

Greens Report

3rd August 2022

During the last three weeks while in drought conditions, intense watering of greens and tees has been in operation. With the temperatures being as high as they were the evaporation rate was very high and, at times, we just couldn't seem to get water on quick enough.

As members you may not be aware that watering does take place throughout the playing season. The reason some members may not be aware of this is because we water through the night usually the irrigation system come on between 21.30-22.00 and irrigates throughout the night, which is the best time as there less evaporation, less wind, and most importantly does not inconvenience you as members.

Thankfully over the last few days we have had some significant rainfall which will as we all know will help the greens tremendously with recovery of some dry areas.

Greens at this time of the season are treated with a liquid feed of 14-0-7+6-3-18 and Microdyne. This happens every 3 weeks between the months of May-September. Also, regular applications of wetting agents are applied to help prevent dry patch and move water through the green profile.

We have recently been Hollow coring certain areas of certain greens we're we had major issues last Autumn/Winter and a loss of grass coverage. This work as always is imperative as it relieves compaction, helps with air flow, and helps alleviate any underlying anaerobic issues we may have.

It is my intention to hollow core all the greens on Monday 3rd October before we get into the winter months and while recovery is still good with favourable temperatures. Disruption will be minimal and as always is dependent on the weather. I know some members will probably be a bit upset about the timing of this work but for the club to continually have good greens this sort of work has to be carried out or the greens begin to suffer.

Generally course is in good condition considering the lack of rainfall over the last few weeks.

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