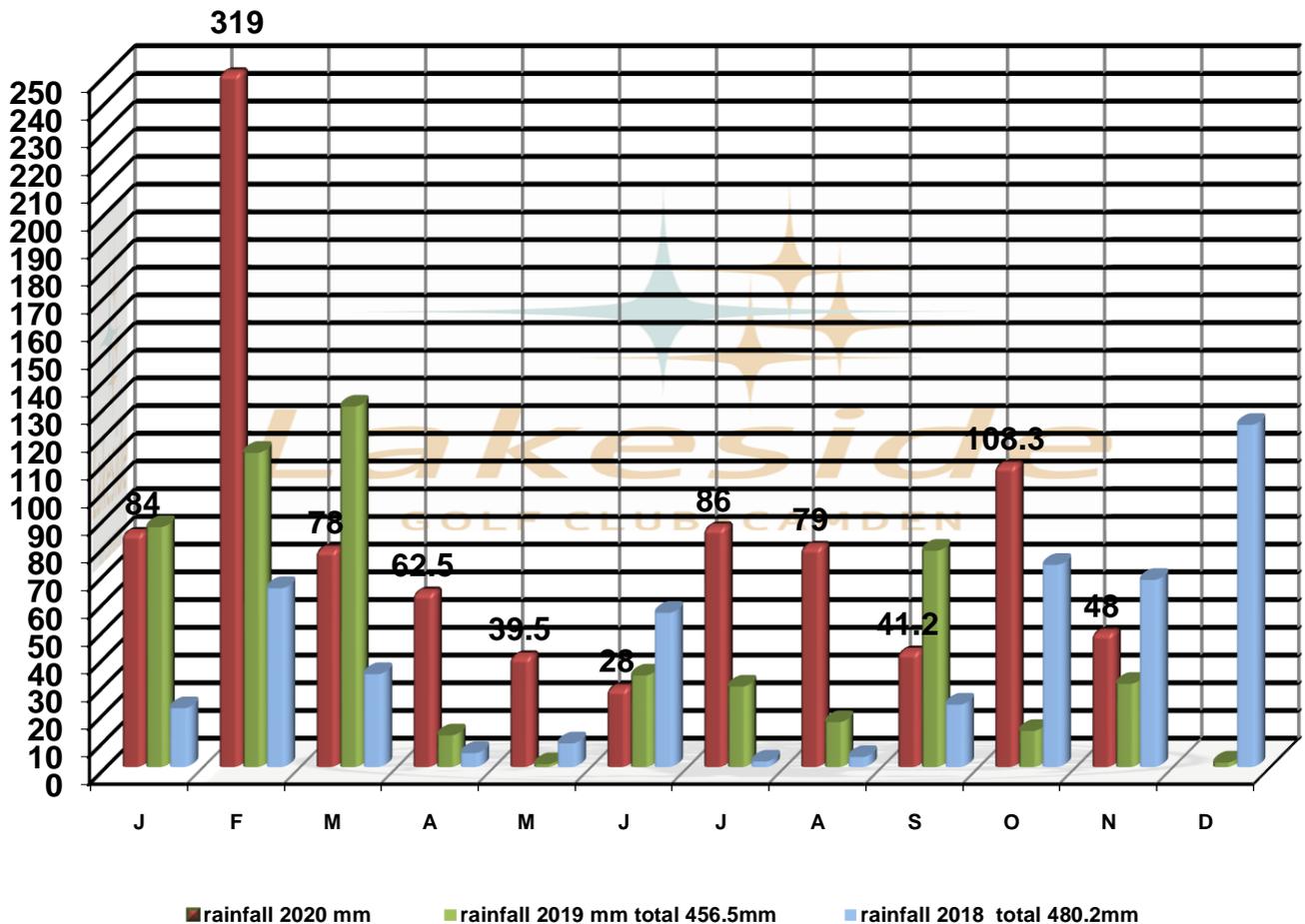


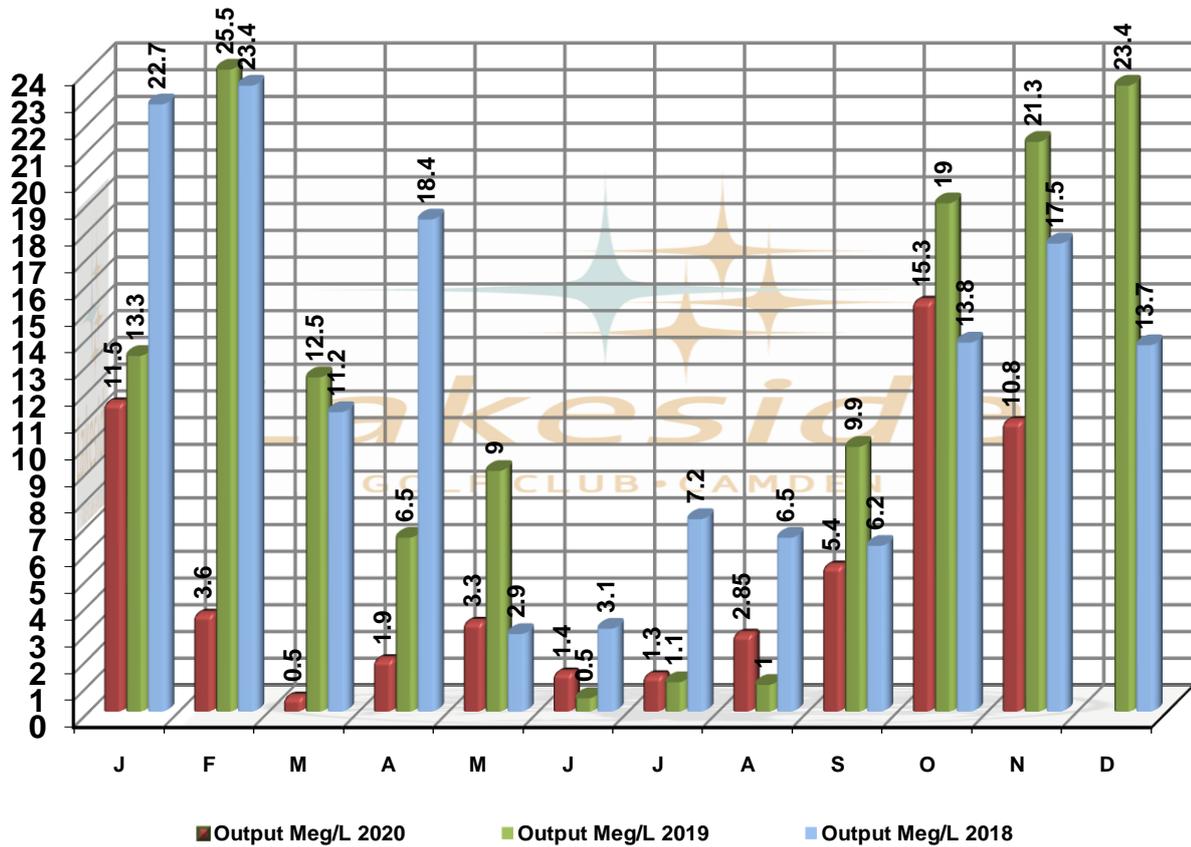
# COURSE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



24<sup>th</sup> NOV 2020 – 15<sup>th</sup> DEC 2020

NOVEMBER RAINFALL	48mm
Number of rain days in NOVEMBER	6
RAINFALL YTD 2020	974.5mm
NOVEMBER IRRIGATION	10.8 Meg
IRRIGATION YTD 2020	58.15 Meg





## GREENS

Cutting height 3.0 (mm)

Greens have not had too much disease presence at the moment. With more rain around, humidity is set to get high and extreme pressures will be placed on the greens. Our fortnightly organic Phosphite was applied to help reduce pathogen numbers. The Greens are still receiving foliar fertiliser every 10 days and this spoon feeding is maintaining enough growth and colour. A growth regulator is applied every 10 days to hold growth and produce a tighter putting surface.

Soil programs continue and are a very important part of our program to help the greens get through the warmer months.

Dusting occurred on the greens and also the temporary couch greens. The height of cut has now gone up to 3.3mm for the months of December and January. As we get past the hottest weather we will look to lower again coming into pennants and major club competitions.

## **GREENS COLLARS**

Collars 8mm

Collars are cut twice a week.

Collars were granular fertilised and will continue to grow throughout summer.

## **GREEN SURROUNDS**

Cutting height 12mm

Green surrounds received some granular fertiliser as well. They have had a complete fertiliser and in the coming weeks will show good colour and growth.

## **TEES**

Cutting height 8mm

Tees were renovated towards the end of November start of December. They were scarified with our heavier machine. They then were cleaned up and cut down to 6mm to shave them down a little. The coring machine then cored them with ½” tines and we rubbed that top dress material back into the surface as a top dress. They will be foliar fertilised to get them back to full recovery.

## **FAIRWAYS**

Cutting height 12mm

Fairways on the top 4 holes were fertilised again with some one and a half tonne of fertiliser. This is now the second fertilise this growing season as well as the foul manure. We will hope to see some good growth and turn that into some thatch on those surfaces. These fairways did not receive a growth regulator, however all other fairways did. This is to help us reduce mowing times and the amount of grass clippings around the place.

## **ROUGHS**

Cutting height 40mm

Spot spraying has commenced on paspalum in roughs. With some 6 holes now completed. Dead yellow spots will appear around the course as we continue this program. The top 4 holes were fertilised in the roughs as well to promote some thicker sward of grass in these areas.

## **CONSTRUCTION**

The 9<sup>th</sup> green now has been shaped to sub base levels. We will not progress with this any further until after the holiday break. We will however get the 17<sup>th</sup> green to a similar finished product so we can come in after the break and seed both greens. We have been sorting out some sand suppliers which has required some lab testing. This takes time and we are trying to get similar sand to what we started the project with. The 16<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> tees have also been shaped to sub base levels and just need some stormwater and irrigation installed before topsoil is moved back. Ecology experts have identified some potential nesting sites and this will all be addressed when we remove the trees.

We will have some construction movement around the clubhouse in the first quarter of next year and there is a lot of planning to go into the co-ordination of golf for this area.



Bulk earthworks under way



9<sup>th</sup> green shaping



The dam on the side of the 18<sup>th</sup> tees was de silted, filled in, compacted and then the new tees were shaped onto the area

## **ENTRANCE**

The Entrance is now complete with just the sign and a few little pieces to finish off. The landscaping is all completed and the area is a lot more inviting and clean.



## **THE GREENS**

We are working through our issues at the greens and only a few issues remain. Our irrigation problem has since been sorted out and we are now awaiting Toro to install some companionry to have wireless control over the 9 hole course as well. Foul manure has settled over there and good growth has resulted. Greens are basically in just a holding survival mode as we await golf.

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