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## The Fix is IN...Greens Report

Over the last month there has been a flurry of activity regarding the recurring problem with the conditions at Hunter's Green. The MGA has had a very public fight with Club Corp, sharing our frustrations all the way to the CEO, Eric Affeldt. Our intention was simply to be the voice of a very frustrated membership.

Club Corp executives attended the Board of Governors meeting in February and the MGA was invited to discuss the problems. We heard the proposed solution offered by Club Corp. While we were not completely satisfied with all of the answers regarding alternative solutions to fixing the ongoing problems, we did walk away with firm commitments to a long term solution and an acknowledgement that our voices have been heard.

The greens will undergo an aggressive plan to attack what Club Corp Chief Agronomist Doug Miller believes is the biggest problem... the thicker organic layer 3-6 inches below the surface of the greens. You will hear more about that from GM Andrew Smith. The management of the process will be overseen by Mickey Wszolek, the Regional Director of Agronomy for Club Corp. We have been told that a lack of follow through on previous plans is why we have seen the problems resurface time and again.

The issue of accountability is a serious one. Club Corp recognizes this and is committed to making sure the plans put in place this time will be executed.

***It is up to all of the members to keep Club Corp and the Hunter's Green management team accountable to fixing this problem for good this time.***

The MGA Board was no doubt disappointed that they did not decide to install the Champion greens that that are played at the best clubs in Tampa. That said, we must allow them time and see by their actions, not their promises, that there is a serious long-term commitment to improving conditions at Hunter's Green Country Club. This includes the greens, the golf course as a whole, and the overall condition of all of our the facilities.

The MGA will keep our members updated and will ask for support down the road should follow up on the current plan start to fade away. ***We cannot simply be satisfied with "improved playability." We should expect nothing less than what Club Corp advertises on the Hunter's Green Website...to be "a premier Tampa golf course."***

## Pinehurst Qualifier May be moved...Stay Tuned

The most aggressive part of the plan to fix the greens will be the "Drill and Fill" method you will hear more about from GM Andrew Smith. That process will take place in early May. The greens playability will be "less than adequate" according to Mickey Wszolek, the regional director of agronomy for Club Corp overseeing the plan.

The MGA Pinehurst Qualifier is currently scheduled for May 16 & 17. We will likely reschedule this event to be sure the tournament is played under the best possible conditions. Please stay tuned, more information will be provided ASAP.

.....NEXT EVENT.....

Hunter's Green

**Member/Member Tournament**

*(Hunter's Cup Major Event)*

**Saturday and Sunday March 28 & 29**