

TURA BEACH COUNTRY CLUB

Course and Greens Managers February 2018

Report

10/3/18

Weather

For the month of February we had 48.5mm of rain which fell over 7 days. The same month last year there was 59mm recorded over 11 days. The annual total to the end of February is 129.5mm compared with 74mm for the same time last year.

I made an error for January with 81mm for the month instead of 38 which I reported in my report.

Our warmest day for February was 38.7 degrees and our coldest night was 9.6 degrees. Daytime average high for February was 25.6 degrees and nightly average low was 15 degrees.

Water Usage

Effluent usage for February was 7.068 mega-litres

During February we used 8.364 mega-litres of bore water.

Irrigation usage for February was 8.696 mega-litres.

Irrigation System

Two repairs to the system during February; Replace a sprinkler on the 12th fway; replace a fitting on the track behind the 11th green.

Planned Works in March 2018

Golf Course

Greens will receive an application of fertiliser and growth regulator

Greens will receive an application of insecticide and fungicide

Bunkers will be renovated

Turfing around 1st tee

Wippersnipping of areas around the course

Fertiliser and growth regulator will be sprayed on fways, tees and surrounds

Irrigation repairs around the course

Bowling Greens

Greens will receive an application of fertiliser

Fungicide and insecticide will be applied to the greens

Plugging of areas on both greens with light topdressing

Top bowling green will be in play mid March

Machinery Analysis

Machinery maintenance and repairs during February;

- Toro 7000 (fways); install new bed knives, backlap and adjust cylinders, reprogram ECU
- Clean and sharpen all chain saws
- Toro 3300 (greens); install new proximity switch in control panel, reprogram ECU and replace exhaust muffler
- Toro 4000 (rough); change cutter blades and sharpen spare set, reprogram ECU
- Toro 3500D (rough); replace rear tyre, change cutting blades and sharpen spare set
- Toro 3150(tees); change HOC, service engine, backlap and adjust cylinders
- Toro 3250D; change cutting cylinder heads to the verti-cutting heads
- Toro 1000; backlap and adjust cylinder
- Toro 3100 (surrounds); backlap and adjust cylinders
- Change drive belt on the club car
- Workman 2; repair lift ram bracket
- Service Nissan Navara ute
- Stihl fs250 brush cutter; service and tune
- Service wood log splitter
- Repair hydraulic hosemount on the Cat loader

Machine report provided by James Venton (course mechanic).

Capital Expenditure

I have ordered the new greens mower which should be here in a few weeks. They didn't have one in stock and a new shipment is currently on its way from America. They have arranged a demo mower for us until the new machine arrives. The demo will be here the Wednesday before the Pro Am. We are trading in our old Toro 3250D.

I have also ordered a 2nd hand electric golf greens roller which should be here within a week. The electric roller will definitely help the clubs situation with regards to the noise complaint from early starts.

Staff

A new greenkeeper has been employed to help with the maintenance of the bowling greens and golf course. Shane Foulsham will be starting just before the Pro Am.

Golf Course

The maintenance staff are busy now preparing the golf course for the Pro Am. We still have some bunkers to renovate which will be completed this week and then a lot of wippersnipping around the course will commence, tidying up certain areas. A big thank you to all the volunteers who have been helping the course staff prepare the golf

course for the Pro Am. Your hours of work is much appreciated and the course couldn't be presented the way it is without your valuable contribution.

There are some greens with kikuyu encroachment creeping in to the green. In the past chemical control has been employed to try to fix this situation with differing results. After the Pro Am, the bent nursery will be renovated and reseeded and once established, it will be used to plug out areas of kikuyu creeping into the greens.

Bowling Greens

Bowling green 1 will be open for play this coming week. It'll take some time to get speed into the surface as it requires constant rolling and play. The levels have improved a lot over the entire surface however there are still a couple of spots which are a bit low. These areas required too much sand to get them level and we had to help the grass through the sand, which affected the level surface. Both greens are much better going into winter this year however another laser level later this year will make them even better.

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