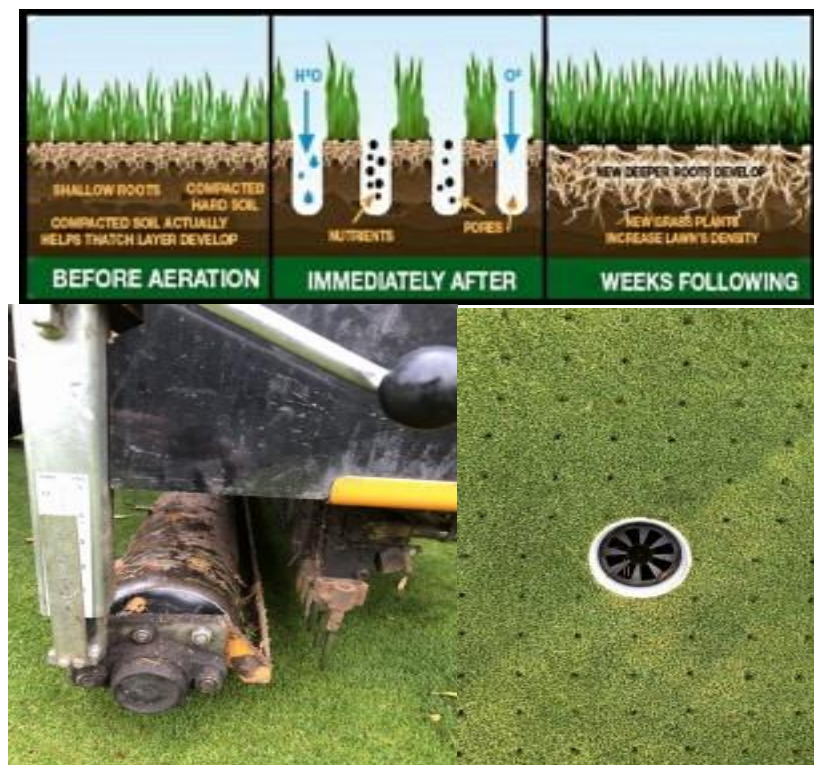


## This week on the course

### Monday 29th October

Following a cold and wet weekend the main greens were not in play due to frost and standing water. once the frost had melted then we were able to get on with repairing the drain lines at the front of the 11th green which had sunk a little bit throughout the dry summer months. The bins around the course were emptied and ball washers topped up. Greens and aprons were cleared of any leaves and debris. work began on the greens with the air raid machine which we use in the aeration process, they were solid tined with 12mm tines to a depth of 4 inches with 2 and a half inch spacings, below are some images of the process.

The first image shows the reasons why we do this work and the results from this, the 2nd shows the depth which we tine down and the last image shows minimal disruption to the putting surface around the cup once the process is complete.



### Tuesday 30th October

The day began with the competition winners boards being put back up on the walls in the dinning room and the main greens being put back in play. With the winter mats on the tee boxes needing to come into play work began at the 15th tee to clear the path of any weeds and also to tidy up on and around the mats. The aeration work on the greens was continued. The tees aprons and semi rough areas were mowed.

### Wednesday 31st October

The remaining competition winners boards were put up. Work on the 15th tee area was finished off, with the remaining mats at the 1st and 2nd tidied up with the path at the first tee also being weeded. The remaining tees were mowed and also the mowing of the semi rough was continued. Again the aeration work was continued.

### **Thursday 1st November**

The day began with piles of leaves around the putting green and the chipping green being picked up and taken away. The summer tee markers were collected in with the larger winter markers being put out on the tee boxes. work began to tidy up and weed the area around the pond at the 9th, the semi rough mowing was complete with the aeration work also being completed. the greens were sprayed with a liquid fertilizer which has a high iron content to help with the winter growth on the greens and to toughen up the surface for the winter months.

### **Friday 2nd November**

With a frosty start to the day the temporary greens were in play, once the greens had thawed work began to clear the greens of any leaves so that the spraying could be completed. While waiting for the frost to lift the tables and chairs in the clubhouse were moved for the ladies meeting in the afternoon. All of the bunkers were raked and tee markers moved in preparation for the weekend.