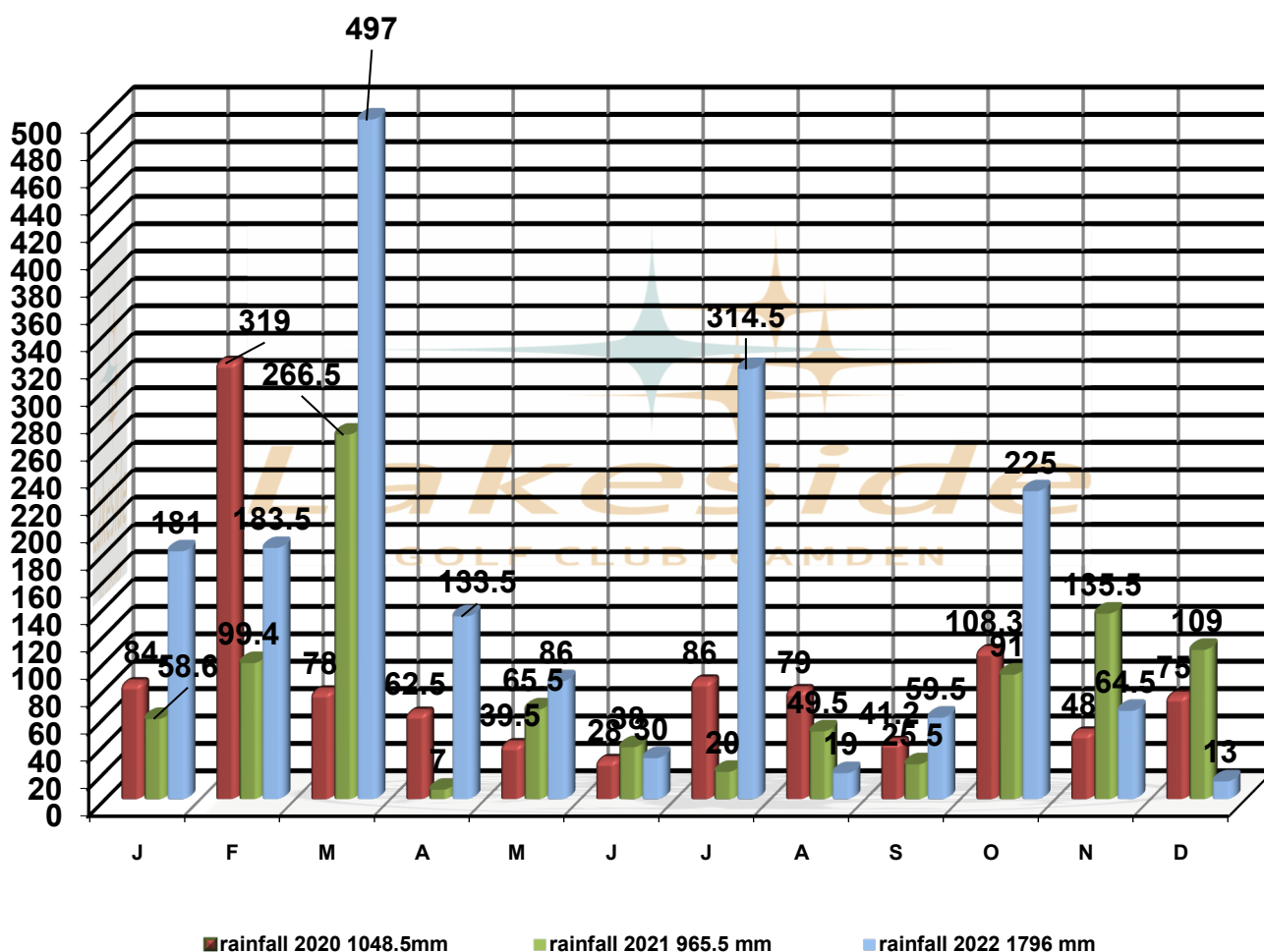


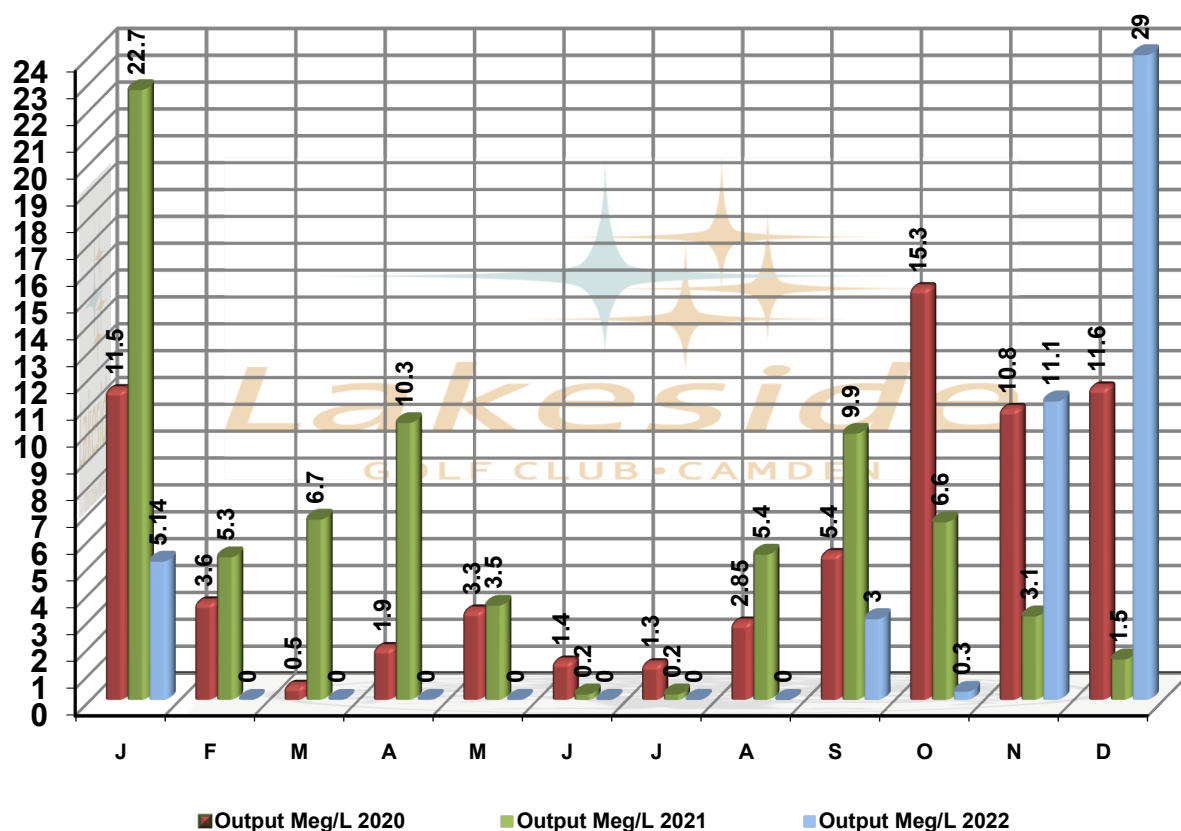
COURSE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



22nd November 2022 – 24th January 2023

NOVEMBER RAINFALL	64.5mm
DECEMBER RAINFALL	13mm
Number of rain days- NOVEMBER	5
Number of rain days- DECEMBER	4
2022 RAINFALL TOTAL	1796mm
NOVEMBER IRRIGATION	11.1Meg
DECEMBER IRRIGATION	29Meg
IRRIGATION TOTAL 2022	55Meg





GREENS

Cutting height 3 mm

Greens growth regulation program continues and we are seeing some good results throughout summer of consistant green speed. We are applying every week instead of once a month at a higher rate and we think this is working well. We aren't seeing any spike in growth rates which means we aren't getting fluctuations in green speed as leaf growth of the grass greatly affects the speed of the greens.

Fertiliser programs are added to this weekly application and the spoon feeding is also working well as regular fertiliser is used by the plant more regularly then a heavier dose that potentially is lost through rainfall and irrigation.

Soil health programs continue once a month and this is to add beneficial bacteria, fungi, fulvic acid and kelp to the soil. This health with everything from pathogen control, to root stimulation and therefore helps the plant get through the summer stress.

An application of fungicide was made before christmas to take any potential problems away over the break and limit any fungal issues in the greens.

Dusting programs were hindered again as December saw huge golfing numbers. To get the right conditions to be able for the sand to be applied, dry and rubbed in was hard. This will be resumed as we move into mid January and approach renovations in April.

Wetting agent programs also continue. This also has been put out as a fortnightly program rather than a monthly program. I believe we also have seen a reduction to watering needs and longer periods that the greens will go through without requiring water. This is a positive trial of a new product and program we are very happy with.

GREENS COLLARS

Collars 8mm



Collars were sprayed for summer grass control. As no pre-emergent was put out for control this year near the edge of the greens (due to issues of product movement previously like the 6th green), summer grass germination has been high and needs to be controlled post germination. They also received a foliar fertiliser and iron for colour.

The LHS of the 6th green collar was fixed. The area had sunken and would always pool in a muddle puddle.

GREEN SURROUNDS

Cutting height 12mm

Green surrounds received a foliar fertiliser and iron for colour, as well as a light rate of growth regulation to limit the amount of grass clippings lying around the place. We are seeing good, controlled growth now with the rainfall in the start of January helping activate the fertiliser in the soil. Paspalum is weeded from surrounds and in the coming weeks a kikuyu program will commence to eliminate any outbreaks. An application of herbicide was applied and targeted winter grass and flat weeds.

TEES

Cutting height 8mm

An application of herbicide was applied and targeted winter grass and flat weeds. Also tees received a foliar fertiliser and iron for colour, as well as a light rate of growth regulation to limit the amount of grass clippings lying around the place.

FAIRWAYS

Cutting height 12mm

Fairways were sliced to alleviate any compacted ground after all the years rainfall. This also normally happens before club championships but was put off due to the rain.

They then were lightly groomed to remove some thatch built up and Fairways were granular fertilised to pick them up and provide some good nutrients to get them growing.

They also received some added iron for colour and another calcium nitrate foliar fertiliser

ROUGHS

Cutting height 50mm

Roughs were blanket sprayed with MSMA for paspalum control and any summer grass that is appearing to germinate from a lack of pre-emergent control. Over the coming weeks spot spraying will be high priority as we try and have as much weed free playing surfaces as possible.



ENVIRONMENTAL

We are relocating native seed banks of longer grasses as we dress up some areas around the 9th tee and 2nd green LHS.

We also have been clearing out some ponds. This picture is of the 3rd LHS dam, with the headwall full of weed and restricting water flow.

CONSTRUCTION WORKS MEMBER UPDATE 12.01.23

1st Storm water line

Completed. Tee open

9th Tee

The 9th tee by far was the hardest area on course to finish. After 2 concrete pumps running 150mts and 3 creek crossings just to get concrete there so we could get the path in. Once this was in it was easy to trim and turf the area. Opened for play with just an area at the front tee to be filled and shaped.



Proshop area



Completed finally. Staff worked frantically to have it completed and opened up for golf before Christmas and it has come together very well.

Plants will take time to mature but the area in another 12months will be fantastic.





9th Underpass

The 9th tunnel is open. Soft landscaping to be completed either side of the tunnel.

Front entry

Landscaping continues and turf on the LHS has grown well. Landscaping resumes in the 3rd week and should see this area completed by the end of February.

Stub road 13/ connection between carparks

Paths to the stub road will be completed and registration through council has commenced. This stub road will however take about 2-3 months to be registered as a council road and then will be opened.

UPCOMING WORKS

- 10th tee LHS tidy up near path
- New short course tees
- Front entrance, function centre works and landscaping

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