

## Greens Report August 2025

It's been another busy month on the course both with golf and maintenance. The weather has been mixed, we have had some rain, but mainly dry again and some high wind storms in storm Floris. Luckily with the storm we had very little damage. We encountered a few broken limbs and a lot of light debris.

Since the last report the AGM has been and I would like to welcome Mr Mark Turner onto the Greens Committee as Chairman. I met up with Mark for a couple of hours to introduce myself and talk about what we hope to achieve and look forward to liaising with him for the Directors.

This last month we have continued to maintain most areas of the course as usual. From hover mowing all the tee and green banksides, strimming ditches, hedgerows and boundaries (i.e. farmers field, old school site). We have also maintained the fairways, semi-rough, approaches and intermediate.

We have also cut the copses and strimmed around the avenues on fairways 1-4 with the rest to finish this coming week.

The greens have continued to be sarel rolled on a 2-week cycle, and we have also upped the intensity of the verti-cut thatch away units from a 2-week cycle to every 10 days.

We have continued with our monthly liquid feed programme of 33-0-0, with potassium, seaweed and wetting agent.

We have also applied our summer granular of 10-0-15 on both greens and approaches. After our application we got a fantastic result from the product. We used the same product last year and due to the reaction, I'm going to keep with this product for next season.

We have also spiked the greens again with the Groundsman tractor mounted spiker at a depth of 150 mm using 10mm tines to help open the surface for the seaweed and wetting agent to get into the profile and allow better water percolation.

We have trimmed and tidied the greens pop-up sprinklers, Recently I purchased a bunker sieve shovel. This shovel has an ultra-fine mesh, of about 2-3mm. It is to "riddle" the stones from the bunkers. We have a garden sieve, but the mesh was too coarse for the fine stones. The 14<sup>th</sup> bunkers are probably the worst, but over the last 3 weeks we have been using the shovel to great effect.

I have put plans forward and spoke to Mark about wanting to drain the 11<sup>th</sup> green over the winter, as we did to 10<sup>th</sup> in 2023. I have spoken to Turfcare about the use of their trencher, the plan is literally identical to the 10<sup>th</sup>. I have plans and an outline budget.

The top dressing has arrived also for our Maintenance week, the hollow tines are in the machine ready to go. Sadly over the last 2 weeks we have had several flags stolen again from 7<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> greens. We do usually get this in school holiday times, but luckily it's stopped at the theft and not damage (hope that's not tempting fate)

Jack is still attending college, and by the look of things he is progressing quite nicely. This is very beneficial to the club. Finally. we all know the state of the machines and the worry I have regarding the greens machine.

After talking with Kris and being told grants were available I started looking around for prices etc., I spoke to John Deere and have a demo booked for October, but I also spoke to David Common at Rickerby's about a Jacobsen GP400 greens mower, which I have managed to organise a demo for somewhere in the week of 24<sup>th</sup> August.

This weekend for example, our greens machine broke down on Saturday. I managed to nurse it round the last 4 greens to cut (11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>), got it back, washed it down, stripped it down and repaired. Luckily, I carry the part in stock, I always like to have one on the shelf for that reason. It couldn't have come at a worse time, as extra pressure was added due to Scratch Open on the Sunday. But after a few hours, I got it up and running. My main concern is that should we have a breakdown, that could result in the machine being out of use for some time, we have no back up or alternative option to cut the greens.

Thanks for the continued support

Regards David and the team

Rainfall	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Prog to July	Year
2023	64	67	139	104	64	27	154	136	118	257	219	189	619	1,538
2024	97	85	97	96	184	48	148	36	116	130	31	87	755	1,155
2025	89	51	35	11	23	36	68						313	313

  

Buggies off	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Prog to July	Year
2023	27	3	24	16	0	0	0	4.5	6	12	21	31	70	145
2024	26	25	28.5	22	4.5	1	1	0	0	4	1	7	108	120
2025	4	7	1	0	0	0	0						12	12

  

Course Closed	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Prog to July	Year
2023	6	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	6	4	9	5	11	35
2024	5	3	2.5	8	2.5	0	1	0.5	1	3	2	3.5	22	32
2025	13	1.5	0	0	0	0	0						15	15