



# GREENS REPORT

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- Focus and priority has been on plug work and turfing of damaged areas on greens eg 5, 10, 17
- Greens were given a bi directional verticut (Monday 12<sup>th</sup>) This will be an ongoing process when weather conditions permit to assist with the thatch reduction and the thinning of the upper turf canopy. A follow up single direction verticut was completed (Monday 19<sup>th</sup>)
- Height of cut on the greens has been dropped to 3.25mm
- A light dusting completed on greens (Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>) Like the verticutting, this will be part of the ongoing agronomic cultural practice program. It will assist with thatch reduction and long-term benefits will ultimately be a firmer, truer putter surface and overall healthier plant.
- Root growth and oxygen exchange in the soil profile will be encouraged over the coming weeks with the use of the Toro Procore and 8mm needle tines
- 9A/Chipper has shown good progress and will be coming into play this coming Saturday (24<sup>th</sup>)
- A wetting agent program has been implemented. This will assist with overall plant health and condition over the upcoming summer months
- Soil tests were done on a select few greens. Main standout is low calcium and magnesium levels. A program of gypsum and magnesium applications will be implanted to improve the levels.





- Full irrigation audit was done on the tees. Numerous tees had heads that either were not turning, or adjustment was out eg. 6<sup>th</sup> Black and 3<sup>rd</sup> tee
- Some good growth is now happening, and tees are being mowed twice a week. Considering a scarify, solid tine and shave down on couch tees in the coming weeks.
- Fertiliser and amendment program have now been implemented on all tees. This will improve the coverage and consistency of the surface on tees.



## FAIRWAYS

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- Fairways have good coverage. Wetting agent and insecticide application planned to be carried out in the coming weeks.
- A spiral cut was done on the kikuyu fairways (Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>) These fairways will have a growth regulator and liquid fertiliser application next week.

## BUNKERS

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- Condition of bunkers is another high priority. For too long they have evidently been neglected. Some new maintenance rakes have been purchased for the staff to use for day to day operations.
- Green side bunkers will only be hand raked, beginning next week as a part of a new regime
- Green side bunkers were hand raked for the Saturday members round (17<sup>th</sup>)
- Fairway bunkers are raked on a Friday afternoon with the bunker bike.
- All green side bunkers have been edged and trimmed in the past week (12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>)



## ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND UPCOMING PLANS

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- Complete irrigation software and program audit to be done (Monday 26<sup>th</sup>)
- Hazard pegs...what is the intended/plan theme on the golf course??
- Whiteboards for office and lunch room...ok to go ahead and get quotes?
- Cart traffic lines around greens...thoughts??
- Additional bridge crossing at 8<sup>th</sup> green
- Ongoing grooming/dusting/needle tining of greens leading into the hotter summer months
- Minor tees renovation, particularly the couch
- Small adjustments to cutting lines and heights around greens to assist with grass coverage in summer months
- Ongoing bunker maintenance