

GREENS COURSE REPORT

19th July 2018

Greens

The summer has seen us with extremely dry conditions with only 52mm of rain fall since the start of May. At this time last year, we were looking at over 180mm in the same period.

All of this has brought us different challenges keeping the greens and tees watered.



2017

Same period 2018

The water system has been up and running at nights and mornings and the occasional hand watering to high spots with the wetting agent guns. As we have had a high demand for water this year the supply to the clubhouse has been affected. We have adjusted fill flows and timings to alleviate any future problems. Part of our on-going Winter programme will be to extend the sprinkler system to reach our winter tees.

The cutting of the course has been scaled back due to the dry conditions with rough only cut when needed; fairways once a week, tees and approaches still twice a week. Greens have been a mixture of cutting and rolling trying not to stress the grass too much. We have had a little more time to catch up on some the small jobs around the course. We are also doing much more data collection on the status of the course which will certainly help with the understanding and decision making as we continue to improve the estate.

At the beginning of June we had our second visit of the year with the Air2g2 aeration machine. This pumped compressed air into the greens to relieve compaction under the turf. I would like to thank the members who played during the two days, allowing us to complete the operation without any disturbance. The next visit will be at the end of the season.

EARLY PLAY - Could I remind members that the course is closed for play on Saturday and occasional Sunday mornings when competitions are being played before 9am. This allows the green staff to prepare the course in front of competition play.

Vandalism

Once again, we are experiencing some ongoing vandalism around the course over the last month with greens damaged, rakes broken, flag and pins missing. There has been cycle damage to the 3rd and a large divot taken out of the 7th green.

On Friday the 13th the 7th green had a divot taken out of it. NO NEED FOR IT



On Sunday morning the 3rd green had also been vandalised by a bike.



And finally please welcome some new members to the course



We hope members and visitors alike are enjoying the dry firm conditions.

Kenny Duncan

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