

NEATH GOLF CLUB
MONTHLY GOLF COURSE REPORT

OCTOBER 2017

GREENS

- Greens have responded well to the renovations carried out. There is no active disease at present. The scaring that occurred from the outbreak in September is rapidly growing out; this will continue to do so until soil temperatures lower. We are in good shape going into winter; firmness is excellent considering the amount of rainfall in October.
- All greens verti cut, sarrel rolled, overseeded with bent and half rate granular fertiliser applied. Conditions did not allow for a topdress, which means we did not quite hit target. 85 ton has been applied in 2017, 15 ton short.
- We suffered a petrol spill on the 1st green. Blame cannot be put on the operator. As reported before, we have to start work in the pitch black on a weekend to stay ahead of golf. The backpack blower was refuelled and the cap on the petrol tank was put on crossed threaded allowing petrol to spill out. Petrol contamination is nowhere near as damaging as hydraulic oil as the heat is not there so the soil remains intact. The grass will die but the majority are small spots and with soil temperatures still relatively high we will see some recovery, larger areas may need to be plugged.
- All greens slit tined and rolled
- Weekly hand mowing has commenced

PLAN OF ACTION

- Slit tine
- Sarrel roll
- Apply soil conditioners, iron, turf hardeners and penetrant wetting agent
- Hand weed

TEES

- All tees now on mats.
- All verti drained with 19mm tines to a depth of 200mm
- Iron and liquid turf conditioners applied
- Grass tees.....discuss

PLAN OF ACTION

- Mow when required

APRONS

- Winter greens have been cut at 8mm and white lined
- Worms are causing a big problem, growth is still very strong so mowing has to continue, this is causing some smearing of the casts but worm activity should soon slow along with growth

PLAN OF ACTION

- Continue with traffic management in vulnerable areas
- Apply iron to harden for winter
- All verti drained with 19mm tines to a depth of 200mm

FAIRWAYS

- Coverage is excellent
- HOC raised to 15mm
- Worm casts are a problem

PLAN OF ACTION

- Apply iron to harden for winter
- Verti drain ASAP

ROUGH

- Rough has been cut 3 times and requires cutting again
- Vulnerable areas will left to provide protection over winter

WINTER PROJECTS

- Winter work has had a slow start because of the weather and grass growth.
- New buggy path to access 1st tee started, this will be our fall back job when access to the course is restricted.
- Open ditch to 4th carry dug out, this is proving to be a success already. We will monitor the performance and extent slightly if needed
- New path to the 17th tee should be complete this week
- Astroturf path installed between humps on the 1st
- 15 ton of sand spread on known wet areas.