

Superintendents Report – October 2021

We received 65mm of rainfall throughout the month of October, and recorded 11 days of rainfall.

The past 5 months of rainfall reads 69mm,30mm,105mm,49mm and 65mm

Despite the lack of rainfall, the overall condition of the course is good.

We have good grass coverage across the course.

You might have noticed some select areas on the course where we have used a non-selective herbicide to reduce the amount of Parramatta grass, notably the LHS of the 11th fairway and green, we have also been concentrating on hand weeding small clumps from the green surrounds on holes 5,11,13, and 16.

Greens

The greens are in good condition and consistent across the course. We have been cutting the greens 4-5 times a week.

All Our programs on greens are performing well in respect to weeds, pest and disease, and the greens are in good health as we enter the warmer critical months of Summer.

Our winter grass suppression program is on track and our chemical growth regulation applications are working well.

Tees

We are starting to cut the tees twice a week to keep up with the seasonal growth.

We have recently applied a pre-emergent herbicide to our tees and tees surrounds to reduce the possibility of the germination of summer grass and Crab grass.

Fairways

We will start cutting fairways twice a week from mid-November, this is due to the recent wet weather and the increased growth resulting from the warmer weather.

Unlike previous years where we have struggled through drought and the lack of irrigation water available, I believe we are in the best condition we have been able to achieve over the past 4 years, this puts us in good stead for the upcoming summer.

Machinery

The new TORO workman may not be available until January 2022 from recent correspondence from the TORO companies rep.

All other machines are working well

Bunkers

All the bunkers have been recently trimmed and are consistent across the course.

Trees and Gardens

We have removed another 10 stumps from the course over the past month taking our total for the year to 42. The stump grinder is in excellent condition With very minimal wear on the grinding blades.

Stacey has recently planted some Daisy plants on the back of the second green area, this will give us a great backdrop of colour.

Over the next few weeks, we will be concentrating on the up keep of the Western carpark, with trimming and plant removal our main focus.

Up coming garden work will include the restoration of the garden beds behind the 12th green and to the left of the 17th tee.

Pathways

We have recently improved the plastic grid walk off area on the 1st tee.

Several other pathway areas have been “topped up” over the past month including the walk of area near the 3rd green.

Regards

Mark Yates