



Greenkeeping Presentation

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The greens have been cut 3-4 times per week, with the hand mowers predominantly

being used. The greens have been sprayed with wetting agent and given a liquid feed. The height of cut has been brought down in .25 mil increments from 6 mil to 4.75, as the temperatures pick up and the course dries out we will reduce further.

The greens have been rolled 4 times in the last month. The amount of rain we've had in the last 6 weeks has hampered our ability to use it more often.

In late March we completed our biannual renovations, the greens were scarified at minus 15 mil, blown clear, tined, dressed with roughly 25 tonne of sand, brushed in and then over-seeded, with 45 kg of bent seed.

The weaker areas of a couple of the greens have also been revisited with so micro management where we over-seeded with fescue.

The holes are changed twice per week.

Bunkers have continued to be raked 2-3 times per week and after heavy downpours we have raked the centre of the bunkers when time is against us on competition days.

Collars and approaches are cut once per week and are now being cut at their summer height of cut.

The tees have been cut once a week for the last month and are now being cut at their summer height. The tees have also been divoted once per week for last 3 weeks. The tees have also been given their main spring granular feed.

The new tees were given final rotary cuts before we ran the cylinder mowers over

them, we started at 15 mil and worked our way down in increments until we reached our summer height.

The green banks and tee banks have been cut once per week when the weather has allowed.

The fairways have been cut 3 times and were now at our main season height of cut.

The practice areas have again been cut with the greens bank machine, this was again because they were a little long for the fairway mower, but also it is a rotary cut so it mulches up the divots, after that the main two practice areas have been cut with the fairway mower.

Any blowing that has needed doing, prior to cutting, it has been done, including on tees, greens and collars & approaches.

We've completed a course walk to discuss this years rough, once we decided what were doing the rest of the rough has been cut in the last month.

All markers are now back out on the course and all winter tees are out of use. They're moved 2-3 times per week.

The bins are emptied twice per week.

The car park has been kept tidy with mound outside the pro shop mowed regularly.

We've turfed the worn area short of path on 16.

The bare area right of 1 where the bunker used to be, right of 2 where ditch used to

be and in the tree line right of 3 where a bunker used to be have been seeded.

We have continued to refresh and move the ropes and each week 1st path, 5th path and 6th small fairway are redirected to spread ware, until they were brought in. For now, we've left the mats and boards at start of small 6 fairway and left ropes on 8 and 12 but the rest have been brought in.

The pot holes that had formed on the path between 17th green and 12th tee have been topped up and covered with red stone as has the little gully, which was becoming a trip hazard, right of 2 and the little bit of the path further down from 9 tee that had washed away.

We've continued with our tree line maintenance, we've now completed left of 10, the right of 16 all the bases of the poplars and the right of 17, plus we removed a fallen tree right of 13.

I arranged for tree surgeons to come in and cut down the Beech tree near clubhouse. We then tidied up the branches using our chipper, and removed all logs, small ones were given to any members who wanted them and the biggest ones are stored in our yard.

The patios, side and back of clubhouse have been power washed and three broken flags have been replaced on one of them.

Where the Beech tree was we've constructed a seating area, which should be in the sun well in to the evening as we head towards summer.

All ball washers have been filled with soapy water and a new one has been installed

on the 5th tee.

The clubs rental golf buggies have been fully serviced.

The dip where the electric cable was installed for the halfway house have been levelled and seeded.

The new tees have had their main signs put back out. With regards the new signs that are to be imbedded in to the tee tops, we've decided on a slight modification and as soon as they're back they will be installed.

The bunkers have been edged.

The brooks on 6, 18, 12 and 13 have been strimmed as have all the courses ponds.

The 4th path has had the red shale added.

Some plugging was done on a couple of weak areas on 2nd and 8th greens.

We've opened up the back of the 12th tee, allowing for more space for golfers to pass and a bigger turning point for machinery.

We've added a border on the side of the 13th tee and arranged for the member who does the hanging baskets to plant it up once the summer arrives.