

October Greens Update

Cutting heights: September weather data:

Greens: 4mm Approaches: 8.5mm Rainfall: 66.2mm Tees: 10mm Fairways: 17mm E.T: 78.94mm

What has happened?

Throughout September the greens have been cut or ironed daily. Tees have been cut twice a week, and approaches have been cut 2-3 times a week. Liquid supplements, wetting agent and fungicide have been applied to the greens to maintain turf health. Solid tine aeration to a depth of 200mm with 12mm diameter tines has been carried out on the greens and approaches. This was followed by a light topdressing.

Solid tine aeration has been carried out on the tees with 12mm diameter tines to a depth of 100mm. Tees and approaches have been verticut to remove lateral growth. The cutting and collecting of the long rough has almost been completed. The area around the new tee mat on 8 has been landscaped and turfed. The areas around the mats on 10 and 16 have also been turfed. Overseeding has been carried out on weak areas of fairways and walkways.

Carl Cordwell has been appointed as the new Deputy Head Greenkeeper. Carl has previously worked at Moor Park Golf Club and recently returned from 18 months on the Ohio State Internship Programme where he worked at Plainfield Country Club, Lake Nona Golf and Country Club, and Walpole Country Club.

Planned Work

Greens will continue to be cut or ironed daily. Granular fertiliser, Liquid supplements, fungicide and wetting agent will be applied to the greens to maintain turf health. Approaches will be cut 2-3 times a week. 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.

Solid tine aeration will be carried out on the tees with 12mm diameter tines to a depth of 175mm. A granular fertiliser will also be applied to the tees. Bunkers will be edged and weeded with sand levels checked, redistributed and topped up as necessary. Leaf blowing and collecting will begin as the leaves now start to fall. Posts and ropes, and yellow lines will be put out to manage wear on high footfall walkways that have not recovered this year due to the continuous dry conditions.

All work is weather dependant.