

# The Early Riser

## Blue Ocean Greenkeeping Report

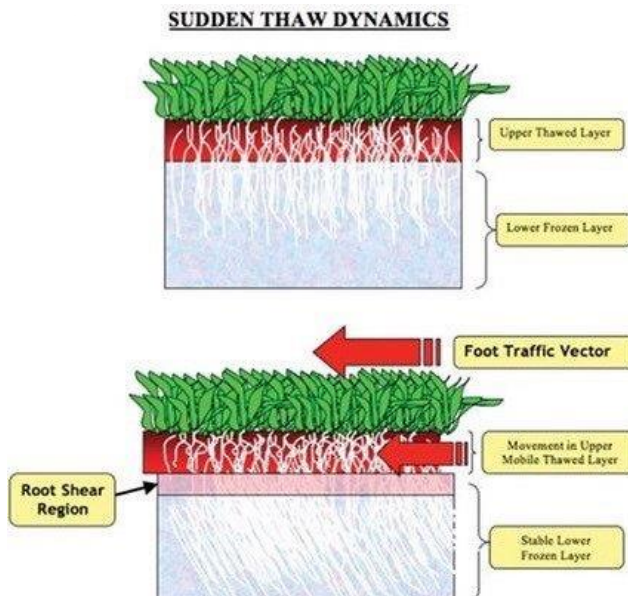
### FROST & FROZEN GROUND

#### Root Shear

A type a cold injury; root shear can occur when we have just experienced a period of freezing temperatures followed closely by warm temperatures. The result is the top layer of ground thaws but the remaining rootzone is still frozen.

Traffic on the turf during these conditions can “shear” the above ground portion of plant completely away from the roots resulting in rapid plant death. These conditions are not as obvious as the heavy hoar frost golfers are accustomed to seeing when golf is delayed.

Trust our judgment when we delay golf as this situation could be occurring.



### COURSE CARE

*Ball Marks – Please Fix Them!*

During the winter months the grass is not growing (or so slow as to be immeasurable); as such ball marks left unfixed will remain that way until the spring. To help us maintain the conditions of the greens please fix your ball mark, maybe even fix two.

*Bunkers:*

Due to persistent rains and low staff the bunkers will not be raked often by the maintenance team through the winter. If you happen to land in a bunker (through no fault of your own), please lift your ball, rake the area and re-place the ball before proceeding to hit your shot.

*Par 3 Tees:*

Please use mats provided as grass will not grow during the winter months to repair divots taken from the grass tees.

### What's Happening

You may have noticed the lack of a certain cedar tree on the right hand of #6. During one of our recent storms one of the two main leaders was blown down. After inspection it was obvious there was significant rot in the stump of the remaining leader and the decision was made to remove the tree completely.

