



## **MEASURES UNDERWAY TO REPAIR WINTER DAMAGE TO GREENS**

The snow and ice is thankfully gone but unfortunately the aftereffects are still impacting golf courses throughout the Northeast including some Monmouth County Park System Golf Courses. During the harsh winter, some of our golf courses sustained turfgrass loss from damaging freeze-thaw cycles, especially on the putting greens. Each course has varying degrees of damage but predominantly the *Poa annua* greens suffered the greatest impacts.

After consulting with United States Golf Association (USGA) agronomist Adam Moeller, golf course staff has determined it is essential to take immediate action to reestablish the turfgrass on damaged greens. In order to promote rapid recovery, the USGA has recommended amending the existing golf course aeration schedules to target the areas of greatest concern as soon as possible. The USGA also advised that the most important step in promoting rapid recovery is to keep foot traffic off of damaged areas. As such, the golf courses listed below will have temporary greens in place until healthy turfgrass has been reestablished.

### **HOMINY HILL GOLF COURSE**

On Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> we will be closing greens # 6, 8, 15, & 18 for aeration and overseeding. These greens will remain closed until a healthy stand of turfgrass has been re-established. Temporary greens will be in place on these holes until further notice. All remaining greens will be aerated and seeded on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. These greens will reopen for daily play on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **SHARK RIVER GOLF COURSE**

On Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> Shark River will be closed to aerate and overseed greens. Temporary greens will be in place on holes # 4, 10, and 14 until further notice. All remaining greens will be open for daily play on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

We apologize for this temporary disruption to the playing conditions but feel it is imperative under the circumstances to ensure the future health and playability of the greens. Discounted rates will be in effect at both Hominy Hill and Shark River Golf Courses until playing conditions improve. Golfers will be charged the applicable matinee greens fee rates all day long at both courses. For more information and future updates visit our website at [www.monmouthcountyparks.com](http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com) or call us at (732) 462 – 9224, ext. 1#. You can also email us at [info@monmouthcountyparks.com](mailto:info@monmouthcountyparks.com).



**Figure 1 - 15th Green at Hominy Hill Golf Course as of April 5th, 2015**