



Course Superintendents Report October 2025

Since the 12th of September we have received a grand total of 8 millilitres of rain with temperatures 10 degrees above average for this time of year so we are doing everything we can to keep the golf course alive with increased hand watering of greens and watering where we can on tees and fairways through the day. The greens are obviously slower than what we would like them to be for the club championships but with temperatures 10 degrees above average it is hard to keep them on the edge during these unusual temperatures for this time of year.

A lot of members may be wondering why the tees have dried out considerably over the last six weeks. The main reason is so I could stress the ryegrass out enough to transition back to couch. We have now begun watering and have made a herbicide application to get rid of the remaining ryegrass and we will look to fertilise them in the coming weeks.

All chemical and fertiliser applications have gone out as scheduled with greens receiving their normal treatments and fairways, tees and green surrounds receiving a herbicide application to get rid of any undesired weeds.

The irrigation upgrade is still in progress and will hope to be completed within the next 4-6 weeks which will make our system a lot more reliable leading into summer although it feels like we haven't had a Spring and went straight from Winter into Summer. Regular repairs will still need to take place throughout the year due to the age of our pipework but understandably upgrading the entire system would have been a huge financial hit for the club. Repairs will be a lot more constant as the years go by so I would suggest saving for the new system now so when it comes that time where repairs are more frequent there is money there to pay for the upgrade instead of having to finance it through the bank.

Our recently purchased machinery has been working well and my team have been looking after them, it's amazing to see them after each days use washing them down with soap and water and making them look new again but some of our older machines have unfortunately reached that stage where they need major mechanical repairs, I have received quotes to make these repairs and will discuss with the board of a plan moving forward because without making the necessary repairs to these machines they will be more useful as a boat anchor than sitting in the shed collecting dust and taking up space.

Good luck to everyone competing in the club championships over the next fortnight and may the better man win.

Peter Chard

Course Superintendent