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ROYAL ABERDEEN GOLF CLUB

BALGOWNIE

COURSE REPORT- MAY 2022

GREENS AND APPROACHES

Mowing on greens has been increased to 5 times per week at 4.5mm HOC and twice weekly on approaches at 6mm hoc. Rolling has also been carried out 3-4 times per week to keep the surfaces smooth and pace good. Green speed over the past few weeks has been good with average stimp readings at 10ft.

A plant growth regulator (PGR) was applied to curtail the development of annual meadow grass seeding which will become prevalent in the next month. The annual meadow grass will still seed on the greens but the volume of seed will be greatly reduced by using this product. It is sprayed every 21 days and will be used until the end of June.

TEES

Mowing has been carried out twice weekly at 6mm HOC. Top dressing was applied to maintain good surface levels and firmness. The newly turfed tees at the 8th and 16th holes are now been mown at 10mm HOC to improve density and sward composition. Divot filling has been carried out twice weekly. Tee banks have been mown weekly and tee plates trimmed as required.

FAIRWAYS

Due to increased growth and an application of fertilizer and wetting agent mowing has been increased to twice weekly at 9mm HOC. Growth in some areas is still weak but will improve in the next few weeks as soil temperatures rise further. There is a lot of evidence on the fairways that leather jackets have been active and damaged the turf.



These pictures show dead grass round the aeration holes and the damage caused by the grub feeding on roots and stems of the turf. The aeration hole is the perfect environment for them to live as they get plenty oxygen in this channel and can quickly move deeper into the profile during cold weather.

BUNKERS

Daily raking has been carried out with edges and banks trimmed weekly. Faces have been cleaned and sand moved back into place.

OTHER TASKS UNDERTAKEN

All irrigation valve boxes have been trimmed and isolation valves cleaned. Dust paths were weeded and raked with washout areas topped up with new material.

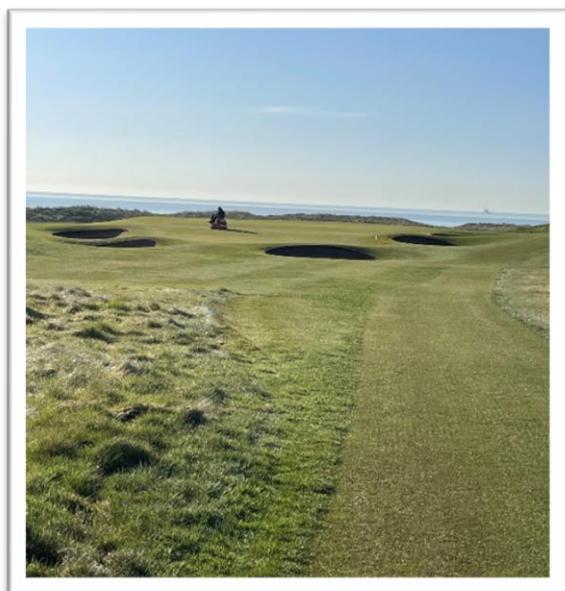
Ball washers and steps have been trimmed and the drinking fountain was re-installed at the 6th tee.

ROUGH AREAS

Mowing has been carried out weekly in both the semi rough and secondary rough. Semi rough HOC is 30mm and secondary rough is mown at 75mm. Some of the larger secondary areas have been cut to maintain good playing conditions for all golfers.

COURSE PRESENTATION

The bloom on the gorse this year has been very strong and enhances how the courses look. The lack of cold easterly winds in the winter has helped with this ensuring that wind burn was minimal. Course presentation to date has been good with mowing lines and attention to detail improving each week.



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Course Manager



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SILVERBURN

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GREENS AND APPROACHES

Pencil tining work was carried out using 8mm solid tines to a depth of 70mm. Wetting agent and seaweed was applied after tining and washed through the holes into the profile where it will have maximum effect on the turf. Mowing and rolling have been increased as growth levels improve. Mowing HOC on greens is the same as Balgownie at 4.5mm and 6mm on approaches.

TEES

The newly turfed tees at 10,11 and 17 have been dressed and mown at 10mm HOC. Mowing on other tees has been carried out twice weekly at 6mm HOC. All tees were fertilized with a polymer coated product that will last 10-12 weeks. This type of product is ideal for tees and paths as it will release slowly over the summer months giving continued support to the turf during this heavy wear period.



Polymer coated products are ideal for the summer months especially in dry locations like ours as it won't breakdown quickly and scorch the turf. It requires a certain amount of soil temperature to activate the product as the main nitrogen source is methylated urea.

FAIRWAYS

Mowing has been increased to twice weekly at 9mm HOC. The same fertilizer and wetting agent spray applied to Balgownie fairways was used on Silverburn fairways as well. This has increased growth on all areas although similar leather jacket damage is evident here as well.

BUNKERS

The newly turfed areas round the bunkers have been treated with granular wetting agent and fertilized with the polymer coated product used on the tees. Daily raking has been carried out and edges trimmed weekly.

ROUGH AREAS

Growth in these areas is strong, therefore Mark has ensured that these areas are cut weekly to maintain good playing conditions throughout.

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