

## **Greens Report June 2025**

Since the last greens report, the weather has been more unsettled and we eventually managed to get some rainfall. Still nowhere near what we would have liked but anything was welcome. With the irrigation system working nearly non-stop (23 days out of 30, plus additional hand watering) in the last month, nothing can beat natural rainfall.

Along with the rain and the processes of both chemical (wetting agent) and cultural (sarel rolling and scarifying) we have seen good recovery from the extreme drought conditions.

Absolutely staggering difference of rainfall!!

As mentioned above we have continued to sarel roll the greens every 2-3 weeks to help break the surface tension of the ground, allowing water percolation and penetration into the soil profile. Along with the wetting agent, this aids the water in being pulled in through the roots to help manage the water and moisture uptake.

We have also continued to verti-cut the greens in-between sarel roll and treatments. This reduces the coarse grasses, encourages recovery and again opens the surface with minimal disruption to allow new shoot growth and water penetration.

We have continued to do our monthly liquid feeds and seaweed applications, along with bio stimulants to help relieve the greens of the stress endured by the dry spell. We have just applied the June application of liquid fertiliser, with our summer granular to be followed up in the next 2-3 weeks.

The cutting on the course is well under control, everything is on top of with currently no real issues, with things looking relatively tidy. We have also rotavated all the bunkers, along with tidying the edges with long handled shears. We have also topped the sand up in the bunkers at 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

The 11<sup>th</sup> green over the last couple of years (due to the wet weather) has been holding water just over by the left side bunker, in a hollow. With the irrigation being on so much this year, this area has suffered and never had any time to recover. The main reason for this is, that is the lowest part of the green and no drains. As you look at the green, everything from the right filters to that low spot and everything from the approach on the left, again filters it to this low area. As a quick fix, we dug out and removed the turf and sub soil. We dug down 8-10 inches, where we hit a band of clay. We replaced the heavy soil with a mix of divot mix and dressing. We removed the turf from the approach and replaced it into the green and got some turf rolls in to replace the approach. This area is being hand cut at the moment until we get it down to a height where the greens machine can effectively cut it without stressing it. It is being dressed and rubbed in and has also had an application of fertiliser to help recovery.

This is definitely a green we could drain (like we did at 10<sup>th</sup>) and also landscape the approach and back of the bunker on the left side to help naturally deflect the water off the green. This is a discussion to have as possible winter work.

