



GOLF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

November 2018

From the Course

Greens

- The recent major greens renovation was very productive with large amounts of thatch and dead material being removed via linkage scarifiers and vertical cutting heads. Removal of thatch and dead material promotes new growth, reduces the opportunity for fungal hyphae to find host material in which to develop, increases water infiltration and promotes a more refined green surface.
- 64 tonnes of sand and a blend of soil amendments were applied to the greens following the initial tine and scarification work. The blend of soil amendments applied have been aimed at increasing the availability and retention of nutrients, promoting greater soil activity, displacing salt, and enabling greater retention of water.
- Further top dressing by way of a finer dusting of sand and soil amendments will take place later in November.

Fairways

- The fairway grass transition project on the right side of the 16th fairway has been successfully completed, and while the hole is now being played as a par 4 again, optional tee up will be available between the cart path and the river until the new wintergreen couch fully settles in.
- Post emergent herbicide applications have been progressively applied on a number of fairways, targeting foreign grass types and seasonal weeds. As a consequence, discolouration of some closely mown areas will be evident for a few weeks during November.
- Many of our fairways were scarified in late October and early November and most tees were hollow core tined. This initiative was undertaken by greens staff when another Club's fairway scarifying heads became available on loan, at short notice. The benefit will be a further refinement in the quality and presentation of the turf in closely mown areas, which should become apparent within a matter of weeks.

Golf Operations

Information sessions on changes to the Rules of Golf

- An information session was held at the Club on Wednesday 7 November, dealing with the changes to the Rules of Golf that will take place from 1 January 2019. Approximately 40 members attended the session, which was facilitated by our Sports Director and Club Professional, Chris Graham.
- For members who may have been unable to attend the recent information session, another session has been scheduled by the Golf Management Committee for Wednesday 28 November at 6.30pm.

Pro shop layout changes

- The layout of the Club's pro shop is being changed with the pool side door being permanently closed, and all entry and exit now being via the breezeway double doors. The reconfiguration is aimed at increasing the space available to display sporting goods for sale and reducing congestion in the pro shop.