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LARGS GOLF CLUB

Advisory Report on the Golf Course incorporating the STRI Programme

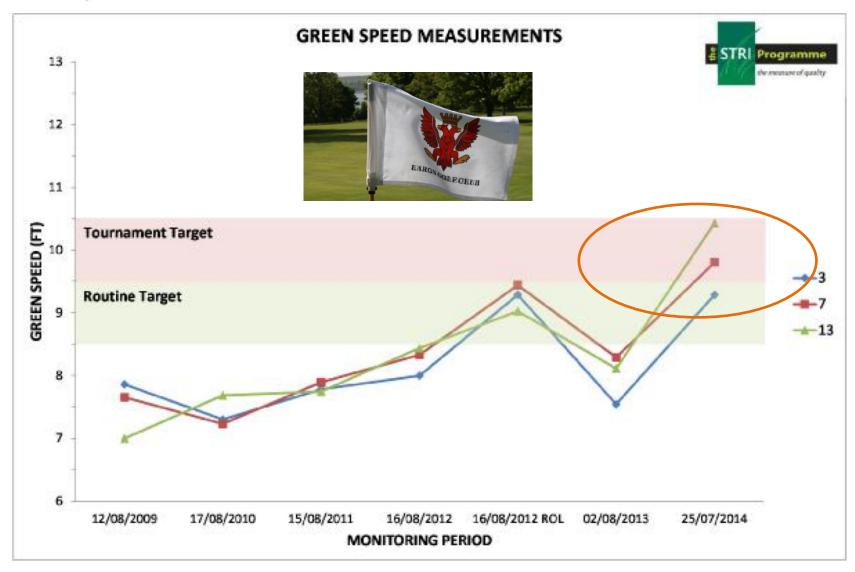
Report date: 5th August 2014



- The general condition and presentation of the golf course was excellent.
- The performance measurements on the greens were outstanding. A hey continue to show improvement year on year and are among the best inland greens we have seen in 2014.
- Excellent sward density and vigour was evident as well as consistency throughout all greens highlighting the superb maintenance programme delivered by the greens staff and continued support and investment by the Club.
- Although surface firmness was superb in the dry conditions it is important to continue organic matter reduction within the top 20mm of the soil profile. To ensure greens maintain this firmness throughout the inevitable wetter conditions that autumn and winter will bring, it is hoped that further organic matter reduction can be achieved with Graden sand injection in August.
- Due to the superb performance of the greens, the extension of maintenance procedures such as verticutting, hollow coring, top dressing and even Graden sand injection to the aprons was discussed. The aim being to firm up these surfaces making them more consistent to the playing qualities, particularly firmness, of the greens.
- Top dressing work has been carried out on high traffic routes of the course such as the right hand side of greens 2 and 4 and the back of the 3rd green. The aim of this work in conjunction with verti-draining is to incorporate 25-30mm of sand into the top layer of the soil to increase surface drainage and improve durability and stability during the wetter periods.



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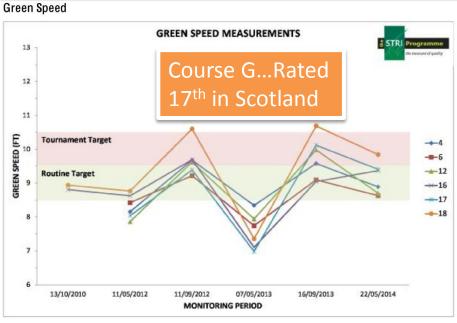
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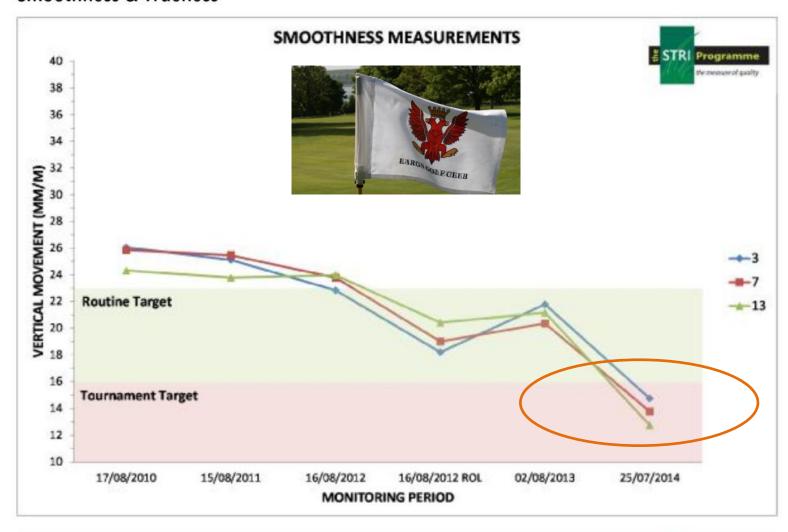
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Green speed values were generally consistent between greens and all within the 8 ft 6 in to 9 ft



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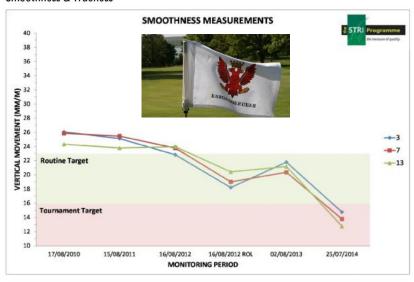
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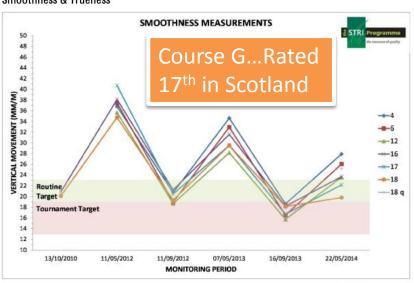
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Presentation, performance and turf quality

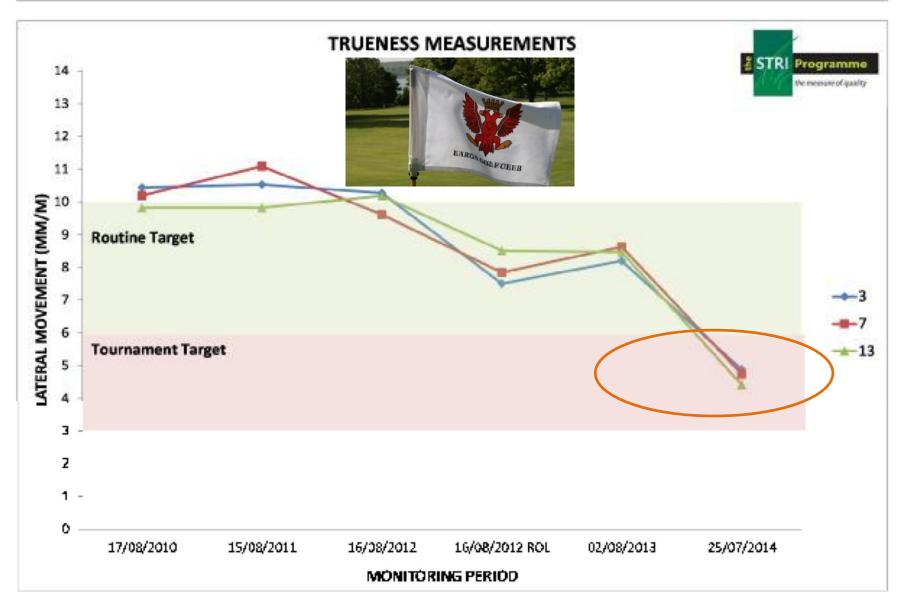
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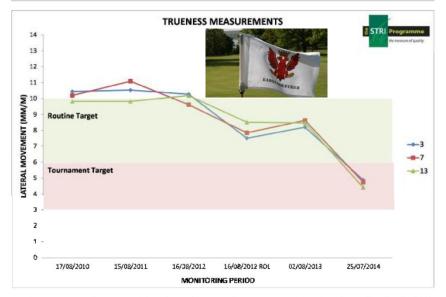
Largs vs Course G...other leading courses in **Scotland?**

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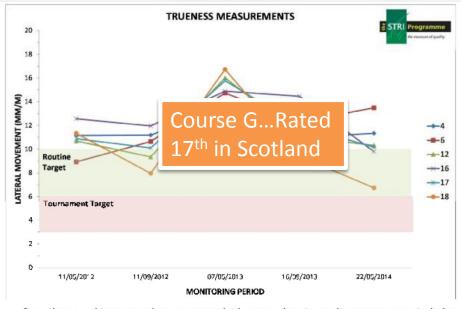
smoother than leading benchmark course



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 Smoothness and trueness values were superior in comparison to previous measurements during May 2013 and May 2012











Presentation, performance and turf quality to the greens was superb.

'Better than Royal Troon's greens.'

This came from Royal Troon member Jack Paton after taking part in the Anne Kerr mixed foursomes trophy on May 26th.

'WOW! Those greens......Just Fabulous!'

That was the unsolicited comment from former Scottish Seniors Champion Steve Ellis when he came off the course after our Tom McMaster Seniors Open on 7th May.

Want to play tournament standard smooth greens?





