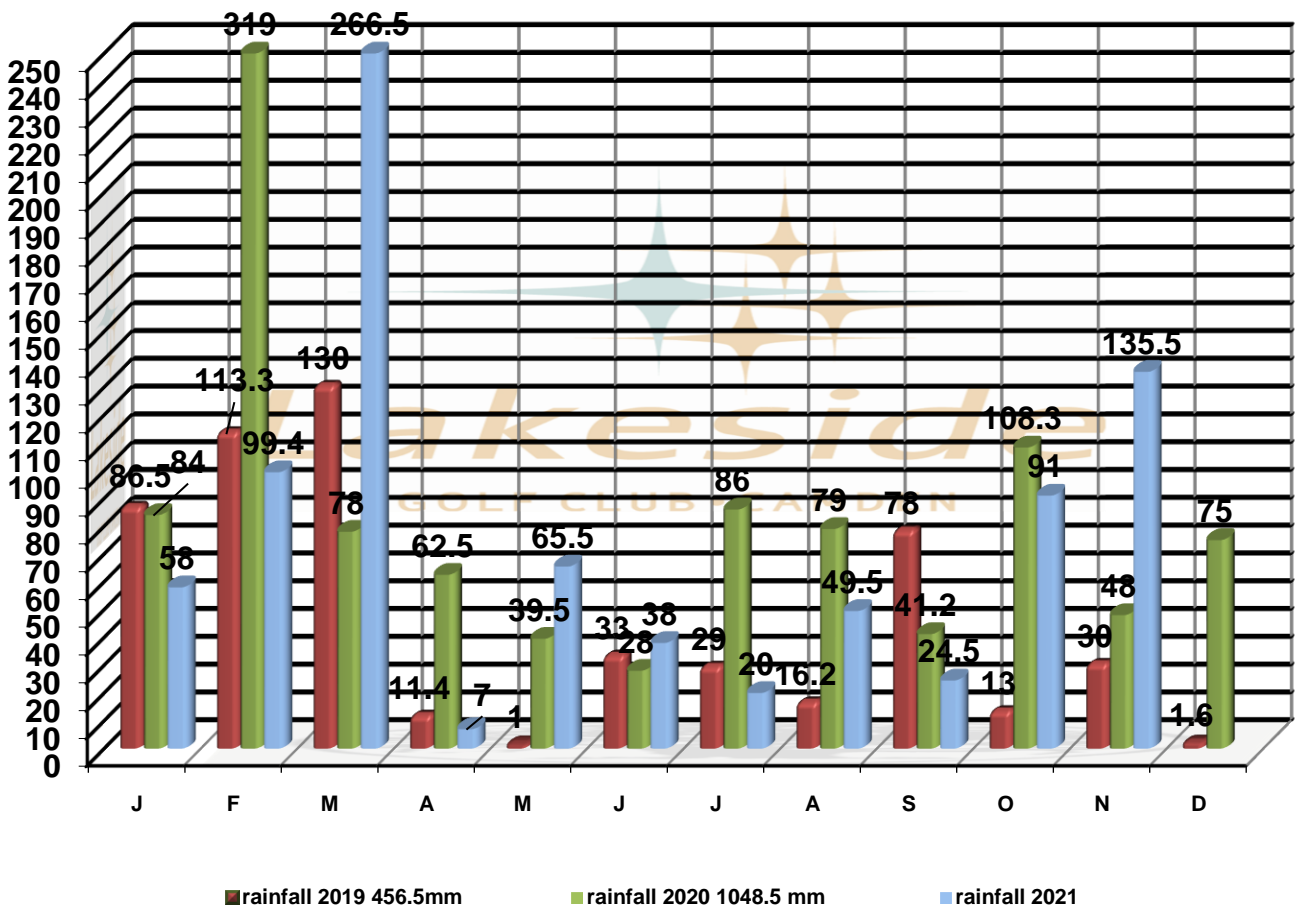


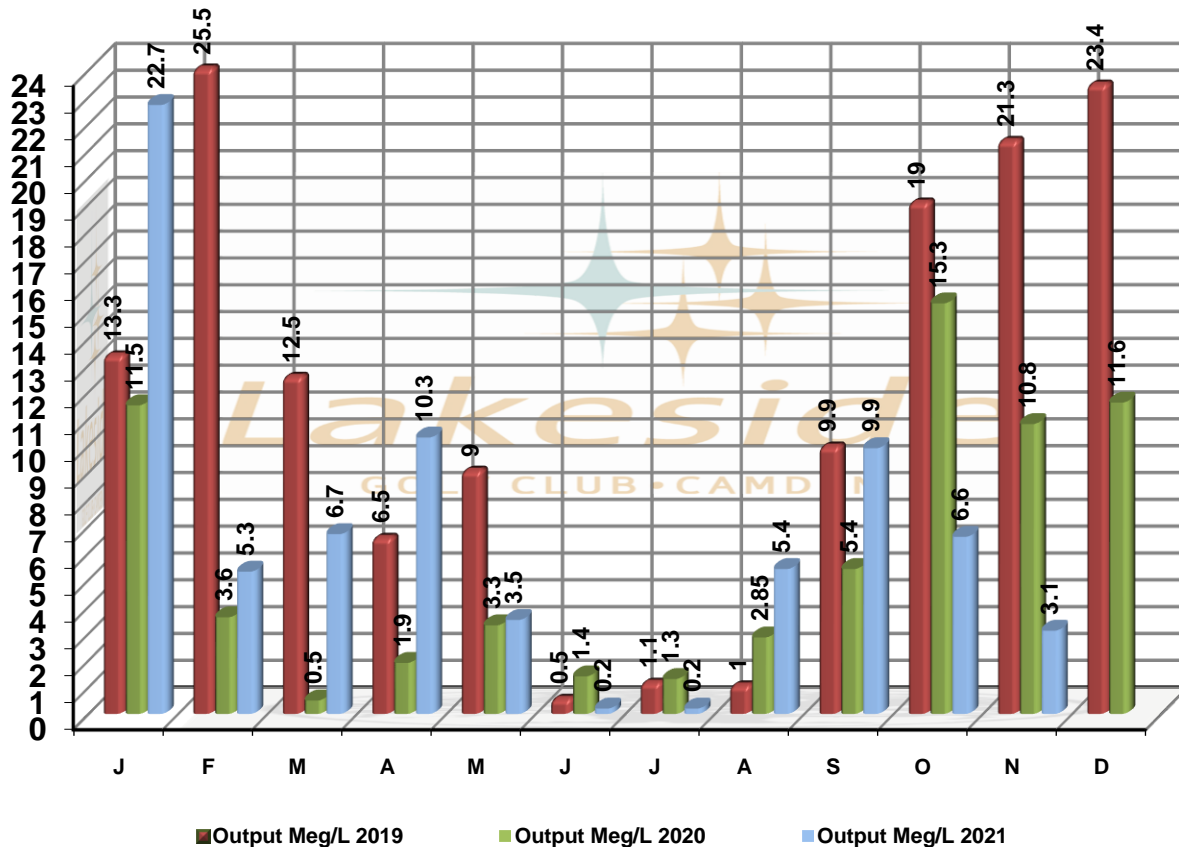
# COURSE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021 – 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2021

NOVEMBER RAINFALL	135.5mm
Number of rain days in NOVEMBER	10
RAINFALL YTD 2021	855.5mm
NOVEMBER IRRIGATION	3.1Meg
IRRIGATION YTD 2021	67.4Meg





## GREENS

Cutting height 3 mm

Wetting agent is applied monthly with our soil health program. Soil fertility is spoon fed with light fortnightly rates. Low nitrogen is used as we don't need to promote too much leaf growth at this time of the year.

Greens have been getting the walk behind mowers out twice a week to help firm them up and we have been limited by rainfall as to what mowers we can get out on course. More cutting and rolling days have been introduced around championships to maintain speed.

Calcium and a growth regulator primo maxx is still applied every 10 day. This stops the plant from growing too much leaf and holds it in a consistent growth pattern rather than having peaks and lows.

Greens are dusted with a light sand every fortnight to reduce thatch build up. A light grooming of the surface also helps control this thatch.

Fungicide was applied after the last rainfall as humidity was high and pressure from diseases like Pythium and dollar spot would have been guaranteed. As a preventative response we didn't want these diseases to accumulate over the championships weeks.

Unfortunately we are getting hammered by corellas on the 18<sup>th</sup> green. We have tried many things from moth balls, eagles, starter's guns, to spraying some awful garlic and bird deterrent formulas with little luck. It seems that when no golf is around they see it as a great opportunity to strike.



## **GREENS COLLARS**

Collars 6mm

Collars are cut twice a week at 6mm to keep a nice smooth edge to the green. Summer grass was sprayed last week and has since yellowed off in the collars. Winter grass will be targeted next week.

## **GREEN SURROUNDS**

Cutting height 12mm

Green surrounds received a foliar fertiliser in potassium nitrate. The potassium helps strengthen the plant into the harsh summer months. Paspalum is being hand weeded out of surfaces and also kikuyu being sprayed out.

The new 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> surrounds were fertilised with a granular fertiliser high in nitrogen to provide some good growth throughout the coming months. These surrounds need a good growing season to settle down and obtain a lovely surface.

## **TEES**

Cutting height 8mm

Tees are cut twice weekly and showing good growth. Fertiliser was applied to tee tops to increase wear tolerance with high golf patronage upon us. An application of iron was applied to provide nice colour moving through championships.

## **FAIRWAYS**

Cutting height 12mm

Fairways are growing well after a potassium nitrate fertiliser was applied as a foliar application. We are currently cutting 2-3 times a week to maintain a nice cut without too many clumps of grass around the place. We will primo these fairways in the coming week to reduce the amount of cuts and leaf growth.

## **ROUGHS**

Cutting height 40mm

Blanket spraying of flat weeds in roughs was completed. Currently we have lost our big rough machine due to a wheel assembly seizing and needing replacing. Parts are heavily affected due to Covid and we are doing our best to keep up with cutting these surfaces.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

Silt fences have been placed around where there is potential for sediment erosion into waterways.

Bird boxes down on the 1<sup>st</sup> tee area have been widely used by fauna and this is encouraging.

The wetland on the LHS of 15<sup>th</sup> fairway will be cleaned out on the edge of club rush.

## **THE GREENS**

The green surrounds were sprayed to clean them of weeds as they were getting out of control. Greens are cut twice a week and tees and fairways just once a week.

## **CONSTRUCTION**

See Update to membership

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