

Greens Report 19/04/2024 – Ryun Holden – Course Manager

Finally, the summer season is here....!

As of this week we have now set our baseline status for the course as fully open on all main greens and tees. This will remain excluding major storms or dangerous conditions.

So, what has changed?

Although we are still experiencing regular rainfall, the longer, warmer, increased hours of sunlight days, along with strong active growth means we are experiencing aggregate drying and good recovery. Currently on any particular day, we may be getting the equivalent of 4mm rain in terms of drying, so even if we get 3mm of rainfall we have an aggregate 1mm of drying. During the winter months we could have only 1mm of rainfall but due to non-drying conditions we would have an aggregate 1mm of wetting.

Also, growth is so strong any damage caused is recovering. Grass sward density is good to 95% of areas and the greenkeeping team are able to access nearly all parts of the course to carry out necessary maintenance. The only issue challenging us now is the amount of growth taking up nearly all available man hours while we still have winter work to complete. We have prioritized plant health, course definition and improved playing surface quality over completion of path and bunker work. We aim to complete this work over the coming weeks.

Hole 6 definition and good presentation returning to the course



Some of the carries have also been shortened, extending the fairways back towards the tee.

Fairway extension reducing the carry on hole 6



Monday maintenance

As of next Monday, we will be continuing our regular weekly maintenance program. Please note the greenkeeping team have priority on the course each and every Monday to allow us to complete this necessary work as quickly and efficiently as possible. Please allow the team to complete their work and wave you forward before playing. If the job they are doing requires significant time, then please lift your ball and move onto the next hole.

This coming Monday we will be top dressing greens, aprons and tees as well as needle tining greens. This will be time consuming work and the flag will be removed from the green until complete. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

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