



Course Report May 2022

Greens – finally the temperatures have picked up enough and we are now seeing regular growth & recovery. Greens have been getting cut daily for the last 2 weeks and we have lowered the height of cut to our summer setting. The greens have been sprayed with a liquid turf hardener to help speed up growth. We also plan to spray a selective herbicide on the greens over the coming weeks.

Total Rainfall – recorded for April was 25.5mm against an average of 55mm.

Tees & Aprons – regular cutting maintenance is now underway along with divoting of the tees, some of the weaker tees have been top-dressed & seeded. We have also sprayed them with another soluble nitrogen and iron of which will be on-going throughout the season when needed. As with the greens we plan to spray tees and aprons with a selective herbicide over the coming weeks.

Fairways – regular maintenance is now underway, with plans to spray the weaker fairways with a soluble nitrogen to encourage more growth and recovery

Rough – regular maintenance is now underway; however, we have been soil & seeding any bare areas around the course whether in the rough or not. Some of the longer areas of rough have been cut down to speed up play, however with the current increase in fuel prices we must be mindful of not wasting fuel cutting areas that aren't in play along with the fact this also increases our overall carbon footprint.

Bunkers – on-going maintenance will continue throughout the season. The bunkers which were out of play on holes 2 and 5 are now back in play and we are currently awaiting a delivery of sand, so we can finish the bunker to the RHS 7th green & further top up any of the bunkers that are still short of sand

Machinery – all machinery has been serviced all cylinders sent away for sharpening are back with us and in operation.

The zero-turn mower has been sent back under warranty as there is some issue with it not engaging its PTO drive, which is what makes the blade spin.

Drainage – The main drain down the LHS of the 7th hole and across the fairway is now completed, we will turf the area which runs through the fairway, which is likely to be around September when we know temperatures will have dropped and we are more likely to get enough rain to keep the turf alive. The drainage to the left of the 15th green is complete and the only drainage job left open is that on the 14th hole of which when time and resources allow we plan to get back there and connect the problem from the RHS to the main drain on the LHS in the tree line as this has an adequate depth to it.

H & S – No Changes from previous reports

Regards

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