



October Greens Update

Cutting heights:

Greens: 4mm
Tees: 10mm

Approaches: 10mm
Fairways: 17mm

September weather data:

Rainfall: 21.6mm
ET: 57.2mm

What has happened?

Throughout September 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 as required.

Liquid supplements, fungicide and wetting agent have been applied to the greens to maintain turf health. The greens and approaches have been solid tined to a depth of 100mm with 12mm diameter tines. A light topdressing was applied to the greens following aeration. The air2g2 machine has also been used on the greens to blast compressed air through the rootzone at depths of 6 & 12 inches to break up compaction.

We had some welcome rain at the end of August and start of September, which has greened the course up nicely, but we need much more to help recovery in many areas following the dry summer. 3 weeks of minimal rain to finish the month has meant ground conditions are still not soft enough to take the overseeder. We will try again towards the end of October by which time we've hopefully had some rainfall. Fairways, semi rough and areas of rough have been raked to remove dead matter from the surface and to stimulate fresh growth. Bunkers have been edged and weeded, with sand levels checked and redistributed as necessary. New bunker sand has been installed in the 16th bunkers as a trial. This sand has also been installed in the right bunker on the old 16th practice green. The cut and collecting of the long rough has been completed.

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. Solid tine aeration will be carried out on greens, tees and approaches. Bunkers will be edged and weeded with sand levels checked, redistributed and topped up as necessary. Leaf blowing and collecting will start to increase as the leaves start to fall.

We are planning to overseed fairways towards the end of October if ground conditions allow. This is dependant on the weather beforehand. If the ground conditions haven't improved by the start of November, we will have missed the opportunity to seed as temperatures and daylight will not be good enough for germination. All areas that are still struggling will be raked again. The drainage lines on the 12th and 14th fairways will be levelled with soil and seed. Other areas around greens that are struggling will be aerated, seeded and topdressed to encourage recovery.