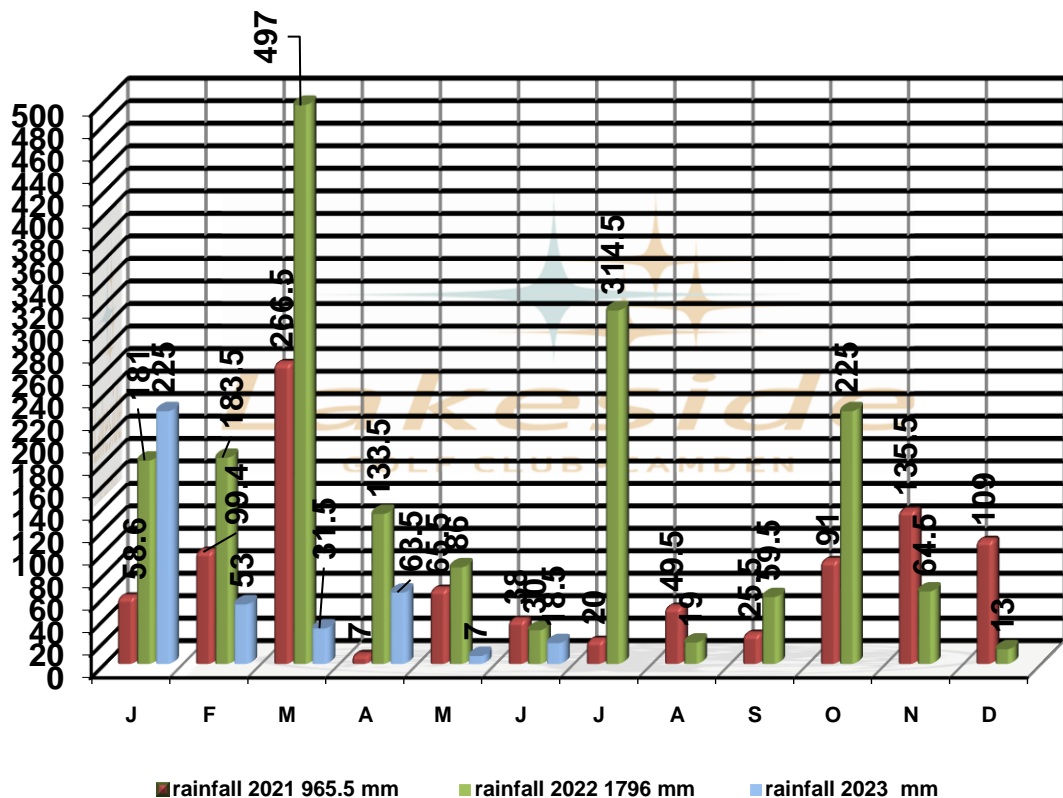
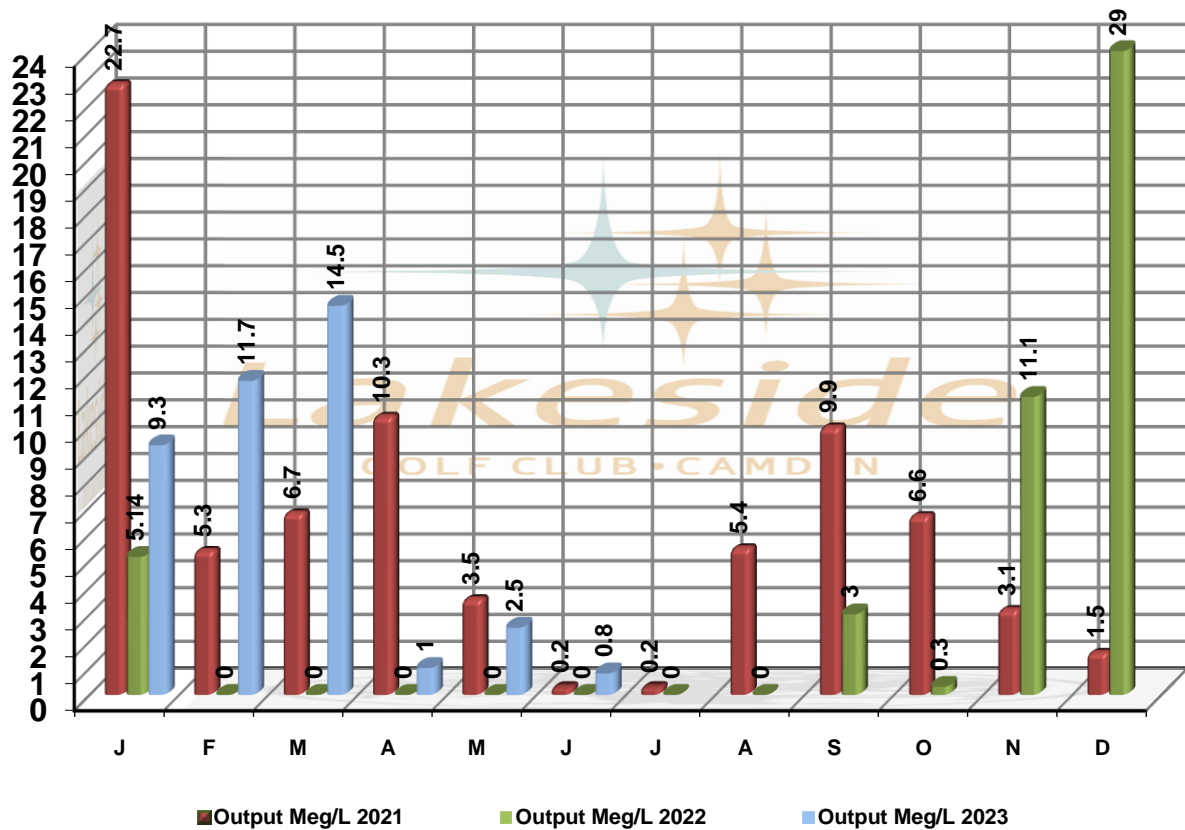


COURSE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

20th JUNE 2023 – 25th JULY 2023

JUNE RAINFALL	18.5mm
Number of rain days- JUNE	7
2023 RAINFALL TOTAL	392.5mm
JUNE IRRIGATION	0.8Meg
IRRIGATION TOTAL 2023	39.8Meg





GREENS

Cutting height 3 mm

Greens speed remains constant as little water is needed and no leaf growth at this time of year. Rolling continues to alternate with cutting, allowing firmer greens.

No applications of a growth regulator were required this month. Calcium was applied for the strengthening of cell walls throughout the cold month of July.

Solid tines were punched into the greens to help relieve some constant compaction and allow good water penetration as they firm up.

The soil program was given with an added soil wetter to allow moisture to remain in the profile requiring less watering, and localised dry spots were hand watered.

A fertiliser was applied with a change to high phosphorus and potassium this time of year to aid in building good root systems leading into a peak growing period of spring. Phosphorus is normally locked up in the cooler weather seasons and can be absorbed through the leaf.

Monthly granular calcium applications once again were applied this month. This was a result of the previous soil tests, and as mentioned requires watering in for a couple of days.

A trial was conducted on the nursery for moss. We are evaluating the results to see if it will progress to some greens.

GREENS COLLARS

Collars 8mm

Greens collars have been sprayed for winter grass suppression and removal. This product does not harm bent grass and is safe to use on the collars.

GREEN SURROUNDS

Cutting height 14mm

Green surrounds were sprayed with an herbicide for winter grass. This product was sprayed outside the collar as if in contact with the greens, it can severely damage them. A period of low rainfall, where we can control irrigation is essential.

A colourant application was applied to the green surrounds. Green surrounds get cut once a week to clean any worm castings, smooth out the surface and clean up any divots and grass. Paspalum has been hand weeded from green surrounds to clean up these playing surfaces.

A pre-emergent was also applied to green surrounds to limit any emergence of winter grass. This year we have been able to get back into our pre-emergent program due to the better rainfall outcome.

TEES

Cutting height 8mm

Tees platforms cut once a week to clean any divots and grass.

Flat weeds and winter grass on tees and surrounds were sprayed with an herbicide. Round up also was sprayed on tee surrounds.

Tees and surrounds received pre-emergent applications and post applications for winter grass.

Green surrounds have been sprayed with a colourant paint mix to maintain colour throughout winter.

Short course purple tees on the 10th and 13th have turf laid to the surfaces.

FAIRWAYS

Cutting height 14mm



Fairways also have been sprayed with the paint mix. Paspalum continues to be removed by hand to provide weed free surfaces. Kikuyu is showing signs of decline after it was sprayed.

Fairways are cut once a fortnight currently as frosts inhibit the mowers on most mornings.

ROUGHS

Cutting height 50mm

No growth in roughs however, they also have had pre-emergent to certain areas to help reduce summer grass and paspalum emergence into spring.



ENVIRONMENTAL

More plants have been planted along the wall at the function centre.
Another 42 mature lily pillies are set to be planted in a fortnight.

Dam edge around the 13th was cleaned and suckling trees removed.

NO environmental incidents this month to report.