

Notice to Members

Current Green and Fairway conditions.

Our greens suffer from 2 main issues;
Nematodes and Fairy Rings.

This past month has seen nematode numbers increase significantly, and to reduce these levels a chemical application is being applied. The stress that this has put on the plant and in conjunction with the humid weather has led to a disease outbreak which is currently being treated. The trial work with a product to assist with the fairy ring suppression doesn't appear at this point to be having any effect on the rings.

This work will be scaled back with only a couple of greens being treated with the product that is remaining. An alternative to one of the products that has been used in the past for fairy ring control is to be implemented into the fertiliser program. The combination of these factors has given the greens their current appearance.

At this stage we are very confident that we have now suppressed the disease for this year, but each and every year we will face the same issues, and will occasionally fail in the first instance of defence.

The greens will be kept at a longer length during the summer, to help aid the recover from these diseases. ***Our course is unique, and the issues we suffer are almost non existent to some course in our area.**

The river pumps have been down on capacity due to vandals removing a concrete lid on the dirt box in the river, which has allowed debris to enter the pumps and block the impellers. Pumping capacity had dropped by approximately two thirds, and it has been noticeable.

The river Pumps have been successfully cleaned and are now running back at full capacity. It is unlikely to change the current conditions of the fairways in the short term, but it should become more evident in late January and February.

We would like to assure members that Bill is aware of all the current issues, and has been proactive in his approach to all problems.

The Greens & Course Committee would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Bill and his team on their untiring efforts during 2015. We are confident our course will be back to its best in the early new year and we thank all members for their confidence and support.

Compliments of the Season to all our wonderful members.

Ron Wilkinson
Chairman Greens & Course