



September Greens Update

Cutting heights:

Greens: 3.5mm
Tees: 10mm

Approaches: 10mm
Fairways: 17mm

August weather data:

Rainfall: 29mm
ET: 112mm

What has happened?

Throughout August the greens have been cut or ironed daily. Approaches have been cut 2-3 times a week. Tees have been cut twice weekly. No cutting has been carried out on fairways, semi rough and rough due to the continued dry conditions. Granular fertiliser, liquid supplements, fungicide 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. The greens have been verticut to remove lateral growth and prevent thatch build up. A light topdressing was applied to the greens following verti cutting.

The dry and hot weather continued for most of the month, but a very welcome 29.2 mm of rain fell in the last 5 days of August leaving us with a soil moisture deficit of 82mm. Hand watering continued to take place on a regular basis to supplement the irrigation system. Bunkers have been edged and weeded, with sand levels checked and redistributed as necessary. Wetting agent has been sprayed on all fairways to break down the surface resistance created from the long dry spell and allow any rainwater to get into the rootzone.

Planned Work

Greens will be cut or ironed daily. Approaches will be cut 2-3 times a week. All other areas will be cut as required. Liquid supplements and fungicide will be applied to the greens to maintain turf health. Bunkers will be edged and weeded with sand levels checked, redistributed and topped up as necessary. Aeration work will be carried out on the greens with the air 2g2 machine being used to blast compressed air through the rootzone to break up compaction. Deep tine aeration with 8mm tines to a depth of 175mm will also take place to improve drainage ahead of the winter months.

The continued dry weather has severely affected the fairways again this year. Recent rainfall has produced some good recovery and we will continue to assess the fairways over the coming weeks as we prepare to overseed any areas that fail to recover. The fairways will be raked to remove dead matter from the surface and to stimulate fresh growth in the struggling areas. Overseeding work will take place towards the end of the month as long as ground conditions allow. Overseeding work will also be carried out on greens 6 and 7 which have been affected by anthracnose. The cut and collecting of the long rough will start week commencing 7th September