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## MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. OGM – 2019-24

**TO :** ALL MEMBERS

**FROM :** CLIFF FRIEDMAN  
GENERAL MANAGER

**DATE :** 15 NOVEMBER 2019

**SUBJECT :** FAIRWAY DISCOLORATION

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Dear Valley Golf Members,

You may have noticed patches of discoloration on some fairways of the South Course. This is due to the application of selective herbicides to control the spread of carabao grass.

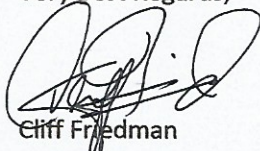
Following the rainy season, it is natural for the carabao grass to intrude especially where the fairways are still paspallum. This is because the carabao gets strong and aggressive in rainy season while at the same time the paspallum gets weak and defenseless. Once the fairways have been fully converted to zoysia, a project that is ongoing and in progress, this will become virtually a non-issue.

Also please understand that though it is unsightly to have the temporary discoloration, it is the proper procedure. When the carabao grass is killed by the selective herbicide, the entire plant is killed including the roots, and the zoysia that we are transplanting can take over. A great example of this is the 11<sup>th</sup> fairway, that just a few weeks back was applied with herbicide and had many discolored spots. Now, the 11<sup>th</sup> fairway is nearly fully grown back in and is in much better condition. If you didn't see any discoloration for now, it would mean that we were ignoring the intrusion, and eventually the carabao would completely take over.

Please also understand that the hand pulling of the carabao grass is an improper procedure. The reason why is that it is nearly impossible to remove the entire grass plant and roots when hand weeding, and in a week or two, the plant will reappear.

In summary, the best control will be the complete spread of zoysia grass in our fairways as the zoysia is strong enough to keep out most of the carabao. Until the transition is complete, following rainy season, we will need to apply herbicides in this manner. If you would like greater explanation, my door is always open.

Very Best Regards,



Cliff Friedman  
General Manager