

Slower than normal green speed can occur due to the following

- When excess thatch (older grass gathered under the surface) and moisture in the greens surface/profile builds up through the turf after heavy rain or when the staff continually are required to irrigate the greens when hot weather conditions are forecast
- In extremely hot weather the greens need to be watered more regularly (everyday) which releases additional nutrients and stimulates quicker growth from morning to afternoon.

As preventatives to the above the staff use the following practices:

- Turf growth regulator products are used on a regular fortnightly program that helps to create a slower lateral growth of the leaf rather than a vertical growth. Timing of these applications isn't as simple as it sounds and not always easy to achieve. We rely on favourable weather conditions such as light and wind and require a period of downtime on the course from member use as the chemical needs to be completely dry until golfers are allowed back on the greens.
- The Greens are cut every day at a height of 3mm all year round except Mondays which is a rest day unless a special event is on. Monthly medals, pennants and special events greens are cut and rolled or double cut. Due to the age and smaller than average size of some of our greens (compared to other clubs) the superintendent advises against regular rolling. Past practices have seen the greens dry out very quickly and the turf is damaged when this method is applied.

The main objective is to keep the greens healthy for the members at a fair speed with a good quality consistent surface, as long as the weather conditions are favourable. The green staff will endeavour to apply the practices above to ensure the members receive the green speed they desire.