



Greenkeepers Blog

October 2021

September has been an extremely busy month for the Greens team with a number of different cultural practices taking place on both courses.

The Old Course

The application of the selective herbicide which we spoke about in our previous blog, has been very successful in taking out a lot of the coarse rye grasses from the aprons and green surrounds.

These green surrounds have since been overseeded and we are seeing a lot of beautiful new fescue germinating over the past couple of weeks. This will improve both the aesthetics and playability of the surfaces.

The overseeding of fairways on the Old Course was also completed this week. Tees will be seeded and topdressed next week, and then we will be going with a light overseed and sand topdressing of the Greens surfaces, when the weather plays ball with us.



Overseeding fairways, surrounds & tees



Plenty of fescue coming through to fill up the weaker areas

Burrow Links

While all this has been happening on the Old Course, the Burrow Links has not been forgotten about and has been receiving it's own share of much needed TLC.

The lads have got through a huge amount of work in a short space of time on the Burrow given the volume of golfers still coming through the doors at this stage of the season.

Aprons, green surrounds, tees and selective fairways have all been overseeded. Fairways have been spring raked to break up a huge amount of moss and dead grass and this was followed up by an application of granular fertiliser. This will help create a more consistent playing surface and encourage a lot of new growth, putting us in a much better place approaching the winter.



Spring raking fairways to remove moss & dead grass



Top dressing tees after overseeding on the Burrow



Granular fertiliser being applied to the Burrow fairways

You may have seen a lot of cranefly (Daddy Longlegs) activity throughout the site over the last 3 weeks since the leather jackets began to pupate into the adult cranefly. We have commenced our preventative program in a bid to reduce the numbers and potential damage these pests can cause and we will be closely monitoring their activity over the coming weeks.

Bins are now back out on the golf course and are emptied regularly by the greens staff. We are seeing a marked reduction in the amount of litter around the site and with your help we can keep the Courses litter free and beautiful for everyone to enjoy.

Please continue to do your part in assisting us, by raking your bunkers, filling your divots and fixing your pitch marks.

But most of all, **Enjoy your Golf.**

Mark Doyle
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