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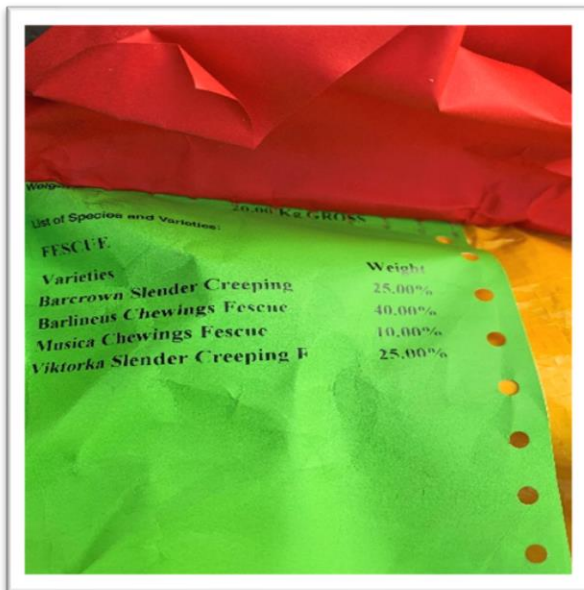
## ROYAL ABERDEEN GOLF CLUB

### BALGOWNIE & SILVERBURN COURSE REPORT AUGUST 2023

#### GREENS AND APPROACHES (Both courses)

Mowing has been carried out daily at 4mm hoc on greens and 6mm hoc on approaches. Sand dressings were applied (20 ton/ha). Liquid seaweed and soil conditioners were sprayed to maintain plant health throughout. We have also over seeded the newly constructed greens again with an all-Bent seed mix to increase the quantities of these species in the sward. This was carried out in July and we had an excellent strike with the new seed and are hopeful that we will get similar results with this overseed.

The greens on the silverburn course were over seeded with an all-Fescue seed mix to further improve the quantities of finer grasses in the sward.



#### TEES (Both courses)

Granular fertiliser (23.2.10) was applied to the tees on the Balgownie course to improve growth and recovery. Mowing was carried out at 6mm hoc three times per week. All tees were sprayed again with a systemic fungicide to prevent the development of dollar spot which has been a problem over the past three summers and leaves a lot of unsightly scars on the turf.

### **FAIRWAYS** (Both courses)

Mowing has been carried out twice weekly at 9mm hoc. Regular divot filing has been on-going each day to keep all surfaces tidy. All fairways on both courses were sprayed with soluble Urea, seaweed and wetting agent to maintain current growth and moisture levels.

### **ROUGH MOWING** (Both courses)

With the recent wet weather some of the rough on Silverburn has started to become a bit thicker in places. A further application of the PGR was applied to the rough areas on the silverburn course to control the increase in growth from the recent wet, warm weather we have had. All other semi rough areas on both courses were mown at 30mm HOC.

### **BUNKERS** (Both courses)

Daily raking has taken place with edges and banks mown as required. The bunker surrounds on Balgownie were sprayed with liquid seaweed and soluble urea to promote some more growth and recovery on the bunker heads.

### **OTHER TASKS UNDERTAKEN**

Ragwort weeds have been pulled from the dunes to stop them seeding and spreading further next season. Other large areas near the ditches at the 14<sup>th</sup> hole on Balgownie have been sprayed with selective weed killer to remove thistles and dandelions from these areas.

Sprinkler heads have been trimmed on all areas and the irrigation system was run in test mode as it hasn't been used for a number of weeks due to the wet weather in July.

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