



June Greens Update

Cutting Heights:

Greens: 3.5mm	Approaches: 8.5mm
Tees: 10mm	Fairways: 17mm

What has happened?

Throughout May the greens have been cut or ironed daily. Approaches have been cut 2-3 times a week. Cutting of all other areas has been carried out weekly. Liquid supplements, wetting agent and plant growth regulator have been applied to the greens to maintain turf health. Solid tine aeration to a depth of 100mm with 8mm diameter tines has been carried out on the greens. Verti cutting has also been carried out on the greens on 2 occasions. A light topdressing was applied to the greens following the aeration work. Approaches and collars have also been verticut.

Selective weedkiller has been applied to the tees. Bunkers have been edged and weeded. Topping up of sand levels is ongoing. Due to the lack of rainfall, just 19mm in the last 10 weeks the bunkers are extremely dry and compact. It has been a record dry spell at the start of spring and the irrigation has been constantly in use. We have a limit to how much water we can use, and we must be mindful that we still have 4 potentially hotter and drier months to get through, so greens, approaches and tees have been and will continue to be prioritised. This means very little water has been applied to bunkers.

Planned Work

Greens will continue to be cut or ironed daily. Liquid supplements, growth regulator and wetting agent will be applied to the greens to maintain turf health. Approaches will be cut 2-3 times a week. Greens and approaches will be verticut. All other areas will be cut as required. Solid tine aeration to a depth of 100mm with 8mm diameter tines and sarel rolling will be carried out on the greens. A light top dressing will be applied to the greens. Hand watering of dry spots will be carried out on greens, tees and approaches.

Solid tine aeration will be carried out on the tee with 10mm tines to a depth of 100mm. Bunkers will be edged and weeded with sand levels checked, redistributed and topped up as necessary. Larger toothed rakes will be used in the bunkers to try and break up the compacted sand.

All work is weather dependant.