

Course Update July 2019

Greens

The Greens have fully recovered from the recent hollow coring. While this can be disruptive, the timing immediately after Lady Captain's Prize, is the optimum for speed of recovery. Eddie will continue to monitor the need for this from year to year and Members will be advised in good time. We do appreciate members general understanding of the importance of this work for the overall quality of our Greens.

Another cycle of over-seeding of the Greens Eddie has also been completed again without any disruption to play.

There is an area at the entrance to the practice putting green that has anthracnose disease which Eddie is treating. This is due to a number of factors including compacting of the turf (footfall) and competition for nutrients. (adjacent shrubs/plants)

Fairways

The fairways are in excellent condition. The recent over-seeding of the Fairways has worked well and Eddie will repeat this in September. This practice will also form an integral part of the summer routines in future years as we look to further improve the quality of turf on our Fairways.

Other

The GUR on the 10th has been removed.

New netting and a new 'chipping target net' have been installed in the practice area

Rathfarnham Golf Club, and Course Superintendent Eddie Walsh featured in the National Biodiversity Data Series Report. Various actions taken on the course to support 'pollinators' have been noted including :

- 3 bee hives on the course
- Installed 24 nesting boxes around the course.
- Reduced herbicide use.
- Introduced wild flower areas throughout the course by allowing
- natural regeneration to occur by applying the pollinator-friendly meadow management plan.

This report is available on the RGC Web Site.

[https://www.rathfarnhamgolfclub.ie/userfiles/Pollinator-friendly-management-of-Golf-Courses\(1\).pdf](https://www.rathfarnhamgolfclub.ie/userfiles/Pollinator-friendly-management-of-Golf-Courses(1).pdf)