**South Kyme Golf Club**

**Tabletop News – May 2020**

Tasks to be carried out on the course this month:

* Apply wetting agent to greens
* Lower greens height of cut to 4mm
* Apply liquid fertiliser to greens
* Verti-cut and top-dress greens
* Apply seed head reducing agent to greens
* Apply soluble iron and Urea to fairways to control moss invasion (dependent on weather conditions)
* Weed-kill fairways and semi-rough (dependent on weather conditions)
* Check weed levels in bunkers
* Apply grass growth regulator to practice ground
* All the above are extra to seasonal mowing frequencies of all playing surfaces including practice ground

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**Course report May 2020**

As we see some easing to the lockdown caused by the Coronavirus Pandemic and the restrictions on the amount of staff working are relaxed, we will see an increase in maintenance tasks which in time will lead to improvement in the condition of playing surfaces, especially greens.

With a change in weather conditions and having had very little rainfall in the past six weeks, we find ourselves having to guard against the possibility of drought conditions this summer. This just goes to show how quickly ground conditions on the course can change, considering we have suffered from one of the wettest winters in the last 20 years and now possibly one of the driest starts to spring for some time.

As part of the monthly maintenance program, greens are to have an application of liquid wetting agent to help prevent dry patch and the first application of liquid fertiliser with growth regulator will be applied. Cutting heights will be lowered and greens will be verti-cut and top-dressed with sand.

These tasks will take place over the next two weeks, making the greens true and firm and the effects most beneficial to play. Staff will be very busy, so please be patient with them.

Fairways are to have an application of soluble iron and nitrogen urea to help control moss along with an application of selective herbicide to control annual weeds. However, if the dry conditions continue and there is no rainfall, these planned fairway tasks will be postponed as these products can scorch when ground moisture levels are low.

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