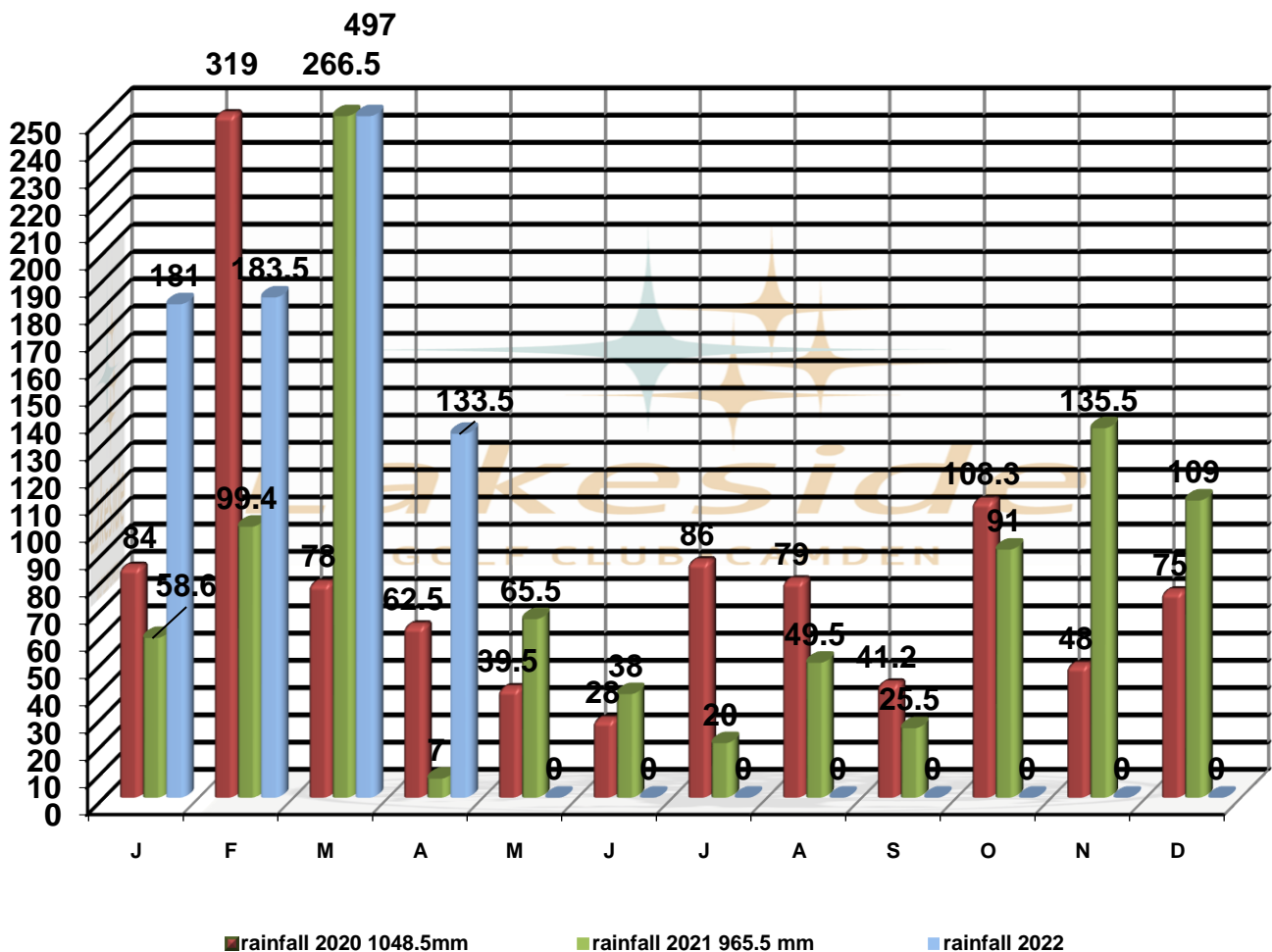


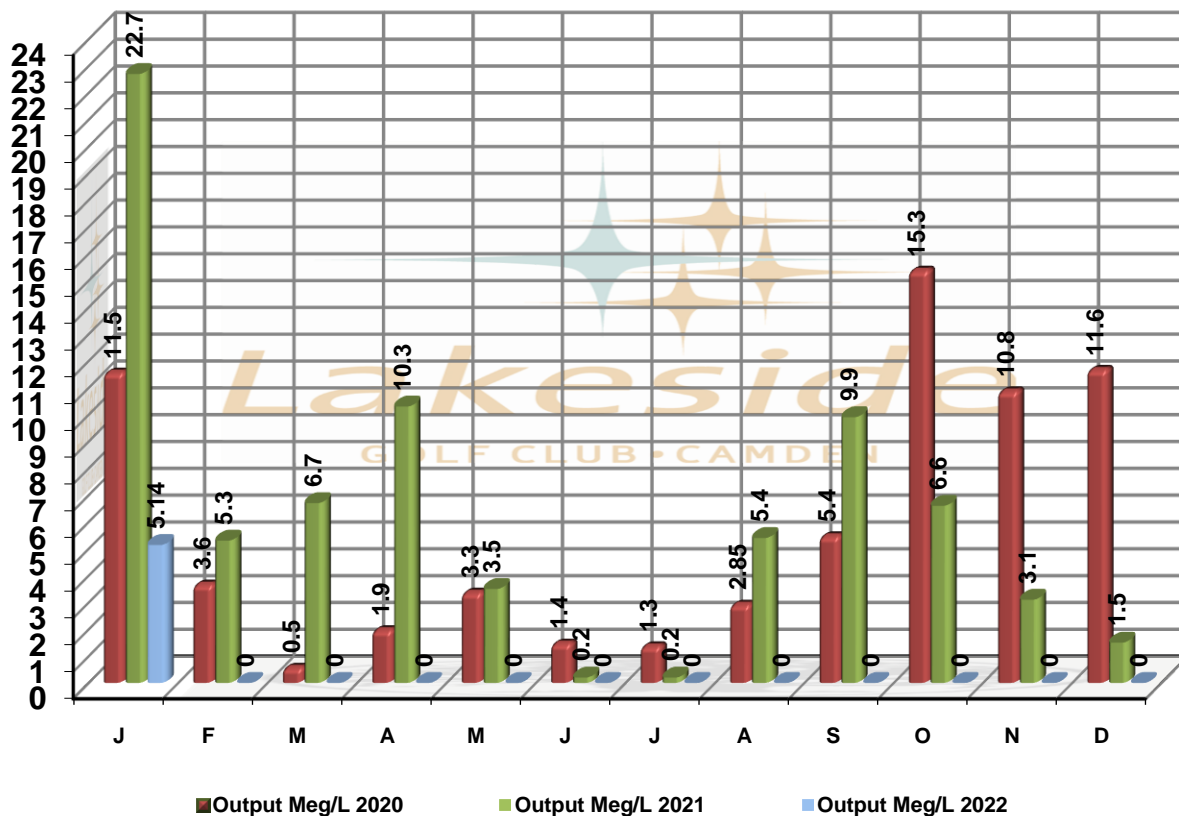
# COURSE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



19<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**APRIL RAINFALL** 133.5mm  
**Number of rain days in APRIL** 10  
**APRIL IRRIGATION** 0Meg  
**IRRIGATION TOTAL 2022** 5.14Meg





## GREENS

Cutting height 3 mm

Greens programs have been had timing changes as currently it is when we can rather than a locked in program. This has seen some fertility opportunities diminish as we simply cannot get the machinery out on course to apply the products.

Soil health programs are high on the list of priorities to get out and any chance we get we get them out. Unfortunately we cannot get too many products out in the few days we get between rainfall.

## GREENS COLLARS

Collars 10mm

Collars were cut once through the month to get them cleaned up. Winter grass is now a problem in the collars and due to chemicals moving through the soil after rain, we haven't been able to get any herbicides out there on the collars.

## **GREEN SURROUNDS**

Cutting height 14mm

Green surrounds were cut whenever we can get a mower out there. Hand weeding of paspalum has commenced and is one of the only things we can currently do to keep the weeds down in these areas.

## **TEES**

Cutting height 10mm

Tees are now cut once a week whilst we can get onto them. Hand weeding of paspalum also continues on these. We did get a spray of herbicide out on tees to clean up flat weeds that were in high numbers after all the rainfall.

## **FAIRWAYS**

Cutting height 14mm

Fairways continue to hold water and some areas just cannot be cut anymore. Ropes have been placed around the course to alleviate the wettest areas.

Hand weeding also commenced on all fairways and will be an ongoing program throughout the wet period. Kikuyu needs spraying and again we must wait until a period of dry weather for this to occur.

Fairways were sprayed with pre-emergent to stop any ongoing germination of poa annua (winter grass).

## **ROUGHS**

Cutting height 50mm

Roughs have been cut throughout the dry days we get. Some areas we simply cannot get onto and even experienced operators are getting bogged in the rough cutting unit. Winter grass also is dominating the roughs as we simply haven't been able to get out pre-emergent due to the machine being too heavy.

## ENVIRONMENTAL

The Dam wall on the 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> dam will commence and lowering of that dam water is needed to be carried out. Also a drop box was installed at the 17<sup>th</sup> tee dam to raise the water level to the height of the aquatic plants. African Black olive removal and box thorn has also commenced with key areas being identified first.

Members would also notice and probably appreciate the rough on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> cut down and slashed. This was to spread more seed bank amongst the area and clean up dead flea bane that was sprayed in the area. This will help rejuvenate the native grasses in the long roughs.



## RAINFALL



As mentioned in previous comments we are at the mercy of the rain and this first 5 months to the year has been as frustrating as any. We had 54 wet days within the first 4 months with rain totals exceeding 995mm to end of April. Currently ropes are everywhere and we just ask for patience to get to the other side of the weather. We try as much as possible to get carts out whenever they won't damage the course.



## CONSTRUCTION

See Update to membership