

17/11/17

Weather

For the month of October we had 45.5mm of rain which fell over 8 days. The same month last year there was 22mm recorded over 9 days. The annual total to the end of October is 403mm compared with 845mm for the same time last year.

Our warmest day for October was 29 degrees and our coldest night was 2.8 degrees. Daytime average high for October was 21 degrees and nightly average low was 9.9 degrees.

Water Usage

Effluent usage for October was 10.968 mega-litres.

During October we used 4.295 mega-litres of bore water.

Irrigation usage for October was 6.585 mega-litres.

Irrigation System

Four irrigation repairs to the system during October; Replace split casing on sprinkler at 10th green; split fitting on L/S of 6th fway; split fitting on L/S of 7th fway; split fitting on L/S of 4th fway.

Planned Works in November 2017

Golf Course

Greens will receive an application of fertiliser and growth regulator.

Greens will receive an application of insecticide and fungicide.

Fairways and surrounds will be scarified.

Tees will be scarified, cored and topdressed.

Re-seed bent turf nursery.

Bunkers will be renovated.

The new tees on the 1st and 9th will be laser levelled and turfed.

Bowling Greens

Greens will receive an application of fertiliser.

Fungicide and insecticide will be applied to the greens.

Light topdressing of areas on green 1.

Bottom green will be renovated and laser levelled.

Golf Course

The golf course is currently being prepared for the Ladies Open during November. As we get closer to the event we will be doing more mowing and general tidying up of areas around the

course in readiness for the 15th. Fairways and surrounds will be fertilised during the lead up to the event.

After the Open, we will begin renovating tees. This will involve scarifying the surfaces, then coring, fertilising and topdressing. Once tees are completed we will be scarifying fairways and surrounds again. They were scarified at the end of October (12 holes) until we had issues with the new scarifier. I'm currently waiting on parts to be sent to me from the supplier (not major issues) and we should be right to get back into it straight after the Ladies Open. The 2 new machines are excellent with it taking only 1.5 days to scarify 9 holes. The brooming took a little longer however it was still cleaned up reasonably quickly. These machines will make a huge difference to the maintenance and condition of the playing surfaces.

The 2 new tees on the 1st and 9th will be laser levelled during November. Once this is completed, the tees will be turfed using turf from Club Sapphire with the aim to have them in play early in the new year.

Bowling Greens

Bowling green 2 is now out of play and being prepared for laser levelling during November. The green has been scarified and will be cored, fertilised and top dressed before laser levelling on the 13th. Turf was taken from Club Sapphire and placed on the areas which were affected by the ERI disease during Autumn. The green should be back in play around Xmas with the top green coming out of play on the 1st of January.

Areas on the top green will be lightly top dressed in readiness for being laser levelled during January. Some of these areas are quite low and gradual light topdressing will help to prevent these areas from being too thick during laser levelling.

Aaron Miller

Course and Greens Manager