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The first holiday weekend of the season is now behind us, and everyone's focus is now on the next month of family, work and friend gatherings. The weather last week allowed for some bonus rounds ahead of the weekend. Even with the warm temperatures, it's important to remember that it's not just frost delays we face this time of year, but also frozen conditions. Yes we had some days climbing into the 50's, and still had frozen soil conditions on many greens, especially 3 and 10. As the sun angles get a lot lower this time of year, the pine trees to the south of both of those greens prevent the sun from hitting the playing surface, which prevents the frost from burning off, or takes longer for greens to thaw after a very cold stretch. Because of that, the delays were much longer some days. The green committee and I will look at these areas again, and determine if we can selectively remove a few of the pine trees to create some sun windows, which will aid in the thawing process. We have done this in the past on the left of 10 green, but it was been 10-15 years ago. Now, even though the trees are 30 yards away, their height has increased considerably which is once again causing some shade issues this time of year. Elsewhere on the course, our goals this week are to install a few of the new trees in locations affected by the tornado, and stripping sod near 17 green where a reinstated bunker will be installed, along with some new mounding. The sod will be used along new cart path edges, to protect the paths and minimize bumps while entering and exiting the paths. We will also begin bringing in the majority of the hardware on the course such as rakes, stakes, benches, etc. We will leave ball-washers at each tee for now so that the trashcans can still be used. By mid-December, these will be brought in as well so we can begin refurbishing for next season. See you on the course, Go Bucks!