

Studley Entaco Green Report September 2023

Fri 1st

Came to cut the green but the recoil cord on the mower starter would not recoil could not start the machine. Took off the recoil mechanism to investigate to no avail. Contacted Tallis Amos Group and they arranged to come out next Tuesday to look at the problem. Phoned Ian Thompson and Peter Holtom to let them know they would not be able to cut the green on Monday.

Tue 5th

TAG came out but went to Sue's address, she directed them to the club, gave the TAG fitter the address of the club (*they have been out to the club several times in the past*) Investigated the problem with the recoil mechanism and discovered the spring on the recoil had broken and the complete pull cord assembly would have to be replaced. TAG do not keep these parts in stock so had to order the part and when they had it they would post it to me, this being the fastest way to get the machine working again being a reasonably easy job to replace. Found that by taking the assembly off and rewinding the cord and then replacing it the machine could be started as long as it started first time. Managed to do this and then cut the green.

Fri 8th

Neil D cut the green (*had to take off the recoil assembly and rewind the cord*)
Went round the edges of the green with the strimmer.
Cut the grass at the side of the green and the rear of the club house.
New pull cord assembly arrived by post latter in the day

Sat 9th

Visited the club and fitted the new pull cord assembly, all o.k now.

Sun 10th

Finals day, got to the green early and whipped off worm casts, brushed over the green and cut it in preparation for the club finals matches.

Mon 11th

Called in at the club to put the sprayer on charge.

Wed 13th

Delivery at home address from Agrovista, two trips to the club to take it there.
Sprayed the green with "Heritage".

Fri 15th

Mike V and Neil D cut the green.

Mon 25th

Cleaned out the equipment shed, swept out and moped floor.
Changed the tines on the aerator from the knife tines to the 150mm pencil tines.
Top dressing was delivered, but problems getting the first pallet off the lorry tailgate, the pallet truck became stuck in the soft ground at the gate entrance, had to leave the pallet in the gateway and lift the pallet truck over the pallet of top dressing. Looked at unloading the other two pallets up at the top club but again the ground was unsuitable and it would have meant we would have had to find a way to transport eighty 25 kilo bags down to our club. Decided to send the delivery back and arrange another date and agreed to get two sheets of 18mm plywood to put down to run the pallet truck on.

Phoned Mike Bell and explained the problem to him and that I had to move forty bags of top dressing by hand. Mike and his son came out and helped move the top dressing and Mike organised the sheets of plywood.

Phoned John Mullins to inform him about delivery and asked him to rearrange the delivery of the top dressing for next Friday.

Tried to phone Neil Shuttleworth to arrange about the drop spreader but could not get a reply.

Tue26th

Mike B had two sheets of ply delivered, raining hard first thing.

Went to the garage to fetch petrol for the machinery and the aerated the green, afterwards changed the tines to the smaller 100mm tines.

At 6:00pm Neil Shuttleworth rang to say he was on his way to deliver the drop spreader to the club, went to meet him and put the spreader in the bowls equipment shed.

Wed 27th

Scarified the green with the help of various club members.

Fri 29th

Delivery of rest of the top dressing sometime to day.

Whipped off the worm casts and brushed over the green then went over the green with the aerator, afterwards sprayed with the September treatment and then over-seeded.

Top dressing delivery arrived at 2:00pm, the driver assisted getting the plywood sheet out of the club house and put down in place. Managed to get the last two pallets off the lorry with no problems and placed at the side of the green. Mike B came out and helped take up the ply sheet and put it back in the club house. Mike put out an email asking for help with the top dressing tomorrow (*Saturday*)

Sat 30th

Got to the reasonably early whipped off the worm casts and brushed the green, wanted the green reasonably dry to spread the top dressing.

Mike B came and we got the spreader out and on to the green and made sure it was working o.k. Unfortunately no other members turned up to help with the top dressing possibly because of the short notice asking for help. It was not possible to apply the top dressing with out adequate help. Neil Shuttleworth wanted the spreader back on Sunday, Phoned him to let him know we had not used the spreader and asked if we could have it another day next week. He would check and get back to me with dates but he did not think there would be a problem.

Tony Howlett and Annette Leyland came out to help with cutting and trimming the hedges.