

Course Report October 2019

Hollow Tining and Scarifying

Hollow tining and scarifying of the greens took place on 11th and 12th September. Many thanks to Ian and about a dozen volunteers. The dressing was applied on 13th September followed by application of seed and fertilizer. The weather was fine and dry for that week which certainly helped.

Iseki Tractor

The big tractor has had a number of problems lately but now it seems that the clutch is failing and will be very difficult and expensive to repair. A mechanic from Rickerby has been out to try a temporary fix. He has adjusted it so that it is now working but we do not know how long it is going to last. We use the tractor for cutting the rough and for other jobs almost every day.

IM has obtained quotes from Rickerby, Lloyd and Greenlay for a new tractor to replace the Iseki. While the Iseki is still working we can get a good trade in for it.

Kubota Tractor

The small tractor has been back to the dealers, Lloyd, to have the cutting deck squared up and the roll-over bar also has to have a modification because of a recent accident somewhere. While it was with Lloyd we were given a rough cutter to try out. The machine produced a very good cut but it is quite expensive. The Kubota is now back with us but further work on the roll-over bar may be required.

Weather

There was a lot of heavy rain on Monday night, 29th September, and the course had to be closed on 1st October because it was so wet. Preferred Lies will be in operation from now on.

Fusarium

This is the time of year for that nasty disease to appear on the greens. Ian has ordered fungicide to treat Fusarium as soon as it appears. We had a lot of damage to the greens last winter and we will do everything to prevent it this year.