because it's bent and fescue on the fairways it goes brown and then a bit of rain and it's back to life again. It does cause me to worry because green, stripy fairways are ideal, but regular communication with members helps to explain the issue."

There are 600 members at High Post Golf Club.
The club's greens have an organic content of around 6% and are mostly fescue, with some Highland bent and a little of the inevitable meadow grass.

Lachlan spoke about the sun being a cultural method of ridding greens of meadow grass, though warned: "Since fescue is more drought resistant, two months into the summer most of the meadow grass is gone. We've got to be careful though and get the balance right, because we could end up with patchy areas on the greens if the meadow grass is completely killed off."

A number of projects, large and small, have been undertaken over the past few years.

In 2008, the facilities for the greenkeepers were improved immensely. Where there used to be a single room, there is now a self-contained building with drying and washing facilities, a canteen and office.

Other recent projects have been the building of two aggregate bays, one for sand and one for top-dressing, completed by a contractor last winter and also the building of sleeper-lined paths on parts of the course which was done in-house.

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