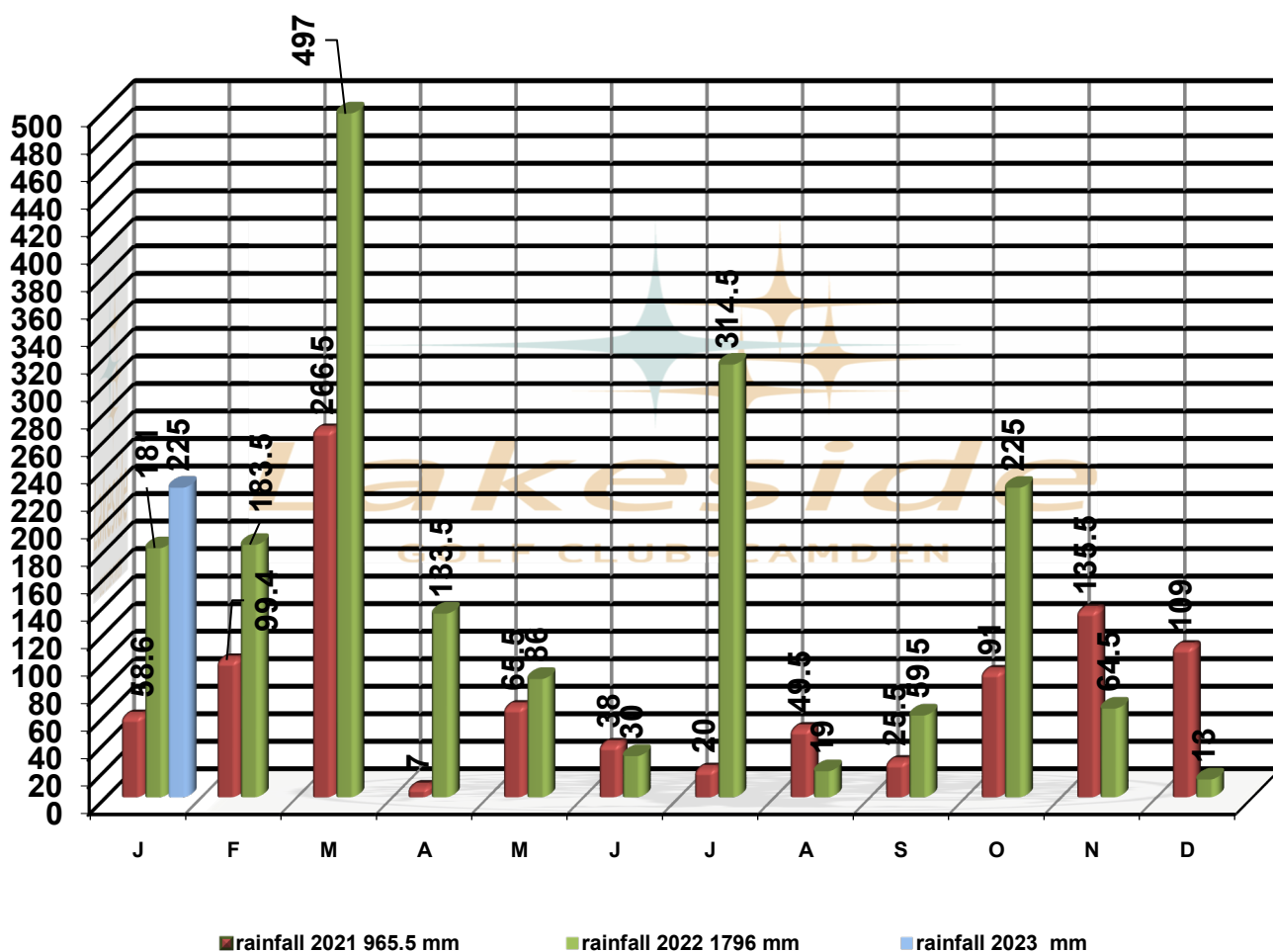


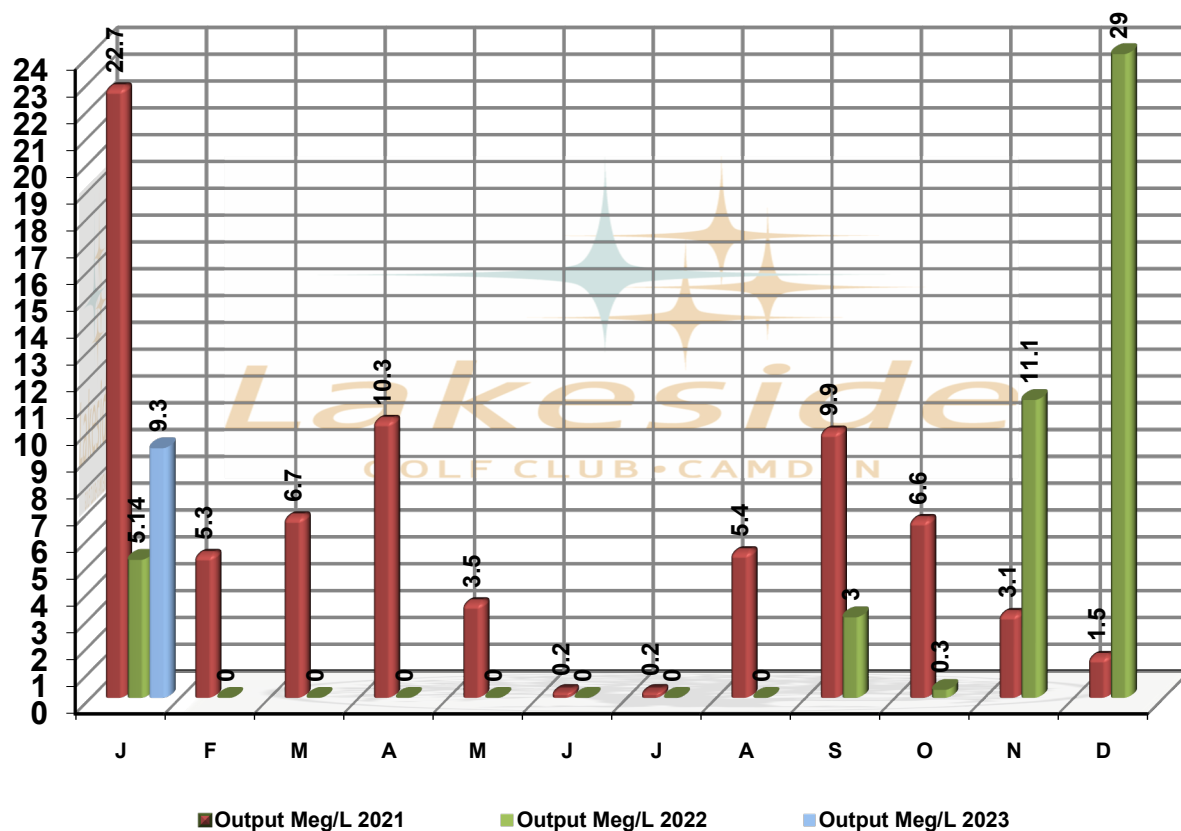
COURSE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



24th January 2023 – 21st February 2023

JANUARY RAINFALL	225mm
Number of rain days- JANUARY	15
2023 RAINFALL TOTAL	225mm
JANUARY IRRIGATION	9.3Meg
IRRIGATION TOTAL 2023	9.3Meg





GREENS

Cutting height 3 mm

Greens speed remains constant with the growth regulation applied weekly. These small doses are really holding the plant from surging growth that would cause them to slow down dramatically.

An application of fungicide was also made for some pythium pressure during some very high humidity days and nights and also long leaf wetness due to the amount of rainfall.

Wetting agent programs also continue and added in with the soil health programs. This also has been put out as a fortnightly program rather than a monthly program. Greens will again be targeted for winter grass with us identifying the worst 4-5 greens this Autumn and starting our eradication program for that. Turf is needed on some patches on the edges of greens, however due to the extreme temperatures, this will be delayed until March.

Couch encroachment onto greens will also be sprayed for before greens renovations this year to control the couch.

GREENS COLLARS

Collars 8mm

Collars received an application of herbicide for summer grass control once again and a weekly program will follow. This is due to no pre-emergent being applied around the green edges as high rainfall and storms would wash it into the green and a loss of turf would result.

GREEN SURROUNDS

Cutting height 12mm

Green surrounds received another foliar fertiliser and iron for colour. Paspalum was targeted in the 14th and 15th surrounds, and this is an ongoing maintenance program. Kikuyu and Mullumbimby couch will be sprayed out next in a bid to have pure couch only in the surrounds.

A preemergent herbicide for control of winter grass and summer grass was applied to the surrounds. This also had in a knock down herbicide for winter grass as we want to eliminate any potential outbreaks of winter grass coming into the autumn.

TEES

Cutting height 8mm

A preemergent herbicide for control of winter grass and summer grass was applied to the tees and tee surrounds.

Also tees received a foliar fertiliser and iron for colour. Tees are controlled in growth and currently cut twice a week.

FAIRWAYS

Cutting height 12mm

Fairways received an application that had iron for colour. In the next week, depending on weather, a pre-emergent herbicide will be applied to them for summer grass and winter grass control.

Mullumbimby patches, kikuyu and flat weed will be targeted in a spray program.

ROUGHs

Cutting height 50mm

A program for summer grass in roughs will commence with a pre-emergent applied first. We then will follow up with MSMA herbicide. Spot spraying will continue. It is the plan to fertilise the top 4 holes to try and get thicker grass cover before the growing season ends.

ENVIRONMENTAL

We have now taken all ropes down from the VMP areas on the top 4 holes. We have fixed all pegs and lines on paths, carts are GPS controlled not to go in these areas. We will be doing an assessment on weed control in the coming weeks.