

## GREENS UPDATE AUGUST 2016

During the last couple of months the greens and overall appearance of the course has improved. As far as the fairways are concerned the rain has come at the most opportune of times along with the cocktail of chemicals applied in early August to improve the overall appearance. The fairways are in a much better condition going into the autumn than in recent years.

Unfortunately the hot dry spells and then heavy rains in the last two weeks have taken their toll on the greens. We have experienced Anthracnose, Fairy Ring and Fusarium. On the week of the 22<sup>nd</sup> August the greens were sprayed for these diseases. The cut has now been raised  $\frac{1}{4}$  mm to 3  $\frac{1}{4}$  mm. The week of the 29<sup>th</sup> further work will be done. On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> a Thatchaway and double cut will take place, on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> the greens will be Sarel rolled and a light top dressing will be applied. This is essential to open the surface of the greens to allow air into the roots. On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September the greens will be rolled only and sprayed with a liquid fertiliser to strengthen the turf. It is expected that this will cause minimum disruption to the playing surface.

The bunkers are continuing to be renovated as and when time is available and will continue over the next couple of months.

You will probably have seen that the dykes have been sprayed and the weeds at the bottom are dying off.

The winter programme is under discussion and will be boarded in the next few weeks.

May I remind all members to please keep their buggies/trolleys off the banks surrounding the greens.

Please remember to repair all pitchmarks.

We have noticed that the surface surrounding the hitting area in the nets is being used to tee up balls and subsequently is showing signs of damage.

Will members please make sure that they use the area in the centre of each bay ONLY.

**Andrew Down**

**Green's Chairman**