

UPDATE ABOUT PRAIA D'EL REY FAIRWAYS

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Dear Member,

A brief update about the fairways at PDR.

Concern has been expressed about the condition of a few of the fairways.

Remedial work has started and, as we were all informed, a local rule has been introduced to allow relief if a ball ends up in a hole made by the hollow tining process or in the sand which has been used on affected areas.

The state of the fairways has improved over the last 10 days and the issues are really confined to areas on 2,6,7 and 17.

The causes are a fungus (evidenced by " fairy rings "), invasive grass namely Poa, irrigation issues and problems with compaction.

Treatment has now started and chemical solutions are being used on the fungus, additionally a programme is ongoing to gradually introduce more resilient turf in areas badly impacted by Poa. Teething problems with the irrigation system following the recent upgrade to the system are being looked into and in the short term manual irrigation is being used. The compaction is being dealt with by hollow tining and top dressing (hence the local rule).

Please also be aware that some re seeding of the greens at PDR will take place after the club Championships. It is not thought that this will cause much disruption.

We can all do our bit to help by replacing divots etc. Also please remember to repair pitch marks on the greens.

The remedial work is already paying off and overall the course remains in fabulous condition.

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