

Tee Condition.

You may be asking why the tees have gone off and areas are looking a little worse for wear.

The tees are covered with kikuyu, a warm season turf grass. During winter we over sow with a transitional rye called Carravelle which is a cool season turf grass. Transitional means as the weather warms up during October the rye slowly dies and the kikuyu fills in the gaps.

The weather this spring as been totally out of the normal with more than expected rainfall and temperatures well below the average. This has meant that the rye is living in perfect growing conditions and the kikuyu is not seeing the light of day.

Without addressing this issue there is potential for the rye grass to maintain it's coverage and then die off suddenly as the temperature increases rapidly. This will leave the kikuyu trying to cover the tees over in the heat of summer.

We have sprayed the tees and eradicated the rye to give the kikuyu a chance to breathe and grow prior to the height of summer. We have also aerated the tees; fertiliser, gypsum and topdressing will soon be applied to all tees.

With good growing weather ahead you will see improvement very quickly.

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