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**ROYAL ABERDEEN
GOLF CLUB**

BALGOWNIE COURSE UPDATE

GREENS AND APPROACHES

Regular sand dressings over the past 6 weeks have filled all aeration holes previously made during the maintenance week. Approximately 90 ton of sand has been laid over the two hectares in this time.

Greens have been verti drained using 12mm solid tines to a depth of 200mm on the re-built greens and 250mm on the old established greens.

Seaweed, penetrant and soil conditioners including FE, Mg, Mn have been applied to maintain plant health. There are some localized patches of fusarium next to the bunkers where sand splash has landed. This has been spot treated with a contact fungicide.

Mowing was carried out using the hand mowers at 5mm HOC.

TEES

Verti draining work was carried out using 19mm solid tines to a depth of 250mm. Sand top dressing was applied and worked into the aeration holes.

Mowing has been carried out as required at 6mm HOC.

FAIRWAYS

All areas were Verti-drained using 19mm solid tines to a depth of 250mm. Penetrant wetting agent, sulphate of ammonia and soluble iron was applied after the verti draining work to ensure hydration levels are maintained deeper in the soil. Regular divot filling has been on-going on all areas.

BUNKERS

Revetting work has been completed at the 5th, 7th, 9th, and 11th holes. Worn access areas into some green side bunkers have been repaired and new sand added where required.

We are currently working through all other bunkers to re-set the sand levels prior to new sand being added. Edges and faces have been trimmed and repaired where required.

3RD TEE WORK

The base for the new 3rd tees is now in place on the west side of the 2nd green. This proved to be quite a challenge given it was on the side of a very steep slope. Some additional work was required to lower mounding to expose a better view of the green surface from the new tees. Work is on-going to install a forward tee on the east side at the 3rd and new white and yellow tees for the 4th hole.

OTHER TASKS UNDERTAKEN

Large areas of grass/gorse have been cut in several areas to control the re-growth of new gorse plants.

Course furniture has been removed and the course is now set up on the forward winter tees for the next three months.

All machinery has been serviced and mowing units sharpened for next season.

SILVERBURN COURSE

GREENS AND APPROACHES

After the recent hollow tining work several sand dressings have been applied to fill the holes.

Greens have been verti drained using 12mm solid tines to a depth of 200mm on the re-built greens and 250mm on the old established greens.

Seaweed, penetrant and soil conditioners including FE, Mg, Mn have been applied to maintain plant health. There are some localized patches of fusarium next to the bunkers where sand splash has landed. This has been spot treated with a contact fungicide.

Mowing was carried out using the hand mowers at 5mm HOC.

TEES

Verti draining work was carried out using 19mm solid tines to a depth of 250mm. Sand top dressing was applied and worked into the aeration holes.

Turf has been stripped from 18th tee. This tee will be re-aligned with the fairway as it currently faces in the wrong direction.

Mowing has been carried out as required at 6mm HOC.

FAIRWAYS

All areas were verti drained using 19mm solid tines to a depth of 250mm. Penetrant wetting agent, sulphate of ammonia and soluble iron was applied after the verti draining work to ensure hydration levels are maintained deeper in the soil. Regular divot filling has been on-going on all areas.

Heavy sand top dressings were applied to the fairways at the 9th, 10th and 13th holes. These fairways suffer badly with worm casts so hopefully the sand dressings will help in the longer term.

BUNKERS

Revetting work has been carried out at the 7th and 10th holes. Four bunkers at the 9th, 10th and 15th holes were filled in and re-turfed.

5TH TEE WALKWAY

Work has begun in this area to remove the worn turf and old rubber mats. Once stripped the soil will be cultivated prior to new turf being laid. Additional irrigation heads will also be installed to ensure that this area can be managed properly during the summer season.

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