

August Greens Report

August saw us get some moisture levels back and the course starting to green up after the hot summer drought. The impact of heat and the grass growing vigorously focuses all staff on board mowing.

We targeted end August to start of our renovation work on the greens. Why do this in August? Simply because we get much quicker recovery with one disruption instead of all the individual tasks (scarify, core, spike, top-dress) carried out separately. Doing the work at this time will give us firmer greens through the winter period as well as maintaining the surface drainage.

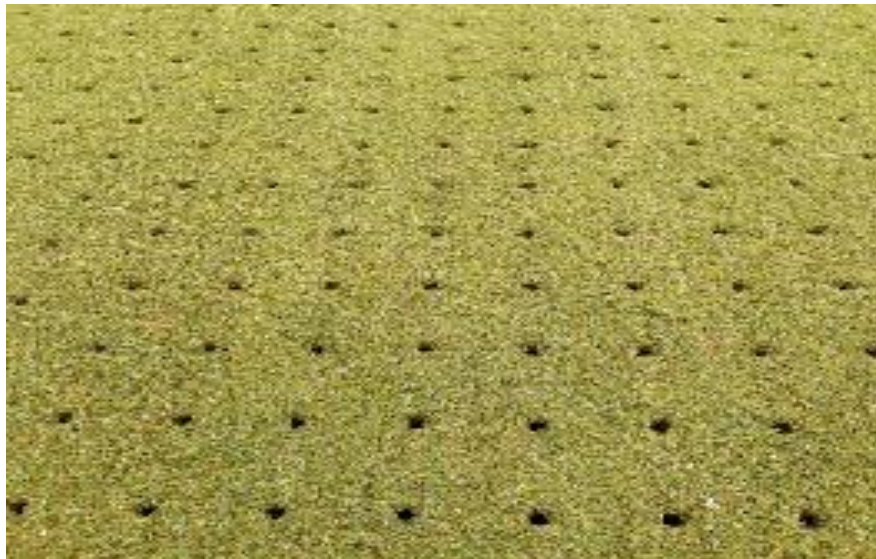
Verti-cutting

We double verti-cut which is a form of light scarifying, this rips out the thatch layer and helps to control organic matter that builds up in the turf. After the verti-cut we cleared up the green.



Solid tinning

Solid tinning followed with the Toro pro-core with 13mm tines at a depth of 50mm. This aerates the turf and relieves compaction in the top layer of the green it also provides space for sand and seed.



Following for the spiking we started over seeding and top-dressing with a medium course sand and a greens mixture seed.

Over seeding and Top-dressing

The seed and sand are brushed into the holes. The sand helps to firm up greens, dilute organic matter and create a bed for the seed. We have the water system coming on at night to help us dampen the seed and wash the dressing into the green.

This is all essential work and on-going work for improvement to greens throughout the year



Mid-September, drainage work will start on the ponding area on the 1st hole of the PAR 3 course. We are currently preparing a proposal for the redesign and upgrading of the PAR 3 course.

Additional winter works currently being planned include drainage and bunker upgrades around 4th and 14th greens; extending and upgrading driving bay to two; bunker added to Par 3 1st/9th, path repairs at 4th, 6th and 18th; some further woodland management where trees are impinging play or course.

We will keep you updated on Autumn and winter work in the next few months.

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