

## Where Golf and Nature Play

## To All Members Course Report - October 7, 2021

Dear Members.

It has been quite a busy period coming out of Lockdown and I must say it is great to be back on course and fantastic to see Members and Golfers back enjoying our great club.

Greens renovations have come up extremely well and with applications of fertilizer and gypsum, coupled with the weather, we have seen an amazing recovery rate. So much so that the Greens got there first cut yesterday morning, Wednesday October 6.

Tees have seen a herbicide and fertilizer application also to try and boost the kikuyu and cool season coverage.

Fairways remain in fair condition with herbiciding and growth regulator applications to be our next job as soon as they dry out, then we can get the sprayrig over them. The 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> fairways have also been fertilized and cut this week. My apologies to Members, we would have liked to cut these out some time ago but due to the open sand slit/drainage lines and slow recovery, all we would have done is destroy our cutting units on the fairway mower, costing the club thousands of dollars. Now the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> have had their first cut and top dressing will commence in the next few weeks.

Bunkers will see a trim and edge off all grass lips next week. All spraying of weeds with a pre-emergent herbicide has been completed on the Front 9 with the Back 9 to be done as soon as the bunkers dry out enough to spray. We will also see some reshaping and sand maintenance performed in the upcoming months.

Groundstaff have been performing well through these tough times, with Eli and Lachlan doing a great job looking after the course whilst in Lockdown. Eli has just finished his first year of Trade School, congratulations! Meanwhile Lachlan has proven himself to be an integral part of the team in such a short amount of time. Great work guys.

With that all said happy golfing all.

**Dan Walker - Course Superintendent**