

Stone Harbor Golf Club

Golf Course Maintenance Update February 2025

As we enjoy a warm February day, I am pleased to bring you my first course update! Just before Christmas, the last team of construction workers finished their work and left for a well-deserved holiday. Only a week earlier, I arrived at Stone Harbor as your new Superintendent.

On my first tour of Stone Harbor, I was struck by the quality and thought put into the renovations. First, the new irrigation system is designed for function and efficiency. The best equipment was installed, and the control software is great. I can access and manage the system on my phone from anywhere, allowing on the spot adjustments creating a consistent experience throughout the golf course.

The tees are expanded to give the golfer a variety of shots and the turf more time to recover. Fairways shapes were adjusted and made more playable. The bunkers are properly constructed and offer the golfer plenty of challenging shots.

Probably my favorite change is the addition of native areas such as you will see on #17. There is a true commitment to blend the course into the native areas that surround it. This is very important to me as I see our role as not just presenting a first-class golf experience. We are also stewards of the land and water around us.

As we get closer to the season, preparations are well under way. The rough, green surrounds, practice area, and range are nearly all seeded. Topdressing greens and approaches is ongoing. The crew is filling all the fairway divots with a seed mix.

On the back nine, we are sodding and preparing the holes to open in early May. Cart paths are close to completion, and next month we will look to fertilize and get a dense stand of turf.

I'm eager for the upcoming months ahead as we bring the course up to its potential. I look forward to meeting the members and being part of this wonderful club. I'll see you soon!

Warm Regards,

Gregory Byrne