



“WHAT’S HAPPENING AT COOLIE TWEED”



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COURSE MATTERS

• The 17th West green has continued to cause major headaches for all concerned again this year and following exhaustive investigations it appears that the sand that was added to the green two years ago drains too quickly, meaning that the turf can't survive a full day without supplementary water and suffers heat stress, which then allows any disease or insects that are present to flourish and damage the turf. The location of the green also causes problems with air and soil temperatures constantly higher than other West greens and the air circulation around the green is significantly less than on other West greens, which also exacerbates the stress that the turf is under.

Last year the trial nursery green was established using an amended sand profile which allows much greater water holding capacity and 5 different Bentgrasses were planted for comparison. As an example of the moisture retention of the nursery area, the Bentgrass section seldom gets more than 8 minutes of irrigation per sprinkler per day, in comparison to 17 West which, over a normal summer day, receives in excess of 40 minutes per sprinkler and then quite often some follow up hand water to survive the day. Indeed from February 5 to 9, the irrigation was turned off on the Bentgrass nursery with no major detrimental effect to the turf, although the nursery does have the luxury of not being subjected to play and has a different localised micro climate to that of 17.

The decision has now been made to remove the top 300mm of the 17th West green and replace it with the amended sand profile and then plant “Penn G2” Bentgrass. A temporary green has been prepared at the front of the existing green and has been turfed with “Tif Eagle” Couchgrass. The existing 17th green does not require total re-construction as there are obviously no drainage issues and the green surrounds and bunkers are all functional and in good condition. This work has been scheduled to commence on March 12.

• The dam on the right side of the 6th River green is to have a rock wall installed to stabilise the banks. This work is scheduled to commence the week beginning February 19.

• The 15th River fairway is to have some agricultural drainage and some collection pits installed the week commencing February 26. These drains will be connected to a 3,000 litre underground tank on the right side of the fairway where a submersible pump will operate as required to continually drain the fairway during rainfall events. Power will be required to be trenched across the 12th and 2nd West and 16th River fairways to the tank and the fairway bunkers on the 15th will also have drainage installed as part of these works. The 15th fairway is particularly flat and existing drains have little or no fall causing the fairway to stay wetter longer than many other fairways following heavy rain. By installing the underground tank we are able to create fall and increase the drainage potential of the area.

• The buggy path installation program will continue in March with the 3rd West, 14th/15th West and 13th River on the agenda.

Obviously all of the above works will cause disruption to the golf courses but the positive outcomes will make them well worthwhile. We apologise in advance for the disruption.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 8th March – Mixed Irish 4BBB Stableford
9am Shotgun Start, \$12.50pp, light lunch to follow
Saturday 24th March – Final of the Miller Kingston
Sunday 25th March – Daylight Savings Ends

GCDGA Division 1 Pennants

Dates are as follows:
Round 1 – 4th March at CTHGC
Round 2 – 11th March at The Colonial
Round 3 – 18th March at Arundel Hills
Round 4 – 1st April at Surfers Paradise
Round 5 – 15th April at Emerald Lakes
Final – 22nd April - Course tbc

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CALLAWAY DEMO DAY

23rd February between 3pm & 6 pm
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The **2007 Men's Club Championships** have been moved to Saturday 14th, Sunday 15th, Saturday 21st Sunday 22nd **July 2007** and the **Ladies Club Championships** are to be held on the 12th, 14th & 19th **June 2007**. Both championships are proudly sponsored by **Cool-it Air Conditioning – Greg Deane.**

Miller Kingston Knock Out Round 3 matches:

B. Watson & T. Martin V's P. Piaud & D. Whitney
F. Malone & P. Mdoughlin V's D. Culpitt & K. Gaddes
J. Crawford & S. Wheat V's G. Deane & K. Jamieson
M. Purtell & M. Ellis V's D. Tonkin & R. Madeod
R. Cross & J. Munro V's J. Wolfe & G. Hannah
G. Park & L. Korn V's R. Dillon & P. Jeffress
D. Nicholson & D. Declosey V's N. Jones & J. Broughton
J. Clark & R. Horn V's R. Meiers & D. Jones

Good Luck Gentlemen!