

Bude and North Cornwall Course Report

April 2018

Cutting heights

Greens 5mm + turf iron

Tees and Aprons 9mm

Fairways 14mm

Maintenance

Well what a winter that was, hurricane winds, with what feels like continuous rain which was only interrupted by a couple of weekends of heavy snow showers and sub-zero temperatures. Hopefully we are through the worst of the bad weather with spring in the air and a glorious summer ahead.

The course has held up very well considering the extreme weather we have had, particularly the greens.

All greens have been tined using a bayonet tine to a depth of 225mm. Regular aeration will be carried out throughout the season; this will help promote root development and improve the overall condition of the soil.



Aeration using bayonet tines



All greens will be rolled just after being tined to improve the putting surface.

This season we will be using 'Revolution' which is the market leader in soil surfactants on our greens. Using this technology with its unique mode of action promotes better access and gas exchange in the rootzone, improving plant health.

Water and air are essential for turf health. The balance of these components in the rootzone is a determining factor in how efficient photosynthesis can be.

'Revolution' keeps water moving consistently through the profile, providing plant roots with more reliable moisture access. This enables the plant to photosynthesize more effectively, allowing the plant to make and store greater levels of carbohydrates for use during periods of stress.

Unlike older generation surfactants, 'Revolution' holds water more closely to the soil particle in a thin film – leaving plenty of room in soil pore spaces for air as well. Proper oxygenation of the soil supports healthy roots and aids in plant respiration.

Cornerstones of a Healthy Plant



By balancing air and water in the rootzone and increasing the availability of nutrients, 'Revolution' improves access to 75% of the cornerstone needs for healthy turf!

Bunker renovation has been completed on holes 3, 9, 10, 13 and 15



Finished revetted bunker on the 13th

Tree pruning has taken place by the 15th green. The overhanging branches have been causing problems to the green with debris falling in strong winds and the density of the canopy blocking light getting to an already shaded green.



Before and after tree pruning 15th greens



Pruning of the 10th bank to remove brambles to

- improve the appearances of the hole
- improve the air flow around the green
- speed up slow play when looking for lost balls