



GROUND NEWSLETTER

Aeration Update

Aeration on the fairways and greens has resumed this week after we have finally had a few days of dry weather. The ground conditions have simply been too wet to take the weight of the tractors and the heavy machinery they pull to perform the task.

Over winter, especially with the soil types and ground that our golf course is built on, it is imperative we aerate as much as possible.

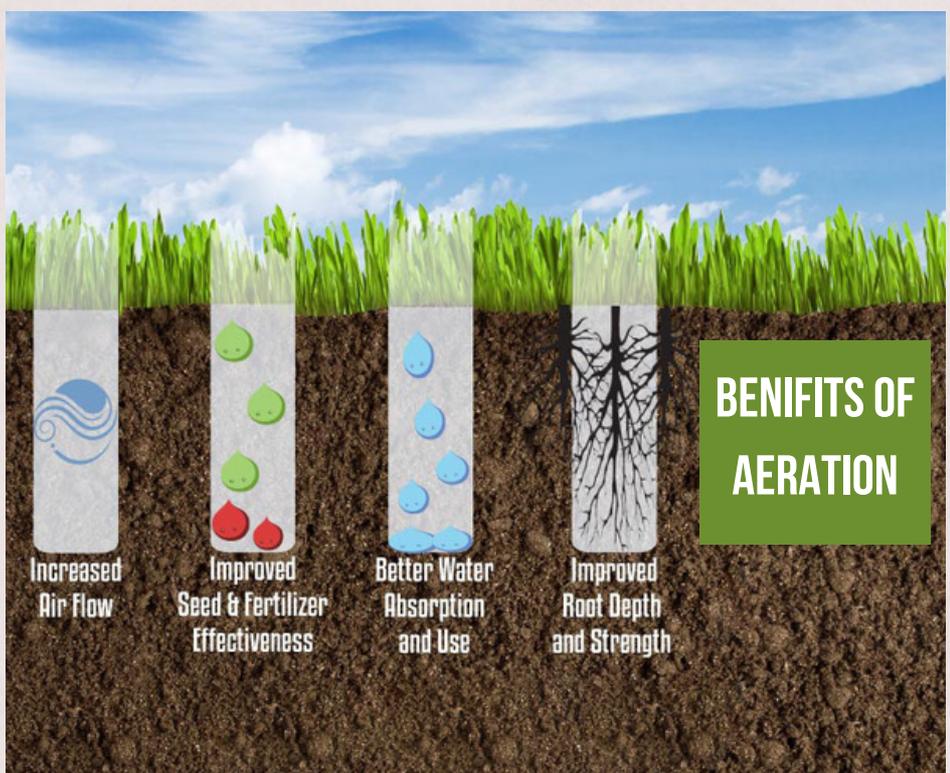
Throughout winter we will aerate the playing surfaces with solid metal tines, and the main reasons for this:

- Improve drainage
- Relieve compaction

The more we can aerate and keep aeration holes open over winter, however untrue a surface it may produce, will only benefit the golf course the following spring/summer season.

Normal Winter Ability:
Fairways Aeriaded at least twice each winter
Greens Aeriaded about 3 times each per winter
Tees about twice a winter

This Winter Restrictions:
Only 4 **Fairways** Aeriaded before this week.
Each **Green** Aeriaded only once so far.
No Tee's Aeriaded as of this week.



Unfortunately due to the abnormally wet winter we have not been able to conduct this task without causing unnecessary damage

(Yes, we know at times that our machines and work can cause unplanned damage, however we apologise for this and always ensure these are repaired as soon as possible)

Problem we face with aeration is that it is very time consuming, with possibly one to two fairways done in a full day. Plus, when the tractors are being used for aeration, we can't use them for other tasks such as towing the trailer for tree work, transporting and loading up soil and other materials for other projects as the loader/bucket is on the front of the red tractor.



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