

Maintenance Report

August 22

From the agronomic management of La Marquesa Golf, the actions carried out in the maintenance area of La Marquesa Golf are described below.

At the end of August, a balance of the general state of the La Marquesa Golf course is made, analyzing the result of the tasks planned and carried out during this month. The planned tasks have been conditioned notably by two fundamental aspects: one of these aspects was the problem with the hydraulic network that we had at the beginning of July and, accompanied by the second aspect, one of the summers with the highest temperatures since there are records of climatological data in Spain. This has led us to the agronomic management to make the decision to prioritize the health of the plant before the playability, in this way we will be able to restore the plant cover damaged by water stress much sooner.

GREENES

On the greens, like everything else this year, the tasks planned in the calendar that we prepared at the beginning of the year are carried out, tasks that include an application of foliar treatments of organic fertilizers together with growth regulator treatments to control the growth habit of greens. In this way, cushioning and scalping of the plant are avoided, circumstances that can seriously damage the plant.

After 8 months of this year and comparing it with previous years, we can see that the data is satisfactory. One of these data is the one that corresponds to the clipping data, they are the data that correspond to the measurement of the mowing remains, data that show us the average of the mowing remains, these being very similar daily. This leads us to the

conclusion that the growth regulator treatments are being as satisfactory as what we had planned.

Other positive data, although this data to be as specific as possible we must wait until the end of the year, are phytosanitary treatments. At this point in the year we have had 40% fewer phytosanitary treatments carried out on the greens than other years, this leads us to draw the first conclusions that with a nutrition plan applied to the greens they are much healthier and better resistant to external pathogens.

One of our obsessions is to maintain the correct humidity on the course on a daily basis, but especially on the greens by measuring with a TDR the volumetric content of water found on the surface of the Green, but the very high temperatures that we have suffered during this month, exceeding 35 degrees many days and reached 40º, has led us to make soft irrigations during the day to refresh and hydrate the surface of the plant.





FAIRWAYS AND TEES

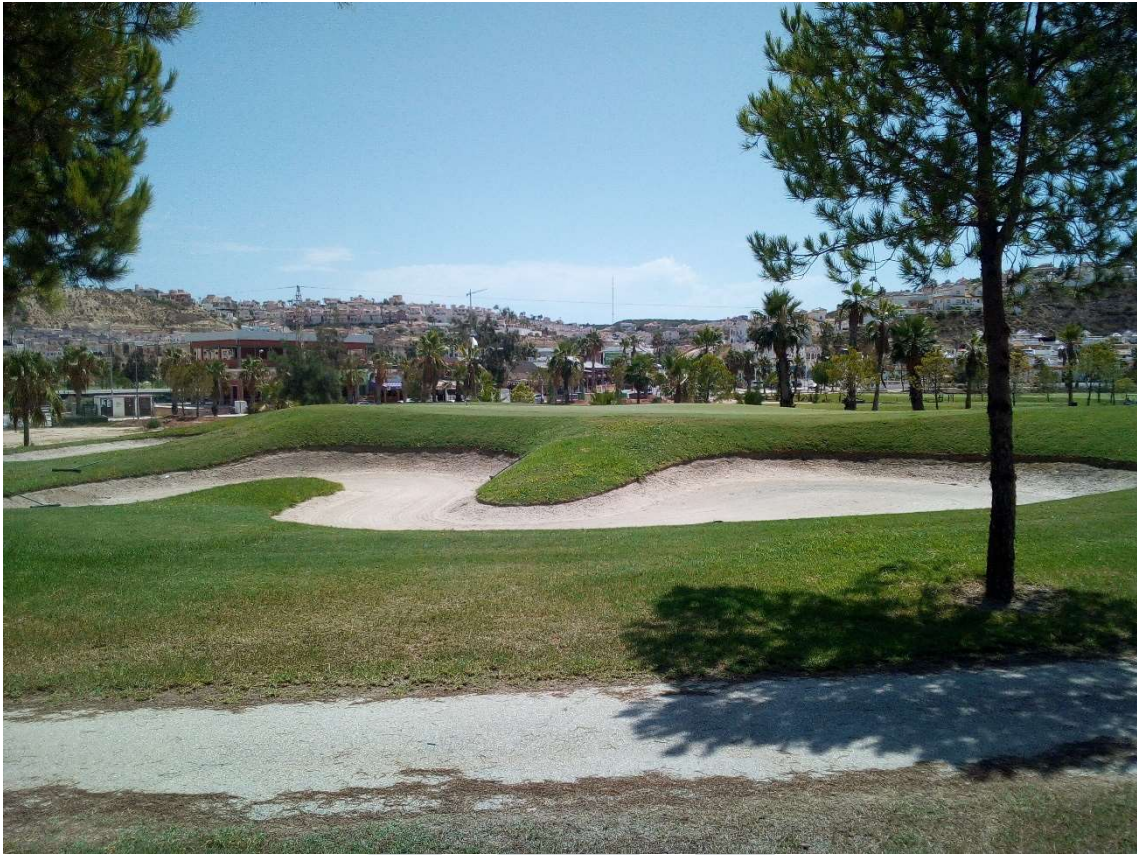
On the surfaces of the fairways and tees, in addition to the routine weekly mowing, we have divided the planning of the main tasks into the two fortnights of the month. The first fortnight saw the vertical mowing of the fairways and tees, seeking to stop the rapid growth of the Kikuyu and providing greater density to the playing surface. Meanwhile, during the second fortnight of the month, the fairways and tees were split to improve water infiltration into the plant and thus achieve close to 100% coverage on our playing surface. To help achieve total coverage, sand topdressing continues to be carried out in those poorer areas and fertilized in turn.

Finally, at the end of the month, the height of the mowing has been increased from 12 millimetres to 15 millimetres to recover those areas most affected by summer weather stress.



BUNKERS

Daily maintenance is still carried out in the bunkers, since it is necessary for various factors. The raking of footprints in the bunkers is a daily task, since in the summer time daily watering is necessary and not daily raking would lead to the sand caking and hardening its surface layer and thus notably inconvenience the practice of golf. On the other hand, the mowing of slopes and maintaining the outline of the edge of the bunkers is also daily, since at this time the growth of the plant is continuous and accelerated and not continuing with continuous maintenance would lead us to lose the aspect of care that we want to maintain daily.



ROUGH AND BANKS

On the banks and rough the main task is to cut the daily plant to maintain daily playability, although it is a complicated task due to the aggressive growth that the kikuyu has in the summer. As in the case of fairways and tees, the surface was cracked in the second fortnight of the month to seek better infiltration, especially in those areas that are in elevated and remote areas, where irrigation is more difficult to be effective.

While on the edges of the field, it has been sought to give greater visibility in some poorer areas according to the criteria of the agronomic direction of the course. Those areas where these changes have been made have been on the 1st tee, both professional and for men, and the 14th professional tee. This visual improvement has consisted of making some landscaping design areas with grinding done by ourselves with the remains of pruning. These areas, in our opinion, were areas either with little vegetation cover because the trees were rooted so it was not possible, or with difficult maintenance due to the difficult access for machinery.







OTHER WORKS AND ANECDOTES

The secondary tasks in our field are multiple and cover different areas. We highlight the maintenance in perfect conditions of our trees and the landscaping of our course, main tasks and that we carry in our DNA of course maintenance. Other work that has been carried out has been to make wooden walkways on hole 11 and a new access bridge to hole 8 is being built, works that will be completed at the beginning of next month.

A weed “stain” has been removed from the putting green to prevent its spread. That area has been chosen to sow and topdress instead of putting sod.

The positive anecdote this month is the visit provided by a friendly herd of wild ducks that are accompanying us during these days in the lake

at hole 12, small inhabitants that have perfectly acclimatized to our small environmental ecosystem, providing a warm company.



In short, we can say that the main problems this month have been grass chlorosis (loss of color) and dry spots due to irrigation problems. But the positive part is that the diseases, like the dollar, that have attacked us so hard in other years, have been controlled.

We hope that the considerable work efforts this summer in such extreme conditions will be appreciated in the course and that the course, in addition to having better quality at this time of year than other years, has been better prepared for autumn-winter.

Best regards and I hope you enjoy a good golf with better temperatures in these coming months!



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