

## Greens Report

A few of the things that we have been up to since the last meeting we attended during which we have had exceptional rain fall during the last few months with the local weather station recording the highest rainfall over October (110mm), November (67mm) and December (112mm) since records began.



10<sup>th</sup> apron



1<sup>st</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> green



10<sup>th</sup> green





1<sup>st</sup> tee



fleet ditches on 6<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>

- 1) The trees on the 18<sup>th</sup> west road side have been cut (tree surgeon) and the tall tree on 18<sup>th</sup> at the half way point has had some of the height taken out of it.



- 2) The temp greens on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> have had lots of work done to them including turf stripping, soil added to give them height and shape to help keep them drier then we re-turfed.



3) After a meeting with are greens advisor and some organic matter test being taken. We have found that are greens have an unhealthy amount of thatch layer. The results of this can lead to a sponge effect on the surface of the greens leading to bad drainage and root depth. We have spiked all the greens to help start a program which will continue thought the year.

**Wiedenmann Thatch**

- Thatch build up : a vicious cycle
  - More water is required due to shallow roots
  - More fertiliser is requires to sustain growth
  - The soil below can dry : root breaks
  - Anaerobic soil condition prevails
  - Surface micro climate is created
  - Bugs and fungal disease moves in

**Wiedenmann Solving Compaction Problems**

- Hollow coring
  - Removes thatch
  - Surface can remain more open
  - Easier incorporation of top dressing
  - Soil exchange

4) We have reshaped the bunker on the 4<sup>th</sup> to help wear of the path entrance by allowing more room around it.

- 5) The fairways have been started to be spiked at 4 inches and then hopefully lower, this will be carried on weather permitting.



- 6) We have drained 2 problem bunkers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes which so far has worked well in keeping them dry. We have also pumped out any bunker that needed it to help dry them out.
- 7) Machinery servicing has started to be carried out during the wet weather and will continue when able.
- 8) We will be looking into removing the headstone on the tee's with the yardage on and replacing with coloured disc's in ground.