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All 19 greens (includes short game area) have been sprigged with Champion Dwarf Bermudagrass. The sprigs were transported from the Champion turf farm, which is located in Bay City, Texas, in a refrigerated truck.



**Champion Bermudagrass Sprigs After Topdressing**

Back on the sod farm in Texas the grass is maintained throughout the year at standard putting green height to ensure no deficiencies. In order to get healthy sprigs that can be transported, the farmers stop mowing the grass and allow it to grow to roughly three inches in length before harvesting.



**Hole #4**

A crew of five needed only two days to complete the sprigging process. Not only was it a quick process, it also did not require as much machinery and diesel fuel as one would think! The sprigs were merely scattered onto the putting surface by hand, much like when spreading pine straw. The putting green surface was then top dressed with sand and rolled with a standard greens roller. The project required 720 of the bags you see pictured here!



**Hole #1**

The sprigs are watered every hour during daylight hours for seven days. In two weeks the Forest Creek grounds crew will start cutting the greens and in eight weeks the surface will be ready for play. The fast growing and recovery qualities of the Champion Bermudagrass are a few of the reasons why it is so successful in this region.





### **Hole #3 Fairway Bunker Transformation**

The McDonald and Sons crew have completed their work around the greens. Their attention has now shifted to the fairway bunkers and fairway drainage, which will take until the end of the month to complete.



**#18 Cart Path**

The screenings (crushed concrete) material is being spread with an asphalt paver to ensure a consistent width and depth. This material delivers the desired natural look and holds up very well during heavy rains.



**Short Game Area Formal Bunker**

The last step of the short game area project is to add a coarse white sand to this formal bunker. The bunker features Capillary Concrete in the face and multiple drain lines covered by a lining in the bottom. It will serve as a test area for the South Course bunkers.