**GREENS REPORT**

**September 2024**

Just a quick update out on course:

The greens renovations have come and gone. They didn't go smoothly with Monday and Tuesday being wet. There was also a breakdown with the topdresser on the Thursday.

Despite the challenges we got everything done to the greens that was planned.

I'd still like to see us start greens renovations earlier.

Reasons:

1. The last week in August is quieter.

2. Quicker recovery ahead of Arran challenge.

3. The weekend straight after renovations was very busy with visiting parties. Probably also due to the rule of no parties during July and August.

We have also had a visit from our agronomist, Gordon Irvine. He was quite impressed with the condition of the course, especially the fairways, tees and the managed rough areas.

The greens were a bit of a concern with the disease outbreak we have suffered, but they have now been sprayed with a fungicide which should check the disease.

We are still to get to bottom of why we are getting this disease. This could be due the PH of water - which I have had tested, or the sand we use which I have also had tested. I’m also in the process of getting the latest batch of sand tested.

10 days or so after greens overseeding we are now seeing new fescue grasses popping up, and I'm hopeful this will fill in disease scarring.

Rough management has started now with cut and collect following the plan to thin out our rough.

As I'm writing this the sun is splitting the skies and it's about 18°.Long may this weather continue well into Autumn.

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