

## August

### Greens report

Over the last few weeks the course has been extremely difficult to maintain with the amount of rain fall that we are experiencing. The total for the last 3 weeks is 144mm and still rising.

The work schedule has been disrupted with the main machinery not getting out onto the course. We have also had additional work with.

- Clearing surface water from greens.
- Bunker wash out, putting bunkers back into play.
- Tractor mounted blowing fairways, rough.
- Hand blowing tees, surrounds, tee banking clearing up the wet grass.



Washed out bunker at 6<sup>th</sup>

12<sup>th</sup> green flooded out

With all the extra rain fall we gave the greens a spiking with the Pro-core solid mini tine to help get water through the profile and some air into the root system.



Over the next  
intend to do  
work as we go  
months.

few weeks we  
more spiking  
into the Autumn

The end of summer and Autumn months will see a high pressure of turf diseases coming in which is getting more difficult for Greenkeepers to control. Chemicals are being removed from the market and as a result we have been trying out preventative sprays throughout the season which are bugs that fight against the fungal pathogens. We will continue to monitor over the Autumn and winter months.

The end of season renovation work on greens will commence on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September and continue that week. This year we will be doing a deep scarifying to remove the thatch that has built up over the wet season we have experienced. We will also give them a run over with the Pro-core solid tines followed with a sand dressing and over seeding. This work is essential to help to prepare the greens for the winter and next season.

Once the season is over we will Verti-drain the greens at the end of October - this is the deep tinning operation to a depth of 300mm and the purpose is to keep the greens as dry as possible over the winter months.

During the summer we had a successful divoting session on the fairways and my thanks to all the volunteers as their support is much appreciated by the team - we are hoping to arrange another date before the end of the season.

We have also taken delivery of the new divot bag stand which is placed at the Pro-shop, we would encourage members and guests to take one and fill in their divots as they play their round and they can be replenished during the round at Par 3 tees. When you finish place the empty bag in the white box at the cleaning bay just off the 18<sup>th</sup>. Small bags but every little bit helps to maintain our course.



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