

Key Facts :

PLACING ON CLOSELY
MOWN AREAS ONLY
(until further notice)
GREENS CURRENTLY
MOWN AT 4mm

GREENS IRON IN USE

12th GREEN IN PLAY
and PERFORMING
WELL

GENERAL PLAY FROM
WHITE TEES
RETURNING IN MAY

ALL MAIN TEES IN
USE

ALL AREAS
FERTILISED

MAINTENANCE WEEK
SUCCESS

84MM RAINFALL IN
MARCH

A DRY APRIL ONLY
11mm RAINFALL

LADIES COUNTY AND
OPEN AM-AM
POSITIVE FEEDBACK

BROOKS STRIMMED

WENTWORTH
SUPPORT TEAM



Dale On the Course

March saw 84mm of rain followed by a very dry April with just 11mm of rain falling. This followed 64mm in January and a mere 49mm in February. So much for April Showers! During what was a very dry April our irrigation system was put to the test. It was very pleasing that even with high rainfall in March, the previous month's work and preparations on the course returned huge dividends with no trolley ban across the winter period. The rainfall in March did assist the recovery of the 12th green which is now back in play and performing well. The main objective of the drainage works on the 12th green was to cure the poor drainage of this green, which repeatedly forced the green out of play from Oct to March. A damp March put the green to the test, however we are confident that we have achieved our goal and will reap the rewards come next winter. The Tees have made good progress in terms of repair and growth, as have the greens. We have been satisfied with results of the over seeding trial in March, which we repeated during our maintenance week. Our greens reacted great to recent month's aeration, where it has been pleasing to return the greens iron to action as and when conditions allow. The greens are now currently being mown at 4mm and 3 times a week, which is still a some way off from the summer height of cut and frequencies. The heights will be reduced as the season continues and the mowing frequencies will increase. The greens are starting to pick up some speed and once the warm temperatures are fully set in, we shall review and plug to remove any final scarring left from the winter disease. This season we do have a focus on continued improvement to both the greens, tees, drainage and some of the pathways. Mowing frequencies throughout the course has risen from previous years and we will also increase the regular ironing, Mowing, Top dressing and brushing. We find ourselves in a position at this time of year which is satisfying, considering the challenges that we have faced through previous lack of interventions at the appropriate time(s). As our tees are beginning to show more growth, we have returned the tee markers to their main positions and we are looking to reinstate general play from white tees in due course. Some new divot boxes have been purchased, so we would encourage all to use these and divot bags when causing divots on fairways. The teeing surfaces will be monitored for wear during the playing season to see how the general play affects wear on the tees so your assistance to repair divots is crucial. Areas with a high weed content have been sprayed and you will start to see these weeds wilting and dying off. The drainage issue on the 11th hole has been resolved. We repaired four blockages and re-routed the drain to ensure the area stays as dry as possible. Further improvements to our drainage and irrigation will be ongoing, however we have made great progress and are in a much better position in terms of irrigation and drainage than we have been for many years. Finally, Greenkeeper Tom and I have been selected to assist with the course preparation at BMW Wentworth in May.