

Heidelberg Floods in 2006

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For those who competed in the 2006 Berks County Amateur or visited Heidelberg Country Club late last summer you are most likely aware that a portion of the course sustained some flood damage. The storm, which created the elevated water level in the Blue Marsh reservoir, began on Monday June 26th and by Wednesday June 28th rose to a point where the 8th and 11th greens were submerged, the maintenance building which is behind the 8th tee was affected as well and was partially under water.

Heidelberg members began play on holes 1 through 7 and 12 through 18 on Thursday June 29th and the entire course was again open for play for the 4th of July events.

The long-term effects of the flood hit the 8th and 11th greens most dramatically and have required special attention of the course superintendent Tom Ocepek. Tom stated that the biggest concern has been a layer of silt deposited upon the areas that were under water; an additional 2 rounds of aerification have been required in order to battle the storm damage. Tom and his crew deserve credit for the top-notch condition of the course during the Amateur Championship.

Some Photos of the Flooding:



View from the 8th Green



View from the maintenance barn looking toward hole #8.



View of Tee # 14