

## Course Report

June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

The growing season is now here and we are starting to get vigorous growth all-round the course. The sprinkler system has been repaired and as we replenish the tanks there should be no further impact on the clubhouse.

The greens are cut most days with a turf- iron at least twice a week. Greens height of cut is at 3.5 mm. This is the time of year the greens start to seed. We have been out with the verti-cutting units to try and thin this out and should also help to smooth and speed up the surfaces up.



Over the last few weeks the greens have had an application fertiliser 11-1-5 and we have also been able to start the wetting agent programme now that we have a bit moisture in the ground. In the next few weeks we will give the greens another light top-dressing as part of the smooth, firm, fast greens that we are trying to promote.

### Agronomist Report

The club have asked Paul Millar PhD to give us an agronomy report on our greens to check that we are going in the right direction with our greens programme and progress since the last STRI report in 2015.

Paul's focus is:

- Organic matter in the upper profile
- Compaction layer
- Fertiliser programme
- Improving sward composition

Paul's recommendation are:

- Continue with Graden programme and light, regular top dressing to reduce organic matter

- Reducing the compaction from 40-150mm

Paul's full report will be added to the club website and hardcopy is with Secretary.



## Water Fountains

The new water drinking fountain are up and running. New decorative stonework will surround the base, and should be completed in the next two weeks.

## Tree Stumps

Tree stumps at the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> have been ground out. These areas have been seeded and marked as GUR. We have had an initially review of the trees status on the course by Eamonn Wall. A full report is being considered as some Ash and Elm disease has been discovered.

The course is beginning to shine and has good definition on fairways, semi-rough and rough. Hopefully we don't get too much rain over the summer months.



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