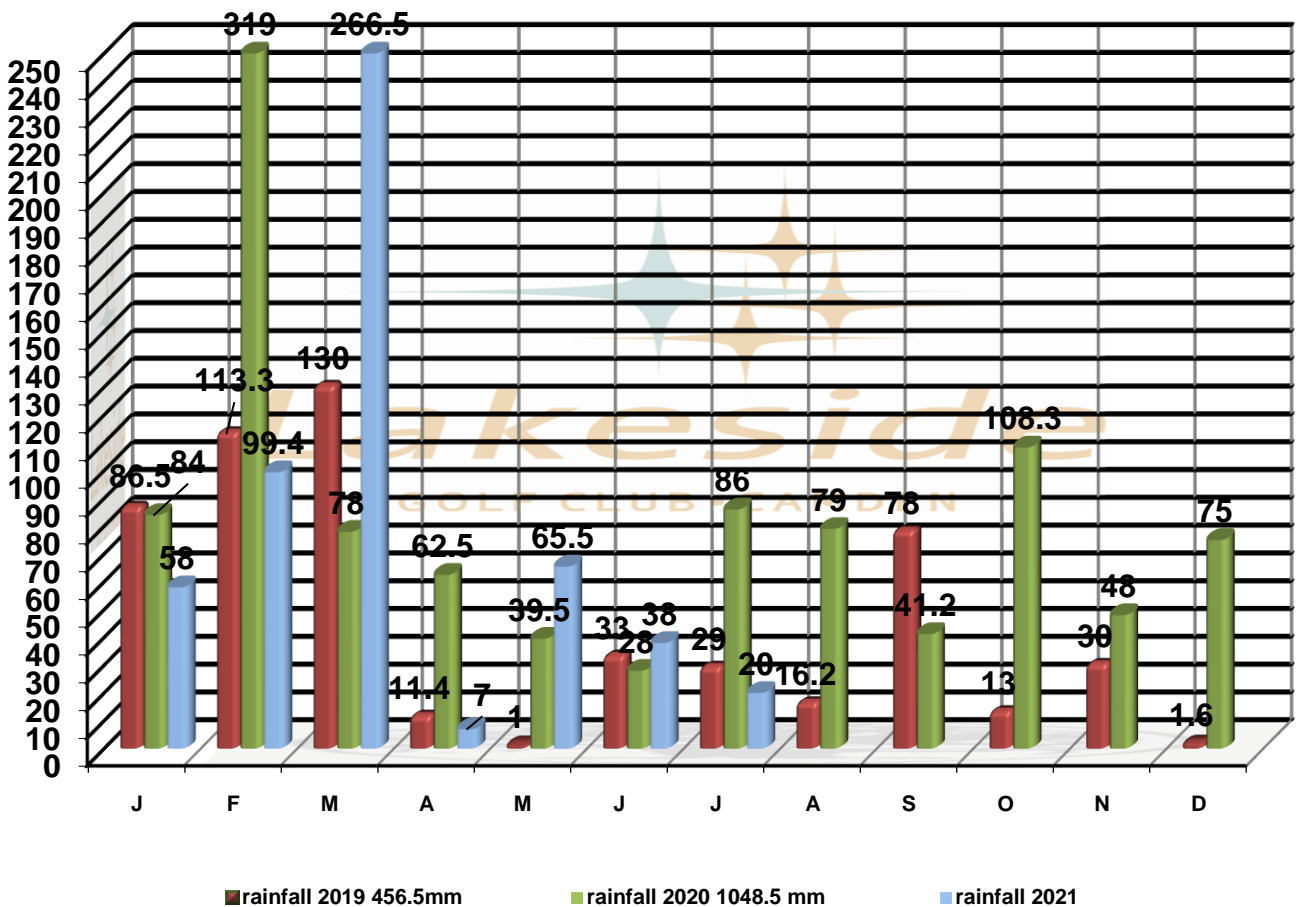


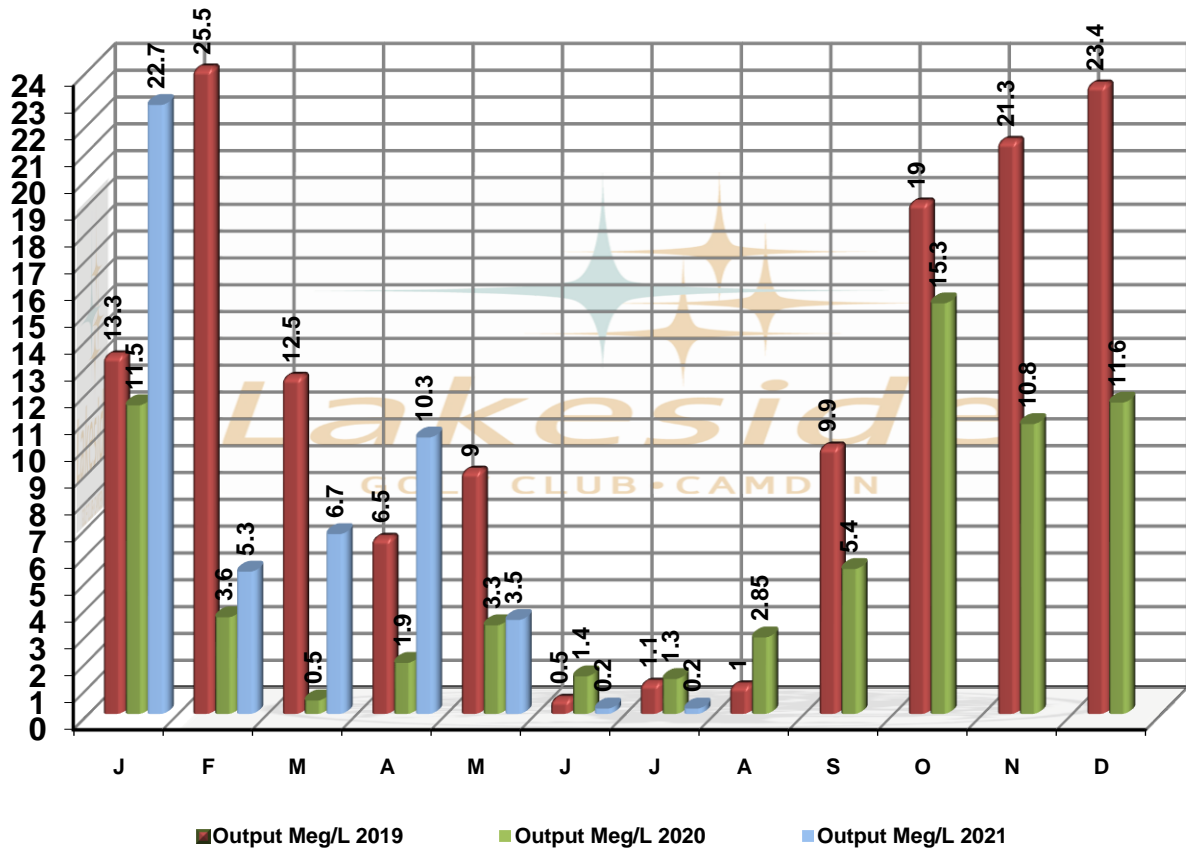
COURSE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



20th JULY 2021- 25th AUGUST 2021

JULY RAINFALL	20mm
Number of rain days in JULY	6
RAINFALL YTD 2021	555mm
JULY IRRIGATION	0.3Meg
IRRIGATION YTD 2021	45.5Meg





GREENS

Cutting height 3.3 mm

Monthly soil and fertility programs continue. As we move to slightly warmer temperatures we will start a shift to different foliar programs. Foliar fertiliser that are left on the leaf play a critical role at this time of year.

Greens are cut as needed and mainly on high play days. We continue to roll a couple of times a week to increase ball speed.

Winter grass programs will continue after renovations and we will increase our target to the current 5th green and the current 15th green.

GREENS COLLARS

Collars 8mm

Collars were sprayed for winter grass and this is to help keep the surfaces of the greens as clean as possible so there is no risk of winter grass from surrounding areas.

GREEN SURROUNDS

Cutting height 14mm

Green surrounds received another colour application. Frosts took colour out of the couch and these applications help hold that colour.

TEES

Cutting height 8mm

Tees are cut to clean divots and prepare the surface for a colourant application. This is usually once a week.

FAIRWAYS

Cutting height 12mm

Fairways are cut only once a fortnight. Fairways were also coloured with pigment to hold some colour.

ROUGHES

Cutting height 40mm

Light rates of Glyphosate was used for winter grass. This is a quarter of the rate that would harm couch, and the fact that we wait until the couch is fully dormant means little uptake of the round up at all.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Some 3000 tube stock plants have been planted around the wetlands on the course. We will be planting more over the coming months to help establish some good eco-friendly wetland systems on the course. Species of *Juncus usitatus*, *Carex inversa*, *Lomandra longifolia*, *Ficinia nodosa*, *Carex appressa* and others were planted.

STAFF

With recent lockdowns we too are affected and lost 6 staff members from our crew from the Campbelltown LGA. This has put a strain on what can be done and we are doing the upmost to present the course and finish construction works at the same time.

THE GREENS

The pump shed over the greens has caused us grief the last 3 weeks once again. We had no water for a long period as Hydro technics were away and it was difficult as LGA's were getting placed into lockdown to get some other irrigationist to site. We had to self dignose the problems in house. First was the pump element on our No. 2 pump which was totally wrecked and not spinning due to sucking rocks from the bottom of the old foot valve with no cover. That was replaced last year by staff



already. Once we discovered this problem in the pump element, we took all 3 pumps apart/cleaned and checked them before putting back together. The power was the next check. This seemed to be an issue as well as alarms were telling us we didn't have adequate supply and we soon discovered we were down a phase on supply. Once we fixed this it was then the 2nd pump VSD(variable speed drive) that was the problem as it had blown up (literally) when turned back on and was causing the circuit to on a phase to blow. We are still awaiting this part. We have replaced the pump element on one pump and then decided to run it all. After a cycle on all the greens, we then had a major blowout from outside the pump shed. In the meantime we were getting 29 degree days and had to water from a

pump placed into the dams near each green. We are now back to running 2 pumps in they way they should be.

CONSTRUCTION

See Update to membership

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