

NEATH GOLF CLUB
MONTHLY GOLF COURSE REPORT

NOVEMBER 2017

GREENS

- Greens have had a tough month, the weather conditions could not have been any worse. We have experienced heavy rainfall, combined with days of mist and fog with temperatures well in double figures. This is a breeding ground for disease. We suffered an outbreak of fusarium on some greens which have been spot treated with a fungicide. Most greens have stayed clean which is very pleasing. We have had two frosts recently, which should “check” any remaining spores. I will monitor the situation closely but the hope is to spray turf hardeners, bio stimulants and iron asap to further “check” the spores and hold off a blanket spray of fungicide unless absolutely necessary.
- The 17th and 18th greens are amongst the worst affected; these greens may have mowing relaxed to keep stress to a minimum.
- Growth has slowed and cuttings been reduced to once a week. I will be spraying a dew dispersant mid-December to keep the greens as dry as possible over the Christmas period. If conditions and application are correct we should see 21 days effectiveness from this product

PLAN OF ACTION

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

TEES

- All tees now on mats.

PLAN OF ACTION

- Mow when required

APRONS

- Winter greens have been cut at 8mm and white lined
- Worm activity has slowed

PLAN OF ACTION

- Continue with traffic management in vulnerable areas
- Apply iron to harden for winter

FAIRWAYS

- Coverage is excellent
- HOC raised to 15mm

PLAN OF ACTION

- Apply iron to harden for winter
- Verti drain ASAP
- Mow if required

ROUGH

- All rough has been cut
- Vulnerable areas will left to provide protection over winter

WINTER PROJECTS

- Despite the poor run of weather, we have managed to proceed well with winter work. The 5th open ditch has been dug, bridge construction is on hold as there is a rock that needs to be removed with a jack hammer. I envisage encountering more rock in other winter work so I will hire the machine when we have a couple days work for it. When the drencher is on site in the New Year I will run a pipe from the low point behind the 6th tee, along Lens path and allowed to flow into the open ditch.
- 14th bunkers have been dug out ready to be rebuilt
- 15th greenside bunkers have been dug out ready to be rebuilt
- 1st R/H greenside bunker dug out ready to be rebuilt
- I will be going to the 3rd greenside and 7th front and R/H bunkers next
- Work will continue on the 18th/1st buggy path and start 18th bunker if access to the course is restricted