

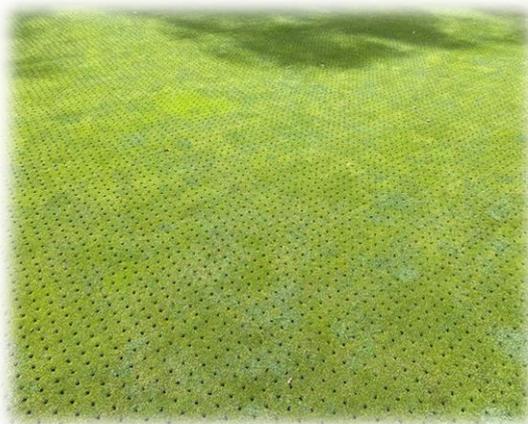


Greens Renovation Report...

November 2021

Unfortunately, due to the weather forecast and wet conditions we had to cancel our Sunday afternoon start to greens renovations. It is nice to have the ability to get a head start on the Sunday and get ahead of the game but that wasn't to be this year and as it turned out there were a number of changes and decisions that were required to be made on the run.

The team of guys made an early start on Monday morning and were able to get 8 greens completed with the topdressing of sand, holes punched and sand rubbed in before the rain showers came through and put a halt to our progress at approx. 1.30-2pm. We were also able to get an additional 5 greens with the holes punched. Another early start on Tuesday with an encouraging forecast for the day. The guys committed to getting everything wrapped up before we left for the day that afternoon. All greens except the putting green were completed with holes punched, topdressing added and sand rubbed in and blown off. It was a big day on the Tuesday to catch up on time lost from Sunday and Monday afternoon. The putting green was done Wednesday morning. We pulled a core on that green so could spread the cores over the newly seeded area which has been impacted and suffered setbacks on multiple occasions due to rain and heavy storms. The cores were levelled and rolled into the new seed. This will now provide additional stability and some organic nutrient for the new seed which is making progress all things considered.



Because of the delayed start and unpredictable forecast, we did adjust and do things in a slightly different way so we could expedite the process. I made the decision on Monday morning to change from a hollow tine (cores pulled) to a large solid tine. This eliminated the process of cleaning up piles of cores and potential for additional mess. I also made the call to top dress all greens by hand. The greens were a touch soft for my liking to put the heavy

top dresser unit over them and leave wheel mark ruts. We also borrowed a sweep and fill tow behind unit from Eastlake GC which enabled us to start rubbing in the sand while it was a little damp.



Sweep and Fill Unit Rubbing in Sand...

All things considered and the curve balls that were tossed at us, we were able to get all the greens completed by the Wednesday morning and didn't have any major impact on play upon reopening that morning. It was a great effort by all the guys. We held off applying our amendments and fertiliser for a week due to the forecast and impending heavy rain in the days after. Greens were given their first mow at 5mm on Monday 15th November. The height has been gradually brought down over the past week and they are currently at 3.5mm with an intended height of 3mm being where we will remain over the summer months. This is slightly higher than the rest of the year as we minimise the stress over the coming 3-4 months. We also roll the greens a little less over summer to minimise the stress they are put under. Hence the greens will be a touch slower than normal the next 3-4 months.



1st Green 8 days after renovations...



Putting Green Cored, Spread and Topdressed...