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ROYAL ABERDEEN GOLF CLUB

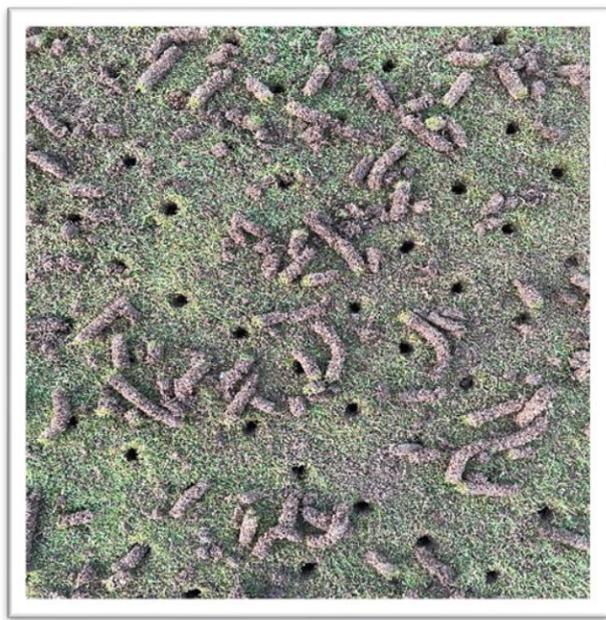
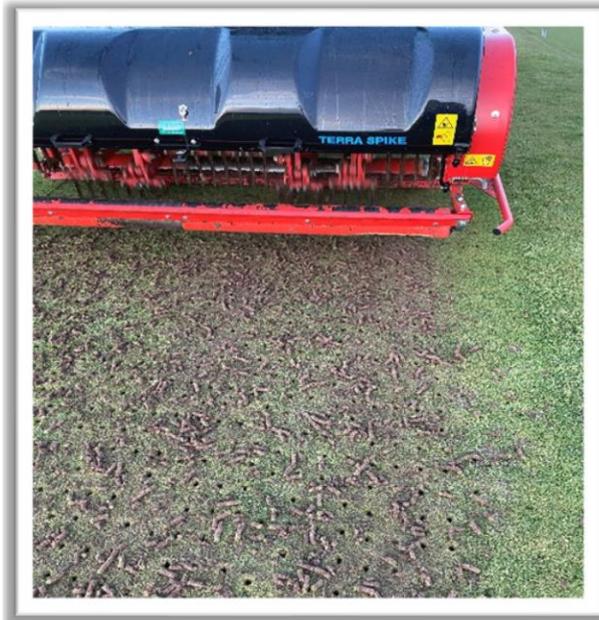
BALGOWNIE COURSE UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2022

GREENS AND APPROACHES

Due to the cooler nights and mornings growth has slowed down on all areas with mowing now reduced to 4 times per week on greens with rolling being done on the days in between. Mowing height of cut on greens has been increased to 4.5mm. Approach areas have been mown twice weekly at 6mm HOC. Liquid FE, Seaweed, Mn Mg have been applied to act as a turf hardener for the autumn period. Pencil tining work was carried out using 8mm solid tines to a depth of 70mm.

TEES

All the main teeing grounds were hollow cored using 13mm tines to remove some organic material from the turf surface and to allow sand to be applied into the fresh holes. Mowing has been carried out twice weekly at 6mm HOC. Regular divoting was done to keep all divots filled during the busy season.



Cores removed from the tees during recent works carried out.

FAIRWAYS

All areas were sprayed with a selective herbicide to control some annual weeds that have appeared over the summer months. Soluble N, K and Mg was also used in this spray to maintain good grass cover throughout. Mowing was carried out twice weekly at 9mm HOC.

ROUGH AREAS

The wispy rough has now released all its new seed blowing all over the golf course as a free seed bank. This will be cut and collected in the next few weeks. The semi and secondary rough areas have been mown as required as growth has slowed down considerably in these areas.

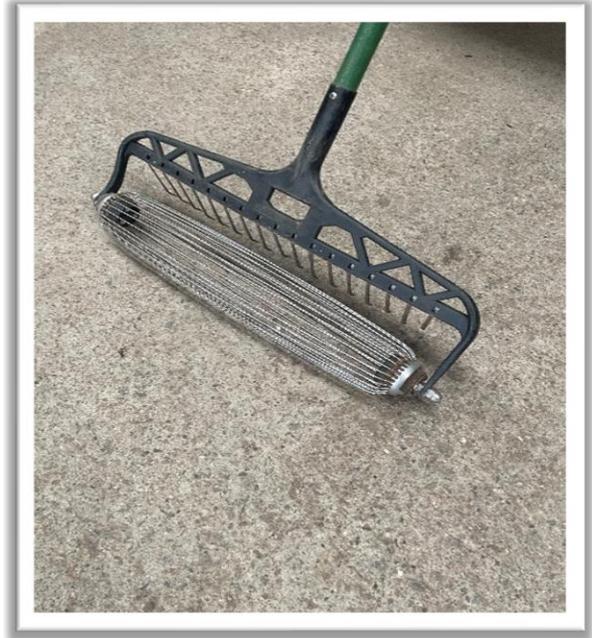
There are a number of bare areas in the managed rough that need to be renovated and work has begun to cut them and rake out dead material from the surface. New seed will be added by using the hydro seeding method which is sprayed on using a mulch to adhere the mix to the slopes and sandy soil.

OTHER TASKS UNDERTAKEN

As part of our ecological approach large weeds have been hand picked from the rough areas and disposed of. Annual weeds round greens and bunkers have also been treated to remove them before the end of the growing season.

BUNKERS

Over the past few weeks, we have been using different rakes to prepare the bunkers in the morning. These new rakes have a spring steel wire roller with short teeth mounted behind them which rolls through the sand rather than digging into it. There are very few rake marks left behind with minimal disturbance to the sand layer and a smoother finish left for play.



New rakes being used to prepare the bunkers each day. They leave an excellent finish with minimal disturbance to the sand layer.

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SILVERBURN COURSE UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2022

GREENS AND APPROACHES

Mowing has been reduced to 4 times weekly due to a drop in growth levels. Rolling has been carried out alongside mowing to keep the surfaces smooth. Some pot seeding work was carried out on greens 8,18 and chipping green to introduce some more fescue into the sward. All other greens were over seeded with the vredo disc seeder. Hollow coring work has been carried out on the approaches areas to remove organic material from the turf surface. Mowing height was increased to 4.5mm as per Balgownie links.



Pictures showing the machinery used to hollow core the approaches and over seed the greens.

TEES

All tees were also hollow tined using the same machine. The tees were over seeded by hand and then top dressed with sand. The new seed has now germinated out of the holes which is encouraging to see.

BUNKERS

The same rakes are being used on Silverburn as the main course which is leaving equally as good a job in the bunkers. Mowing of the banks and edges has been carried out weekly to keep them tidy.

FAIRWAYS

Mowing has been carried out weekly at 9mm HOC with exception to holes 9,10,13,16 as these fairways have been cut twice weekly due to increased growth levels.

OTHER TASKS UNDERTAKEN

Rough areas have been mown weekly, tee banks fly mowed, divots filled, and irrigation heads trimmed as required. Holes were changed twice weekly.

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