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ROYAL ABERDEEN GOLF CLUB

BALGOWNIE COURSE WORK UPDATE APRIL 2022

GREENS AND APPROACHES

Mowing was increased to twice weekly at 5mm HOC on greens and 6mm HOC on approaches. Rolling was carried out to keep the surfaces sooth and running fast. Sand top dressing was applied and worked into the turf surface with the rubber drag mat. Liquid seaweed and wetting agent were applied as part of the moisture management programme for these areas.

TEES

Mowing was carried out weekly at 6mm HOC. The new turf on the tees at the 8th and 16th holes has been mown with a rotary mower at 25mm to improve turf density and also to allow more top dressing to be applied to the bae of the turf. All tees were sprayed with wetting agent, N, K MG and seaweed.

FAIRWAYS

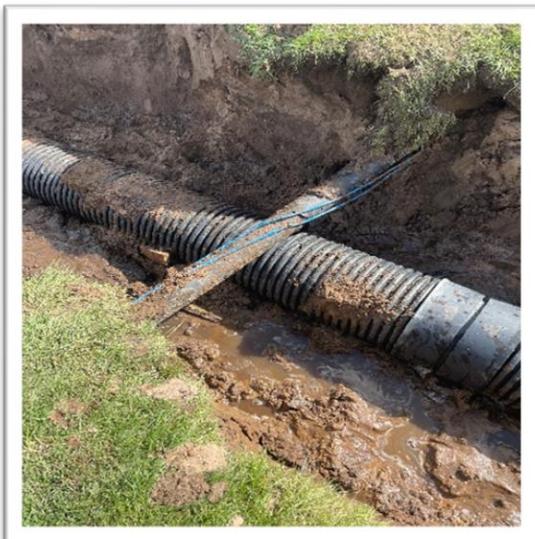
Sand top dressing was applied to maintain firm turf conditions and to fill the last remaining aeration holes. Mowing was carried out weekly at 9mm HOC. Divot filling has been on-going to keep the surfaces tidy and to get new seed into the worn areas.

BUNKERS

All bunkers are now back in play. The faces were sprayed with total weedkiller to remove some grass and weeds that had grown over the winter months. Daily raking has been carried out and all edges and banks have been cut.

14TH DITCH

Members may have noticed that the grass ditch at the 14th hole was full of water recently. We discovered that the old clay fire pipe was broken and had blocked the outlet. It appears when the irrigation system was installed that the pipe was damaged by the mole plough and it had since collapsed blocking the pipe. A new length of plastic twin wall pipe was installed to replace the broken clay pipe.



Pictures show where the irrigation pipe crosses the line of the pipe and the new pipe that was installed to replace the old clay pipe. As we had to dig the pipeline to the open ditch there was quite a bit of re-turfing required in this area. 160mts of turf was laid from our nursery to improve all worn turf in this area.

ROUGH AREAS

The semi-rough areas were cut at 30mm HOC with some localized mowing done in the secondary areas to tidy up some lush spots.

OTHER TASKS UNDERTAKEN

All course seats were returned to the links. The legs for holding the bells at the 10th and 15th holes were replaced with sleepers which is more in keeping with other course furniture that we have.

All newly turfed areas have been mown with the rotary mower at 25mm to improve turf density and allow them to be brought back into play.



Bells now mounted on sleepers at the 10th and 15th holes.

See image above.

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SILVERBURN COURSE WORK UPDATE APRIL 2022

GREENS AND APPROACHES

Mowing has been increased to twice weekly at 5mm HOC on greens and 6mm HOC on approaches. An early season fertilizer product (4.0.8) was applied to improve growth and turf density.

TEES

The newly turfed tees at 10,11 and 17 were mown with the rotary mower at 25mm HOC. Several light dressings of sand were applied afterwards to improve firmness at the base of the turf. Mowing on tees was carried out weekly at 6mm HOC. Regular divot filling was also carried out to keep the surfaces tidy.

FAIRWAY

Mowing was carried out weekly at 9mm HOC. Divot filing has been on-going to keep the surfaces tidy. The introduction of the fairway irrigation system on Silverburn has certainly paid off with a huge improvement in grass cover especially on the holes 2,3, and 4 where moss was the norm at this time of year. Fairway Grass cover on these holes is much improved since the new irrigation was installed allowing us to seed and manage the turf much better and present the course for the members enjoyment.



Course presentation is much improved with a full grass cover on all areas. The Silverburn is shaping up to be in fine condition again this summer.

OTHER TASKS UNDERTAKEN

All irrigation heads have been trimmed and the system tested. Flymo and strimming work has been carried out on ball washers and bin areas and tee banks and bunkers have been trimmed and edged.

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