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**ROYAL ABERDEEN
GOLF CLUB**

BALGOWNIE COURSE UPDATE

AUGUST 2022

GREENS AND APPROACHES

Daily mowing with hand and triple mowers has been carried out at 4mm HOC. Regular rolling was also carried out to maintain good surface pace and smoothness.

A turf tonic was applied containing seaweed, magnesium, manganese and wetting agent. This ensured we maintained the current levels of grass cover on these areas without any flushes of growth. More new bent grass was applied to the greens at 2,3,4,12,13 and putting green. These greens have the most annual meadow grass content in them so this will help increase bent grass numbers in the turf.

TEES

Mowing was carried out at 6mm HOC three times weekly. All tees were solid tined using worn 19mm tines to relieve some surface compaction and improve drainage properties.

A granular fertilizer was applied at 15gms/m² to maintain a strong grass cover going into the autumn period. Tee banks were mown weekly and irrigation heads trimmed.

FAIRWAYS

Mowing has continued twice weekly at 9mm HOC. Daily divot filling has been on going to ensure all landing areas are tidy and fully repaired. Soluble N, Mg, K was applied to maintain current grass coverage on the fairways and to aid seed germination in the divot mix.

ROUGH AREAS



In recent years a lot of progress has been made to clean up the rough areas removing rank grasses in the process. We are now seeing an increase in the heather population around the links which is great to see from an ecology standpoint as it attracts different species of insects and birds to live and nest there. It is in full bloom at the moment and adds to the aesthetic appearance of the golf course.

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**SILVERBURN COURSE UPDATE
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GREENS AND APPROACHES

Mowing on greens was carried out at 4mm HOC 5-6 days per week with rolling also done to maintain pace and smoothness. Approaches were cut twice weekly at 6mm HOC. A turf tonic containing seaweed, magnesium, potassium and wetting agent was applied to maintain current turf conditions.

Pencil tining work was carried out to open the surface for air and water to penetrate the soil profile as shown below.



TEES

Granular fertilizer was applied at 15gm/m² to maintain good grass coverage going into the autumn period. Mowing at 6mm HOC was carried out twice weekly. Wetting agent was applied to all tees to maintain good soil moisture levels.

FAIRWAYS

Soluble products containing N, K, Mg and wetting agent were applied to maintain the current levels of grass cover on the fairways. The irrigation system on the fairways is proving to be invaluable during the dry weather in keeping the turf alive during the dry spell. Divot filling has been on going to keep landing areas tidy.

OTHER TASKS UNDERTAKEN

Routine Flymo and strimmer work as been done on banks etc. All irrigation heads and valve boxes have been trimmed and pop-up operation checked for leaks etc. The chipping green area has been maintained weekly with bunkers tidied and divots filled on a regular basis.

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