

TOURNAMENT AGRONOMY PREPARATION REPORT

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Tournament: **Lalla Meryem Cup**

Tournament Date: 13-16 March 2013

Visit Date: 18/01/2014

Please refer to this report when planning maintenance in advance of **Lalla Meryem Cup**.

INTRODUCTION

After the visit made the past 18th of January , due to the 20th Edition of Lalla Meryem Cup 2014, we reach the following conclusions and recommendations:

1. Due to the change of the greenkeeper our last recommendations have not been followed, specially the aeration, verticut and top dressing in the whole golf course.
2. But the the golf course has improved due to several factors:
 - Do things using common sense
 - Repair part of the irrigation system
 - The rain has washed all the salts in the soil

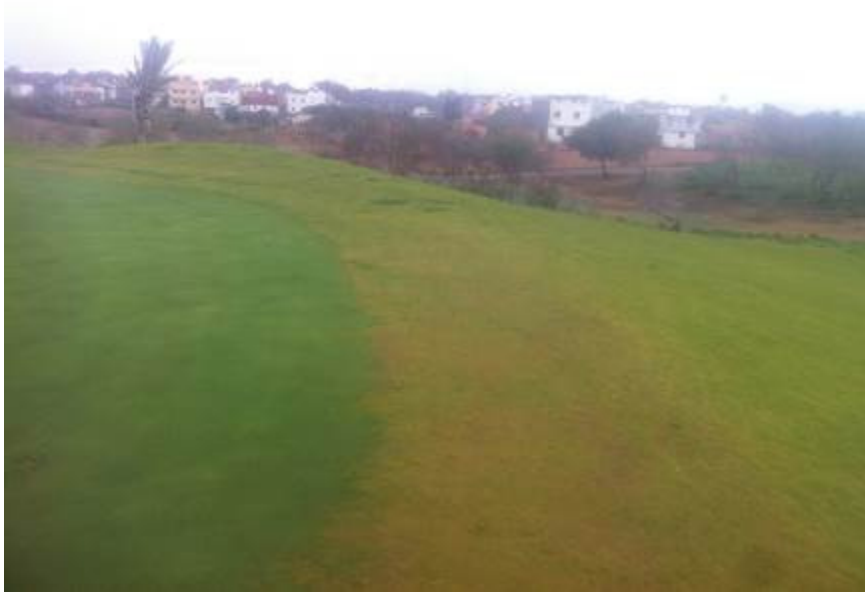


3. The recomendations we are going to provide are for trying to define greens and to improve their smoothness and speed. Due to the season of the year we are in we ca not do aggressive treatments because the golf course would not have enough time to recover.

- A. Greens: they are free of disease and with a good density to work with them. Also they are slow, you must to work to get more speed.



- Doble verticut with top dressing
 - Granular fertilizer
 - Once the green is recovered:
 - Foliar fertilizer (every 10 days)
 - Brusching (every 10 days)
 - Light top dressing
- B. Green surround: the same ferlilizer policy as greens, but instead of verticut solid tine aeration with top dressing. Be extremely carefull with irrigation, it has to be 25% of the amount of water supplied in greens. This is the reason why greens have to be irrigated with hose.



- C. Tees: they are enough level but we need density. We recommend granular fertilizer with top dressing. Once it is recovered increase the cutting frequency. Save the tee platform at least 15 days before the tournament.



- D. Fairway: They are firm, although as we said before, no mechanical labors can be made because as they are warm- season grass they will not recover. Our recommendation would be granular fertilizer with top dressing and when it is recovered increase the cutting frequency, to push them to get more uniformity.



- E. Rough: same program as in fairways, increasing the cutting frequency can avoid the development of weeds.
- F. Bunkers: It's the part in best condition. Bunkers use the same native sand which occurs throughout the site. Whilst this is not USGA specification particle size distribution it is adequate when prepared properly. It is not possible to specify depths of this sand as there are literally meters of this beneath the surface, and no true floor to the bunkers.



From playability point of view it is important the bunker an adequately compacted. I recommend that the bunker faces are brush on back raked to have firm smooth surface rather than a traditional raked finish which cultivates the sand and can promote plugging.

Our biggest preparation related concern will be:

- Evenness and consistency of sand depths.
- Contamination from stone.
- Potential 'fried egg' lies.
- Potential for water holding in the event of heavy rain.

Our recommendations are:

- All stones must be removed.
 - All Bunkers will be clipped or edged where necessary to produce the lip and definition required for the event.
 - Sand should be firm but not compacted and any drainage issues should be addressed and rectified before the event.
4. We recommend the new greenkeeper to focus on the three basic pillars for the development of the maintenance.
- a. Irrigation: clean all the pipes so the sprinklers have a good coverage and irrigate correctly.
 - b. Machinery: get a suitable blade fitting , and, at the same time, apply to AHT for necessary machinery for the tournament.
 - c. Human resources: Provide information and organize the employees.

Advance Week Course Closure

LET and Golf de L'Océan must agree on the appropriate level of course closure in advance of the tournament to help preserve and recover the golf course.

We will really appreciate weekly updates on progress of turfing on greens, reinstatement of grass on fairways, transition of *Paspalum* around green surrounds and bunker compaction.

I hope the information in this report is of benefit and if there are any issues which you would like to discuss further or questions which you would like to ask please do not hesitate to contact me.