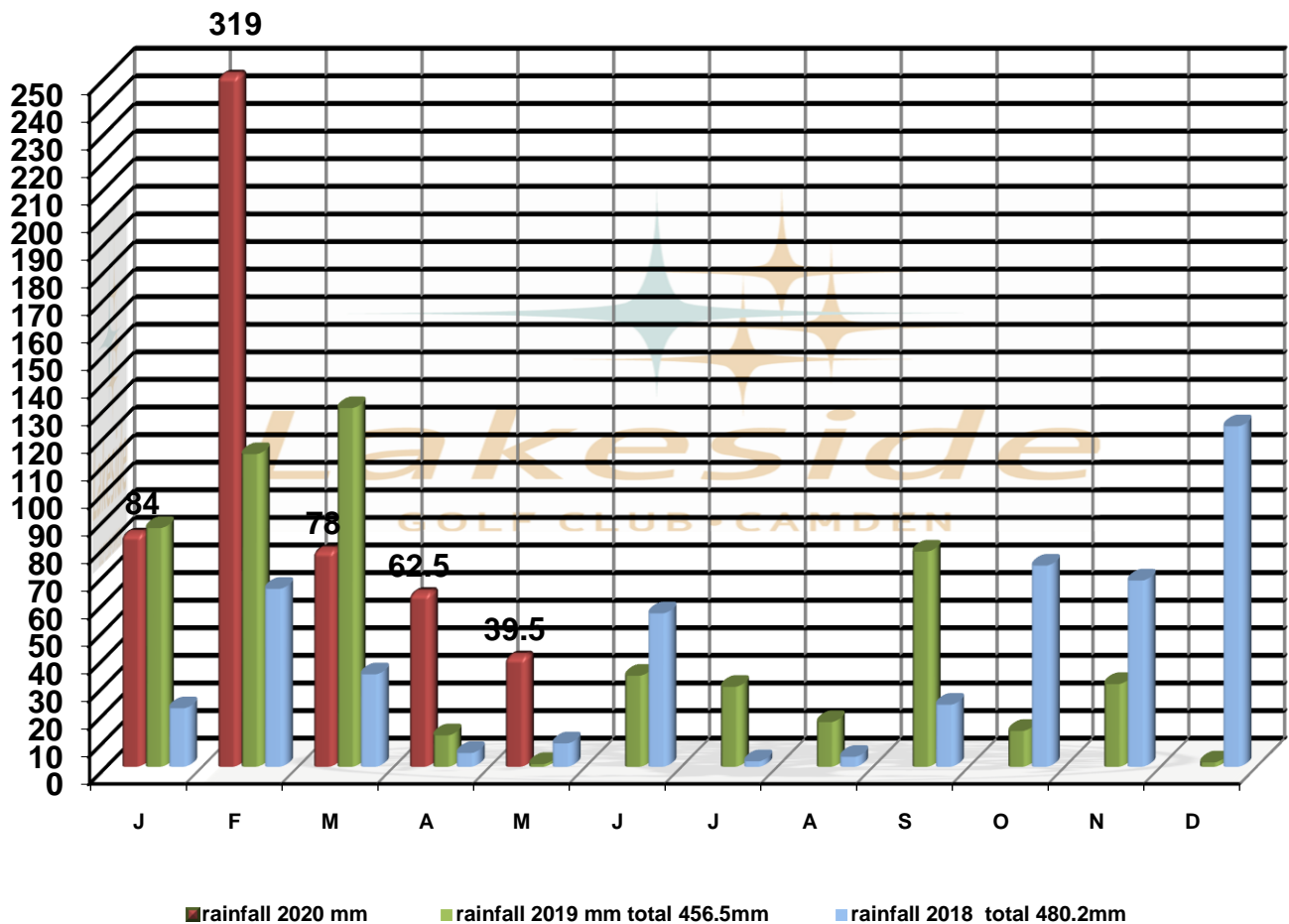


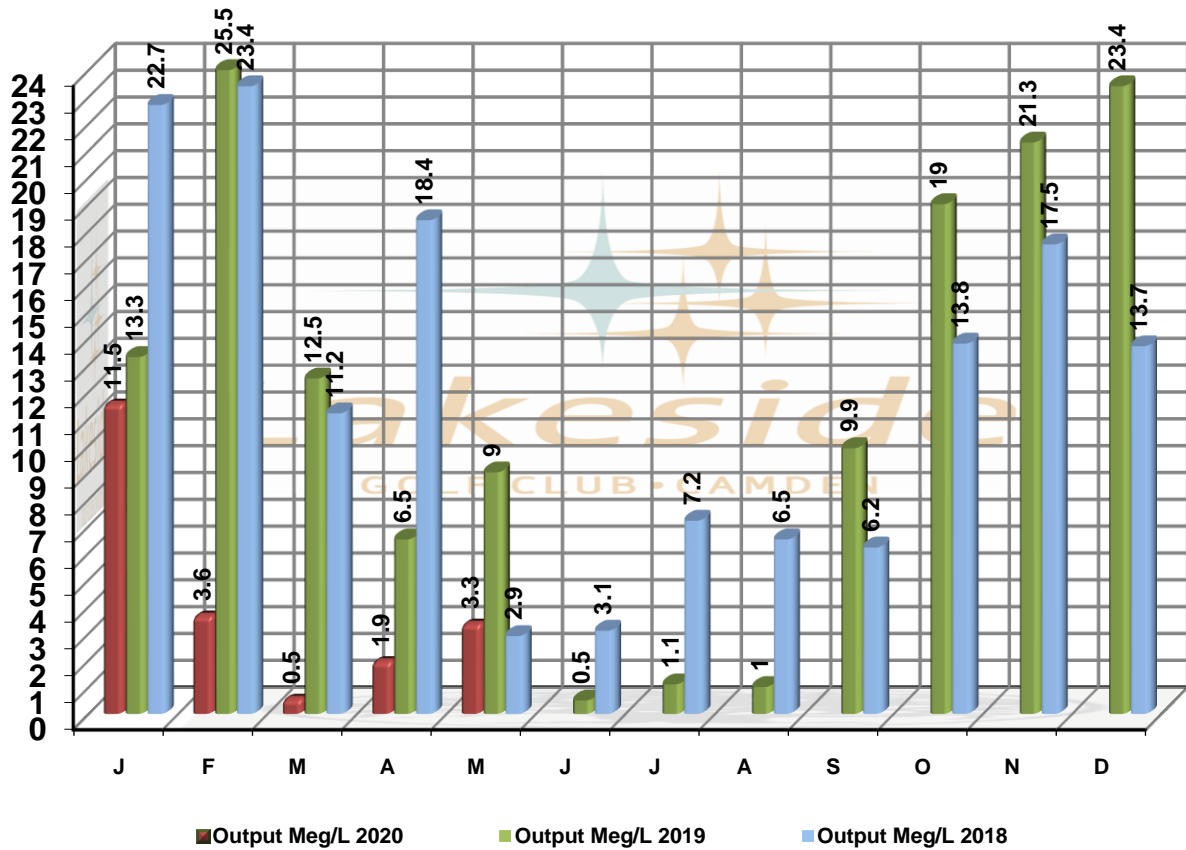
COURSE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT



12th MAY - 23rd JUNE 2020

MAY RAINFALL	39.5mm
Number of rain days in MAY	5
RAINFALL YTD 2020	584mm
MAY IRRIGATION	3.3Meg
IRRIGATION YTD 2020	21.1 Meg





GREENS

Cutting height 3.5 (mm)

Soil health programs have now switched to our winter program. This consists of different beneficial bacteria being used. *Bacillus subtilis* is applied monthly and in the billions in numbers. The bacteria improves the solubility of phosphorous, Calcium, Potassium, Magnesium and other nutrients locked up in the soil. It also helps to increase root mass through the production of natural auxins and cytokynins. It also is a powerful root colonizing bacteria that aids in crowding out pathogens effectively around the root zone, reducing potential disease outbreaks.

Our fertility program has now also switched to a high level soluble fertiliser high in phosphorus and potassium. Trace elements like silica this time of year are also applied to help the bent against stresses from frosts.

Greens are continually rolled and as a result will get firm. Solid tines were used to aerate the prolife to allow water penetration. This time of year there is a need for herbicides to still be applied and water used to get the product into the root zone.

GREENS COLLARS

Collars 8mm

Collars are cut once a week.

The greens collars were sprayed on holes 5,6,7,8 which were full of winter grass and bent grass. The edge of the green now is much more pronounced and crisp. Kikuyu was also targeted on these holes.

GREEN SURROUNDS

Cutting height 12mm

Kikuyu was targeted on green surrounds 5,6,7,8. The other holes have also been weeded for paspalum. A different approach this winter as we experimenting with lighter rates of paint/dye mix but going out more often, to see if we can hold colour a little longer into winter.

TEES

Cutting height 8mm

Tees also have been painted in the colourant to keep some growth and colour as they also are getting hacked up with the amount of play. The worst tees are also divoted once a week.

FAIRWAYS

Cutting height 12mm

Have gone to sleep for the season I feel. Nightly temps are just too low now for any growth. They will also receive a colourant brew this week to maintain good definition in them.

ROUGHS

Cutting height 40mm

Roughs have flat weeds in them and blanket spraying will commence when weather allows. This will clean the roughs up. Also bad areas of winter grass will also be eradicated through boom spraying of herbicides.

MAINTENANCE CREW / COVID 19 UPDATE

Crew are now back to almost normal hours. Annual leave requirements have now lessened due to the club increasing trading again. We still are 2 down as one part time green keeper was not replaced and our Gardener is still stood down as lack of weddings and corporates in the club.

BUNKERS



Extensive work was carried out on bunkers this month to help reduce the amount of puddles we get after rainfall and allow for better drainage. Sand/silt was removed from the base near the drainage and replaced, as well as flushing out lines and smoothing out bases.



BISTRO EXTENSION

As you all would be aware we are working hard to get the landscaping around the bistro in before opening. We are installing irrigation, drainage, garden edging, plants, turf, walls and also gardens to make the area such a nice representation of our club.





Old paths being removed to make way for new asphalt around the club.



Good to see some wildlife enjoy the golf course for them as much as we enjoy them around. These have been up and down the course visiting through the water canal I believe.

Dean Hopper
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