

Dear Members,

It wasn't that long ago I was appointed to the club as Superintendent, and doesn't time fly by.

Firstly, a big thank you to all members for being so welcoming and accommodating.

I will keep this short and precise.

Since March I have been in overwatch mode just learning the course and its surroundings. From that I have gathered much intel to assist in our future planning of maintenance procedures moving forward listed are a few below.

1. Continual surface improvement of greens through more frequent mowing and grooming practices
2. Refining of irrigation practices to encourage healthier all round plant health with deeper root systems
3. More frequent and precise fertilizer applications to all surfaces
4. Overall improvement of presentation to the course

THE NOW,

Its official the growing season has commenced, so we will be doing weekly task's to improve and condition our turf surfaces, this will show via enhanced playability and course presentation. After reviewing the member survey I saw fit it was most important to commence tee works ASAP. We are in the late stages of par 3 tee redevelopment. Before we commence hard works, I will produce a separate communication for these works. In short though we have put together a 3-4 year plan to level and increase or teeing ground areas, to accommodate for increased member and public the play. This season we will be performing these works on holes 3,5,8,11,14 and 16.

Greens renovations will be conducted in Mid November after our 2 day veterans event.

We will be conducting tee and fairway renovations on Monday/Tuesday over the coming 6 weeks.

OVERALL

I am working closely with the committee to develop a future plan of course works moving forward over the next 10 years. This will give some overall guidance and direction to achieve set goals. All of this documentation will be put out to members for feedback and I will propose to hold numerous information sessions and course walk/tours before we finalize this documentation.

All in all the number one goal is to continually improve our playing surfaces and course conditioning on a month by month basis, in a means to retain and improve our current member playing experience, thus also growing our membership with the ever growing population of Bendigo.

Lastly I need to give a huge shoutout and thankyou to the dedicated volunteer crew that show up week in, week out.

I am very excited for what the future holds out here BPGC.

Thanks,

Dylan Knight

Course Superintendent

