



July Greens Update

Cutting heights:

Greens: 3.5mm
Tees: 10mm

Approaches: 10mm
Fairways: 17mm

June weather data:

Rainfall: 78mm
ET: 103mm

What has happened?

Throughout June the greens have been cut or ironed daily. Approaches have been cut 2-3 times a week. Tees have been cut twice 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. Greens, tees and approaches have been verticut to remove lateral growth and prevent thatch build up.

We started the month with some much needed rainfall, but conditions have turned hot and dry again with only 5.2mm of rain in the last 19 days of June. Bunkers have been edged and weeded, with sand levels checked and redistributed as necessary. 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.

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. Granular fertiliser, fungicide, liquid supplements and wetting agent will be applied to the greens to maintain turf health. Granular fertiliser will also be applied to the tees. Selective weedkiller will be sprayed on fairways and semi rough to remove unwanted weeds when weather conditions allow. 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.

Course maintenance is scheduled to take place during the week commencing 20th July. This will involve hollow coring of the greens, a process where 12mm cores are removed before the surfaces are topdressed with sand. This essential maintenance helps remove accumulated organic matter and relieve soil compaction, creating vital pore space that allows water, air and nutrients to reach the root zone. The result is improved drainage, stronger root development and healthier, more resilient putting surfaces in the months ahead. We appreciate that this work will temporarily affect the quality of the greens, which will be sandy and less smooth while they recover. We sincerely apologise for the inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding and patience as the greens recover. Carrying out this maintenance is an important investment in maintaining the long-term quality and playability of the course. Please note that, due to the current weather conditions and forecasts indicating continued hot and dry weather, these works may be postponed until September to ensure the best possible recovery of the greens.