportunity to assist your CGA member golf club in your golf course maintenance and overall club improvement program. I would like to say thank you for the great welcome and hospitality from the Board of Directors, Clubhouse Manager, and Head Golf Professional. My thanks to the Superintendent and his staff.

"The Agronomy Report prepared for your CGA club serves as the common document to refer to, share, and improve your golf course. Each reviewed topic area features corresponding photos with accurate descriptions of the issues, specific instructions, directions, with best practices and top research in the recommendations." Bill Anderson

*excerpt...*Our visit consisted of a day-long consultation beginning in an office setting and proceeding with a complete tour of the golf course, grounds and maintenance facility. The main topics were the current management structure, the need for immediate improvement in several key areas of member concern and a strategy to develop both short and long term goals for correction of certain existing conditions. Also needed are written *Maintenance Standards* for the overall conditioning of the golf course and grounds. Increasing communication on Greens and Grounds activities, programs and current conditions was discussed at length.

All topics will be reviewed in this Carolina Golf Association

Agronomy report. A typical golf course tour from holes 1-18 and practice areas covers, but is not limited to, the following areas:

Greens,

- General conditions
- Aerification program
- Topdressing program
- Disease control program
- Fertilizer program

Tees,

- General conditions and cultural practices
- Height of cut

Fairways,

- General conditions
- Fertilizer program
- Weed control
- Irrigation programs
- Program growth regulation

Roughs

- Height of cut
- Weed control
- Type of turf

Bunkers

- Sand selection
- Maintenance levels



Hole 2, par 4 Excellent turf quality on your fairway looking back on the tees. Suggest you will gain improved definition for the Tees by lowering the height of cut to .33 inches.



Design

Cart Paths

- Design specifications
- Repairs

Tree Care

- Evaluation
- Pruning
- Removal plan

Practice Areas,

- Repairs
- Usage

Equipment and Maintenance Areas:

- Lease vs. purchase
- Repair

Short term projects: drainage, clubhouse, pool, parking area

Long term planning: design, turfgrass selection & installation, bunker renovation, cart path improvement, irrigation replacement

Establishing golf course Maintenance Standards

A Manpower Analysis that directly relates to the Maintenance Standards & Budget

"Agronomy Reports address concerns, issues and point out each golf course's strong suit as well. An outside perspective helps a club understand all the complex issues of your most important asset - the golf course. These confidential Agronomy Reports are comprehensive and engaging; developing a relationship with you and your CGA golf course that serves you well." Bill Anderson, CGSA Agronomist

excerpt... "each golf club/country club has a different and unique golf course trajectory and this is a great start to getting the Committee and Staff on the same right path in establishing an agreed upon program and priority schedule....more specific plans of action by staff and establish realistic starting and completion dates to be submitted to the committee for approval. This will also include a reporting mechanism back to the committee on the status and progress of each item. This document would be updated each month and will help all to know the status of many ongoing projects and tasks that are being worked on simultaneously. It is the base line for all regular golf course...."

"a pleasure to visit your CGA club and spend the day with you. I hope you find the report useful as you improve the care and conditions to your course. Again, please call me at 704-363-1381 if you have any questions....."

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A hidden nursery green onsite is a high priority. Important for all clubs to have 5,000-6,000 sq. ft. of great quality turf-tucked away for ongoing repairs.

Hole 7, par 2 There is abundant shade on the greens, 8 hours of direct sun is needed daily. More pruning will not help the situation.

