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ROYAL ABERDEEN GOLF CLUB

BALGOWNIE COURSE UPDATE MARCH 2023

GREENS AND APPROACHES

Liquid seaweed, sulphate of ammonia, and wetting agent were applied to encourage some early growth and to hydrate the soil going into the springtime.

Pencil tining work was carried out using 8mm solid tines to a depth of 80mm.

Mowing has been carried out at 5mm HOC on greens and 6mm HOC on approaches.

TEES

Mowing was carried out at 6mm HOC to remove some winter growth and debris. A spring granular fertilizer was applied (4.0.8) at 25gms/m² to promote some early growth and recovery from winter play.

Over seeding work was done using dwarf ryegrass seed. This will quickly recover bare and weak areas and offer better wear tolerance during the growing season.

FAIRWAYS

Mowing was carried out at 9mm HOC and this was the first cut the fairways have had since late November 22. Divot filling has been on-going to keep landing areas tidy now that the mats have been removed.

Liquid fertilizer, wetting agent and Magnesium was applied to promote some growth and recovery on all areas.

BUNKERS

All bunkers are now back in play with pallets removed from the newly revetted bunkers and new sand added.

The faces have been cleaned and edges trimmed. Additional sand will be added where required to top up low areas. The new bunker rakes for the members to use will be in place by early April. These new rakes are the same as the ones used by the green staff each day.

ROUGH AREAS

Some areas were cut with the super 500 flail mower which cut and collected the risings. This has cleaned up old growth and left a clean surface for the springtime.

OTHER TASKS UNDERTAKEN

Strimming and flymo work have been carried out on banks and bunkers. Dust paths have been weeded and topped up where required.

All tee plates have been cleaned and painted.

Marram planting was carried out near the 6th green tee to enhance the look of the bank which was bare and weak.

The newly turfed areas at the 5th, 12th tees and 4th fairway have all been cut and top dressed.

NEW DRINKING FOUNTAIN AT 6TH TEE

A new fountain was purchased to replace the old one. This new one has a bottle filling feature on it which should ultimately reduce the amount of plastic in the bins. It has been encased in sleepers to make it look like the bins and other features on the golf course.



New fountain installed at the 6th tee.

Robert N Patterson
Course Manager



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SILVERBURN COURSE UPDATE MARCH 2023

GREENS AND APPROACHES

Granular fertilizer (4.0.8) was applied at 25gms/m² to promote growth and recovery after the winter play.

Mowing has been carried out at 5mm HOC on greens and 6mm HOC on approaches.

Pencil tining work was carried out using 8mm tines to a depth of 80mm.

Irrigation heads have been cleaned out and trimmed.

TEES

Granular fertilizer (4.0.8) was applied at 25gms/m² to promote growth and recovery after the winter play. Mowing was carried out at 6mm HOC.

FAIRWAYS

Mowing was carried out at 9mm HOC. Divoting work was done to tidy up the landing areas after the winter golf.

The debris that was lying around after the birds had picked at the fairways was blown and picked up. They have caused a lot of damage this past few months but there is very little we are able to do now as any chemicals available to control leather jackets have been taken off the market.

BUNKERS

All bunkers are back in play now and work has begun to clean the faces and tidy the edges of the remaining bunkers. New sand was added where required.

ROUGH AREAS

All areas of managed rough have been cut to tidy it up and to disperse the pickings from the bird activity.

OTHER TASKS UNDERTAKEN

Course furniture has been put back onto the golf course.

All irrigation heads have been trimmed.

Some gorse bushes were trimmed round the chipping green and new pins and flags were put out at the chipping green.

17TH HOLE

Work has been completed to re-turf the walkway and bank of the green which was very weak and unsightly. New irrigation has been introduced to this area to allow us to irrigate and manage all the new turf next season. This area will be much better presented this season after completing this work.



The newly turfed area at the 17th hole which has greatly improved the appearance of the hole. The renovated area measured around 800 sq/mts. Three irrigation heads were added to allow better management of the turf during the growing season.

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Course Manager