



Greenkeeping Presentation

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The greens were being cut 5-6 times per week in mid-May, but since the dry weather has been with us we've toned down to 3-4 times per week to relieve a bit of stress on the grass plant. The greens are still rolled 2-3 times per week. We have continued with our bi-weekly spraying of fertiliser, wetting agent and growth regulators. Once per week we have taken the nail board to the weaker areas on 3, 10, 12 and 14 as they fill in with newly germinated grass.

The greens have been verti-cut to help refine the surfaces but also reduce any leggy lateral growth, they have also been top dressed twice with a total of 13-15 tonne of dressing being spread over the 20 greens

The Bunkers are raked 4-5 times per week

The bunkers have again been weeded and edged in the past month.

The tees were being cut twice per week and sprayed once per month, but although we have continued to spray every 4 weeks as the weather has got warmer we've reduced the rate of cutting down to 3 times every 2 weeks.

The collars and approaches are also being cut twice per week.

We have still been spending a day a week divoting, the main focus is the tees and then the traditional landing spots on fairways. At least twice per week we replenish the divot boxes on the par 3's and 2 & 11, when doing this we use what's left in the box on that particular tee and then put fresh mix in the box to avoid it germinating in the box

The greens and tees are blown clear as and when needed.

Every day we blow the greens that may have debris on before we perform any operation on them.

The bins are emptied at least twice per week along with the ones at the halfway house and practice net.

The holes are changed twice per week.

Markers are moved 4 times per week, two of which occurring when they're cut.

The green banks and semi rough is being cut twice per week and the tee banks once per week.

The fairways were being cut once per week up until the start of May and now they're being cut twice a week.

The rough is being cut once per week and the ecology rough is now growing in.

The brook banks and ponds have all been strimmed twice in the past month as have the pond edges.

We have continued to use the tractor mounted blower as and when needed, mainly to remove clippings but also the debris that drops from trees during the early season and during this dry spell

The course intermediate rough is cut once per week.

The tree lines cut every other week.

The car park has been kept tidy, mounds mown and strimmed.

The hanging baskets have been hung up and are watered daily along with the troughs.

During the dry spell multiple irrigation cycles have been used overnight and during the day, along with spot watering the hot spots and we've also modified some sprinklers, their span and the types of nozzles in them

OTHER JOBS AWAY FROM MAIN COURSE WORK

The new blue course tee plates have been cut in to show junior guests and members where their course is measured from.

The low growth on the circle of trees on the right of the red path on the 2nd carry has been cleared

The rental buggies have been washed off.

Under the white fence on 12 has been sprayed, to help kill off anything that wants to grow under it.

Excess sand from bunkers has been removed with the sand spread on our wet areas in the winter such as right of 14.

The hedges on 8th path, 7th tee and dereks lodge have twice been shaped up and tidied.

New towels have been put on the ball washers.

Some broken ball washers have been repaired and all of them have been topped up with soapy water every other week.

The new flags, pins and cups have gone out and the old ones put away clean for use in the Winter, to hopefully extend the life span of all our course furniture.

The benches were brought in, power washed and painted, 3 were in poor condition and have been replaced by the member whose benches they were.

The pond on left of 9th green has been cleared.

The previously sprayed off out of bounds left of 6, behind 14 and right of 15 have had white lines added and the stakes touched up with paint and re aligned.

New growth left of 4th tee, behind 18th tee and the bolsom right of 14th tee has been cleared.

The bridge on 13 has been stripped of old decaying wood and rebuilt.

