

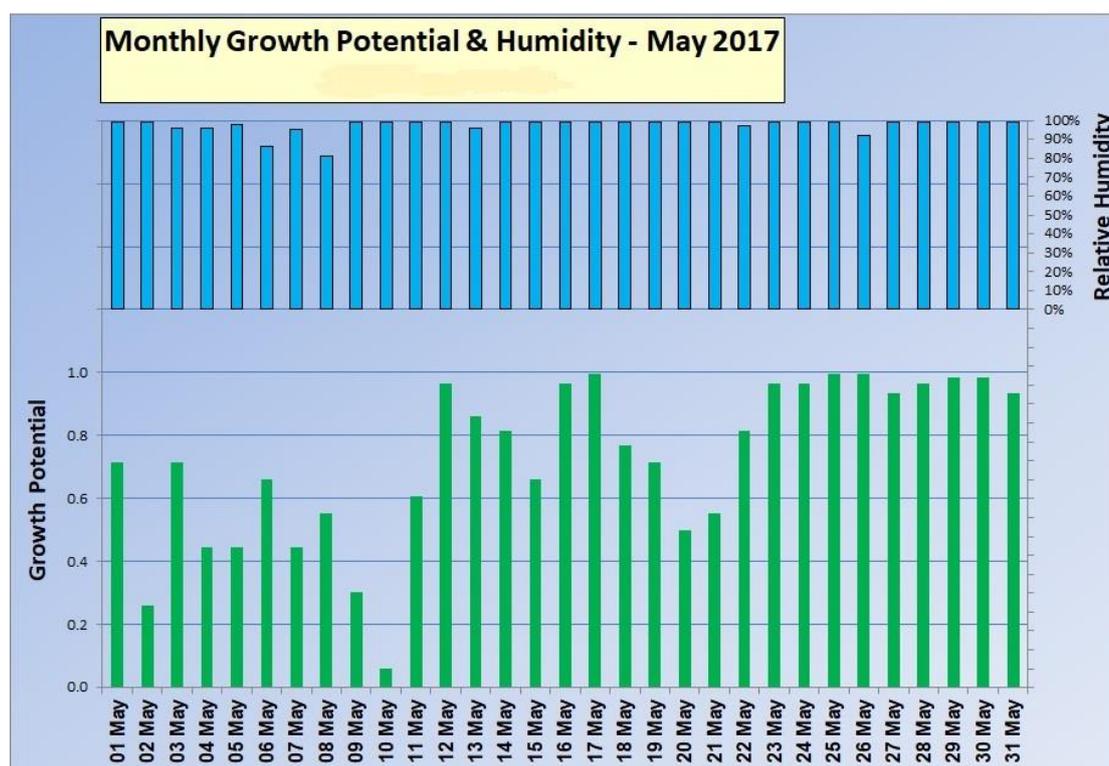
NEATH GOLF CLUB

MONTHLY GOLF COURSE REPORT

MAY 2017

GREENS

- Greens performed very well for the Bell, this was shown in the winning score. I received lots of positive feedback on the condition of the course.
- Once the dry spell ended, it was inevitable that this would trigger some disease activity. It is pleasing to report that no fungicide has been applied; I have been applying iron, potassium and calcium to strengthen the plant. The disease is just sat there at present and not active. I have a fungicide on the shelf should it be required.
- Since the rain, growth on the greens has increased by 75%; this is good for growing out the disease but not for green speed. If this growth flush continues, a PGR will be applied to slow growth.



PLAN OF ACTION

- Apply liquid turf conditioners and a wetting agent plus PGR if required
- Verti cut
- Micro tine
- Top dress

TEES

- Drought stressed tees have recovered very well, this shows the importance of using a wetting agent.
- All treated with a herbicide

PLAN OF ACTION

- Move tee markers daily
- Liquid turf conditioners and a PGR
- Divot when possible

APRONS

- Regular brushing carried out; this is proving a success eradicating the coarser grasses.
- All treated with a herbicide

PLAN OF ACTION

- Continue with traffic management in vulnerable areas
- Liquid turf conditioners and a PGR

FAIRWAYS

- Fairway continue to improve, all been treated with an herbicide.

PLAN OF ACTION

- Liquid turf conditioners and a PGR to bottom fairways

ROUGH

- The new HOC is causing maintenance problems. With the mower set low, if there is any kind of moisture, machinery breakdowns or staff absence the amount of clippings left is unacceptable. It makes the course look terrible and very amateurish. When grass is cut short it will grow quicker in an attempt produce more shoots, so as reported in previous meetings the frequency of mowing will need to be increased and if a cut is missed for the reasons above or the grass is wet it will be a problem to playability and maintenance. I will be applying a high rate of PGR to slow the growth on tees and approaches in an attempt to free up some labour for the extra cutting now required on the rough.
- 1st cut will be mown using the new rough mower asap to remove the rye grass stalks

BUNKERS

- I received another complaint about the 7th bunker. The aquadyne panels been removed and an AstroTurf liner placed over the drainage system. Sand added to restore levels

HIMALAYAN BALSAM

- Contractors were on-site for 2 days spraying the balsam with a selective herbicide. This has proven to be a success, its showing signs of dying already. There were a couple areas missed, these will be trimmed or hand pulled