

Dear Members and Guests,

What an unbelievable December, the growth across all surfaces has been off the charts. Usually the best growth months are September through to November. The Mid range temperatures with some high humidity, lots of sunshine has made it very challenging to keep on top of our mowing routines, lots of double cutting during the week of Fairways and Tees. With this type of weather pattern turf diseases become more prevalent in our shorter cut grass. While December's weather has been fantastic it has been disappointing for us not to take full advantage and grow the turf sideways. Our large spray unit pump has an unexplainable breakdown and is taking longer to fix than we all hoped. On a positive note the selective herbicide to reduce the cool season grass on the fairways worked excellent, although there are some large bare areas, there is less competition for our warm season grass and it is looking a lot healthier for summer.



Double cut 4th fairway

Our major work for January will be turfing the 7th and 3rd Tee and seeding Tees with a couch/ rye grass mix

also seeding the large bare fairway areas with a warm season variety mix. With these tasks taking our priority certain general tasks may be moved back or not done for example raking bunkers twice a week.

What's been done?

- Root invigorator applied to greens
- General maintenance mowing of fairways/tees/and green
- Rd up Bunkers
- Cool season grass control on fairways
- Mulch garden beds
- Plug greens
- Clean up Dendy st
- Clean up South rd
- Pruning of low branches
- Clean up debris
- Add sand to select bunkers
- Clean drains
- Granular fertiliser to select tees
- More log chairs
- Broad leaf weed spraying
- Path repairs
- Dust & drag greens
- Verti Cut greens, surrounds and tees
- Granular fert to greens

Coming up

- Liquid fertiliser to greens, tees and fairways
- Root & soil invigorator to greens
- Rd up bunkers
- Edge irrigation
- Plug greens
- Level /widen Tees
- Top dress tees
- Dust & drag greens
- Mulch garden beds
- Aerate Fwys & Tees
- Slice fwys
- Bunker renovations
- Fungicide application to greens
- Broad leaf weed spraying
- Top dress bumpy fwys
- Repair chain fence at putter
- Path repairs
- Round up Garden beds
- Wetting agent to all surfaces

Some very positive news is that our water supply is at max late into December, so it's looking like we may get through February with some extra water. And finally we are getting closer to a larger width cutting rough unit, that will also give a better finish with less scalp marks.

Enjoy the New Year

Kind regards
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