

## April Newsletter

Welcome back *GOLFERS*. The grounds crew hopes you had a great winter. The crew has been busy getting the equipment ready for the year to come. The crew also has done tree work on the tree lines of 10 fairway and the 6 fairway.

We have worked a great deal on the 14<sup>th</sup> tee this spring since we lost all of December to snow fall. We have brought the irrigation line up to the tee; The picture is us working in the rain to get the irrigation line in place with little play disruption as possible. The banks will be sodded or seeded very shortly to continue making the area look cleaner.



This picture is of the 14<sup>th</sup> tee after the sod was laid down. The tee will open in a few weeks depending on weather conditions.



Over the winter the course was able to purchase a fairway aerator. This aerator is a huge asset to continue the improvements of the golf course. Over time, we will be able to improve the turf quality to the fairways and tees by punching holes in the turf to allow air and water to penetrate into the soil better. The aerator will reduce compaction and allow us to overseed to promote better turf to be grown on the tees and fairways.

The winter has caused a massive amount of debris to fall throughout the course. The time and amount of debris will take time for us to get it all picked up and appear clean and acceptable for play. The grounds crew is also short a laborer because he moved on to another position within the town. Good Luck Matt! Until we replace the laborer, please bare with us, some things will take longer to get done. Sorry for any inconvenience.

I have added a section to the Agawam Municipal web site. Pictures of the current projects and past projects. Please visit the site at <http://www.agawamgc.com>, I welcome any comments. If you have any questions please stop by my office during the day or call my office at 789-4282. You can also e-mail me at [keithAGC@gmail.com](mailto:keithAGC@gmail.com). My assistant, Chad, or I will get an answer to you as quickly as possible.