



# Golf Course Maintenance Monthly Report

December 2018

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# Works Undertaken During December

## **GREENS**

The greens are in good condition as we speak the root depth is increasing which is the most important thing, we have mini tined the greens to a depth of 6 inch's with good results. The 15<sup>th</sup> green was the firmest green which is no surprise. We will continue to put out the soil conditioner every 2 weeks and we will mini again the first week of January.

## **FAIRWAYS**

The fairways have been dethatched or groomed with a great result. We will do this again early January, as well then follow up with a fertilizer and a growth retardant that should see us through to the end February.

## **TEES**

The tees have been sprayed twice for poa with good results but not great so we will try again in the next 2 weeks. The tees are being fertilized every month we will keep this going to the start of April.

## **PRACTICE GREEN**

The chipping green will be opened this week.

# Issues Relating to Course Staff

## INCIDENTS

- Nil

## STAFF CHANGES

## ANNUAL LEAVE

- Nil

## STAFF SUMMARY

**Golf Course Superintendent:** Mr. Mark Findlay

**Assistant Golf Course Superintendent:** Mr. Darren Russell

**Green Keepers:** James Dillion, Matthew Andrew, Joe Furnival, Scott Hayes

**Apprentices:** Kortez Hawea

**Total FTE:** 7

## NOTE

## Machinery/Staff—

All machinery is working well we haven't had any major problems where a machine is out of order. The staff is great they are working well as a team which is all I can ask of them.

## General

Since the club championships the course hasn't dropped off that much and I hope it won't I believe the course should be in the same condition all year round. The boys are doing a great job. It's a big site with a lot of demands so we might look at getting someone in for 1 or 2 days a week over the next 4 months to help out with cutting of fairways because I think we are going to be cutting 2 days a week soon with growth we are having.

## Sprinkler System

Now that Joey is no longer here day to day the irrigation has fallen back into my hands which is taking up most of my time. On the 10<sup>th</sup> green we have changed from a 700 sprinkler to a 900 sprinkler. Since we have done this we haven't had to hand water it once, whereas before we would hand water minimum twice a week. We have 57 700 sprinklers left out

there watering the greens plan is to change all 700 to 900 by the start of spring next year, then we will use the 700 as spares for fairways, approaches and tees.

## Upcoming Renovations

### **TIMING**

### **TASKS**