

## **Superintendents Report February 2023**

We received 168mm of rainfall throughout the month of February, and recorded 10 days of rainfall.

The rainfall throughout February was mostly recorded in the first half of the month with 107mm falling on 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> days of the month.

The supply of recycled water has been good throughout the month.

We have managed the pest situation on the course and turfgrass recovery has been good with minimal disturbance to play, however we continue to have birds chew up large areas on tees, notably the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> tees, we continue to try to scare the birds away.

Most of our disease and pest programs are running as expected.

### **Greens**

The greens are in good condition and consistent across the course. Currently greens are being cut 4-5 times per week.

We have been trying to dust greens weekly with a fine white sand to improve consistency we currently use 6 bobcat buckets each application which is approximately 1.5 -2 tons of sand.

The idea of light frequent applications is to slowly build up the sand in the turf profile and to minimize the effects on play and to reduce to wear on our mowers because the sand rubs into the surface freely. The advantages of applying the sand are a smoother more resilient surface, it also helps with matt and thatch control and reduces the "Black layer affect".

### **Tees**

We are still cutting the tees twice a week.

When we get the chance, we have been able to select an area that we can hand weed the Parramatta grass without disrupting playing areas, noticeably around tees and greens.

### **Fairways**

Our fairways are in good condition and are cut twice a week.

We will be applying a pre-emergent herbicide over the coming weeks as we commence our winter grass strategy in preparation for the cooler months.

### **Machinery**

All our machinery is currently operational with no down time.

## **Bunkers**

Bunkers have been trimmed this week and present well, we are raking bunker 3-4 times a week.

## **Trees and Gardens**

Mulching and weed spraying is currently being carried out across all gardens this is a very time-consuming task and assistance from the garden party has been greatly appreciated, the garden party's latest areas of work was the 10<sup>th</sup> tee with plant trimming and mulching.

Our next garden project will be the removal and replanting of the garden beds behind the 12<sup>th</sup> green and to the LHS of the 7<sup>th</sup> tee funded by our club veteran's association.

We will try to spray round up along the course fence lines, tree bases, and attempt to control the aquatic weeds in the dams on holes 2,3,8,9 and 10.

## **Pathways**

We have recently completed the concrete pathway from the 10<sup>th</sup> tee area to the approach to the fairway, there was approximately 210 square meters of concrete used to complete the job.

Although the concreting has been completed we still need to smooth out the soil edges.

Regards  
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