



May Greens Update

Cutting heights:

Greens: 4mm
Tees: 10mm

Approaches: 10mm
Fairways: 17mm

April weather data:

Rainfall: 3mm
ET: 86.8mm

What has happened?

Throughout April the greens have been cut or ironed daily. Approaches have been cut 2-3 times a week. Tees have been cut weekly. Fairways, semi rough and rough have been cut when required. Liquid supplements and wetting agent have been applied to the greens to maintain turf health. The greens have been solid tined to a depth of 100mm with 8mm diameter tines. The greens have also been sarel rolled to help moisture move through the surface. Weather conditions have been against us throughout April with many overnight frosts, warm sunny days, minimal rainfall and strong winds. This has led to minimal growth and recovery from winter wear has been slow. ET stats show a soil moisture deficit of 83.8mm which has seen regular hand watering taking place to compliment the irrigation system.

The new 12th tee will be cut down to tee height and will be fertilised and topdressed ready for play this month. Bunkers have been edged and weeded, with sand levels checked and redistributed as necessary. Woodchip paths have been topped up with fresh woodchip. Selective weedkiller has been sprayed on some fairways but due to the continued dry conditions we are waiting for some rainfall before continuing with this. Wetting agent will also be applied to fairways with the next rainfall. Divot evening took place on the 30th of April where all fairway divots were filled. Many thanks to the members that volunteered to help with this.

Planned Work

Greens will be cut or ironed daily. Approaches will be cut at least 2-3 times a week. All other areas will be cut as required. Liquid supplements and wetting agent will be applied to the greens to maintain turf health. Greens, tees and approaches will be verticut to remove lateral growth and prevent thatch build up. Solid tine aeration to a depth of 100mm with 8mm diameter tines will be carried out on the greens and approaches. This will be followed a light topdressing. Tees will be solid tined with 12mm tines. Tee will be overseeded and topdressed to aid recovery from winter wear.

Selective weedkiller will continue to be sprayed on fairways and semi rough to remove unwanted weeds. Wetting agent will also be applied to fairways to improve drought tolerance. Bunkers will be edged and weeded with sand levels checked, redistributed and topped up as necessary. Hand watering of dry areas on greens, tees and approaches will be carried out as required.

Some tree work will be carried out on the 21st & 22nd of May. This is due to health and safety concerns. The tree behind the 11th and 15th green will be felled and a tree right of the 7th fairway will be reduced.

[Tree removal Justification.](#)