



Course Report from Robert:

The last few weeks just go to show how you can never accurately plan ahead in this game. We had hoped to be scarifying and increasing the frequency of cut on the fairways by now but the 8 inches + rain we've had since early June mean we're now punching holes with the verti drain and even slit tining which are not tasks you would associate with this time of year.



The overseeding we had planned is still near the top of the list of priorities and as soon as the ground conditions improve slightly this will be carried out. The fairways will also receive a fertiliser application in the next few weeks. On review the cold, dry start to the season has left us with areas with less grass cover than we would like.

Yesterday was the first 24-hour dry spell this month and today we're cutting fairways with very little in the way of grass, debris etc which can be picked up by the ball. A significant change from earlier in the week. Moving forward we will again carry out an aeration event during the last week of the month, weather permitting incorporating a verti cut and top dress.

Drainage is always a popular topic during wet periods and we are always reviewing the priorities and requirements routinely. Every year we have a programme of installing pipe/sand/gravel drains but this is only part of the drainage requirements. Equally important is the need for aeration to assist with the movement of water from the surface and to improve soil structure and root development which plays a bit part in water uptake.



This autumn/winter we have made the decision to hollow tine using a much smaller tine. Events will be carried out late September, October with another pass scheduled for next February. This will aid the recovery process of the holes in the green and will hopefully lead to a smoother surface coming out of the winter months for the season ahead.