

WORKING WITH NATURE

MY JOURNEY TO UNDERSTANDING HEALTHIER GOLF GREENS

*"THIS ISN'T A PRESENTATION ABOUT PRODUCTS. IT'S ABOUT
HOW MY WAY OF THINKING CHANGED."*

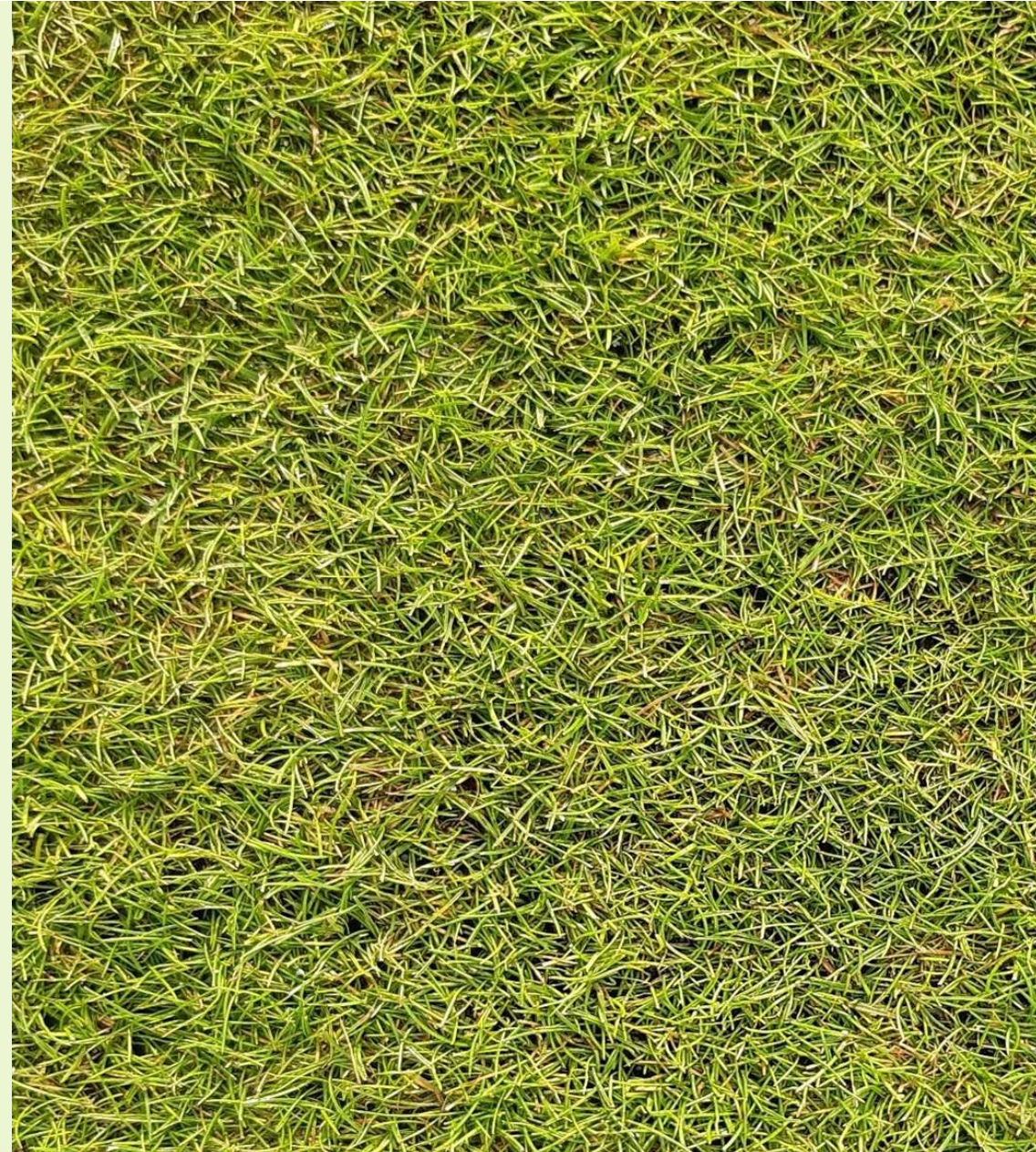
My Journey

- From Scotland to the Netherlands
- Turfvaart
- Stippelberg

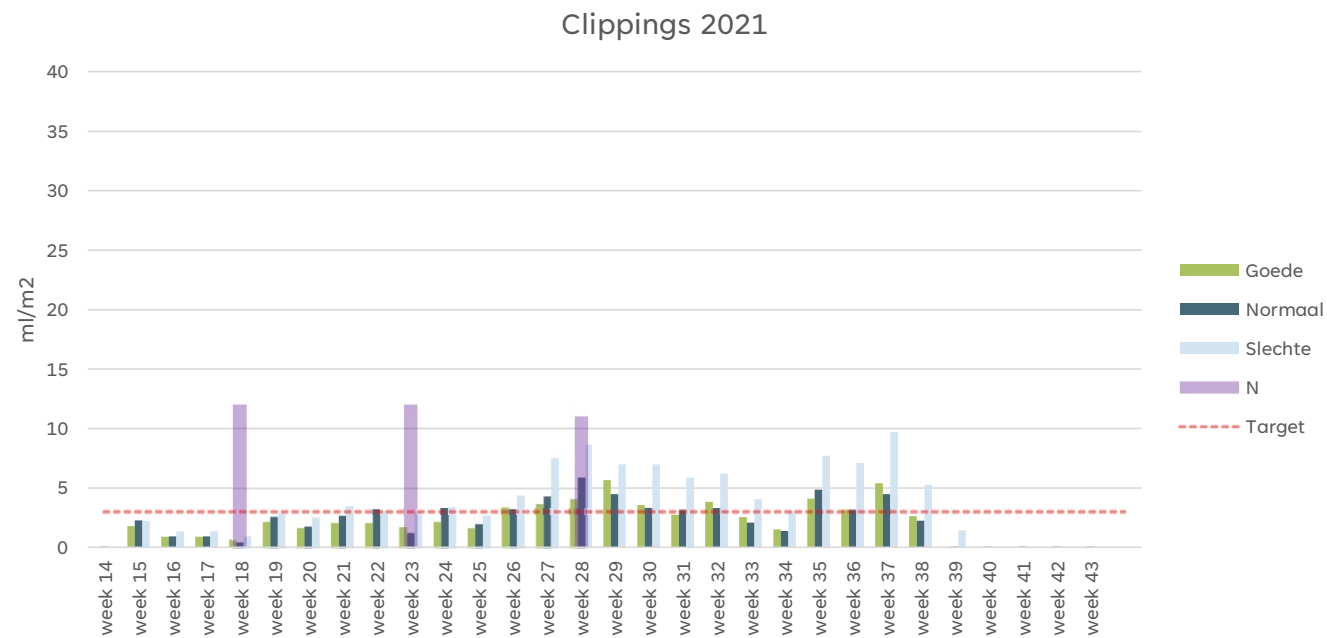


Questioning Conventional Greenkeeping

- The COVID turning point (Turfvaert)
- Recovery over growth
- Winter management
- Learning through observation



- 35 kg N Per/yr
- Grass clippings Less than 5ml/m² per/day
- 7mm hight of cut all year
- Greens cut Tuesday and Saturday
- Roll 3x per/week
- Stimp 8 +
- Minimal disruption, verticut etc



Then I moved to Stippelberg in 2022



March 2022



May 2022

A top-down photograph of a grassy area. The grass is a mix of green and brown, indicating some dryness or uneven growth. The texture is somewhat coarse and uneven. In the bottom left and bottom center, the tips of black rubber boots are visible, suggesting the photo was taken from a person's perspective.

June 2022

A top-down photograph of a grassy area, showing a much smoother and more uniform green surface compared to the June 2022 image. The texture is very fine and consistent across the entire area.

3mm

I wasn't happy with what I had to do to get my surface playable!

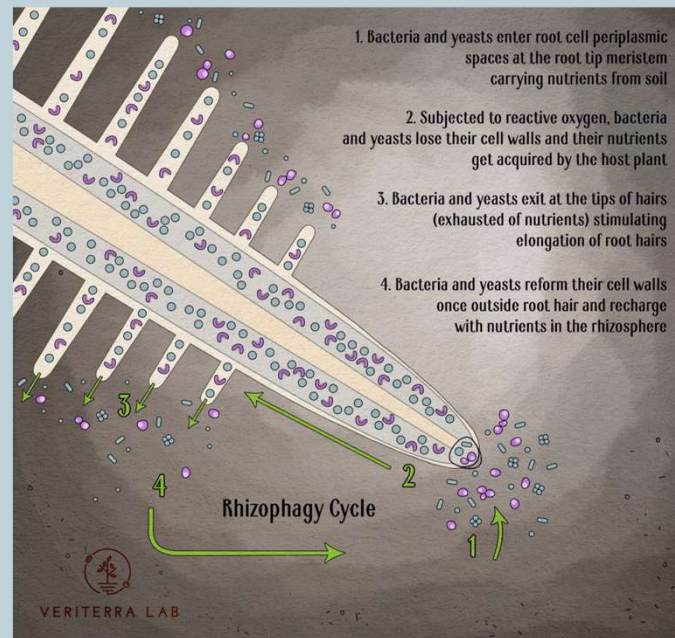
I started asking..."What am I missing?"



Working With Nature

- The Rhizophagy Cycle
- Mechanical decisions
- Supporting natural processes

The Rhizophagy Cycle



- Bacteria trigger the gravitropic response in roots
- Bacteria trigger root hair elongation
- Bacteria increase root branching
- Bacteria increase root and shoot elongation





Mechanical decisions

- HofC summer/winter
- Reduce unnecessary stress
- Topdress to only achieve surfaces
- Only interfere when needed!

Supporting natural processes

- HofC
- Don't feed too early
- Less synthetic as possible
- **FEED THE SOIL BEFORE THE PLANT**





May 2022



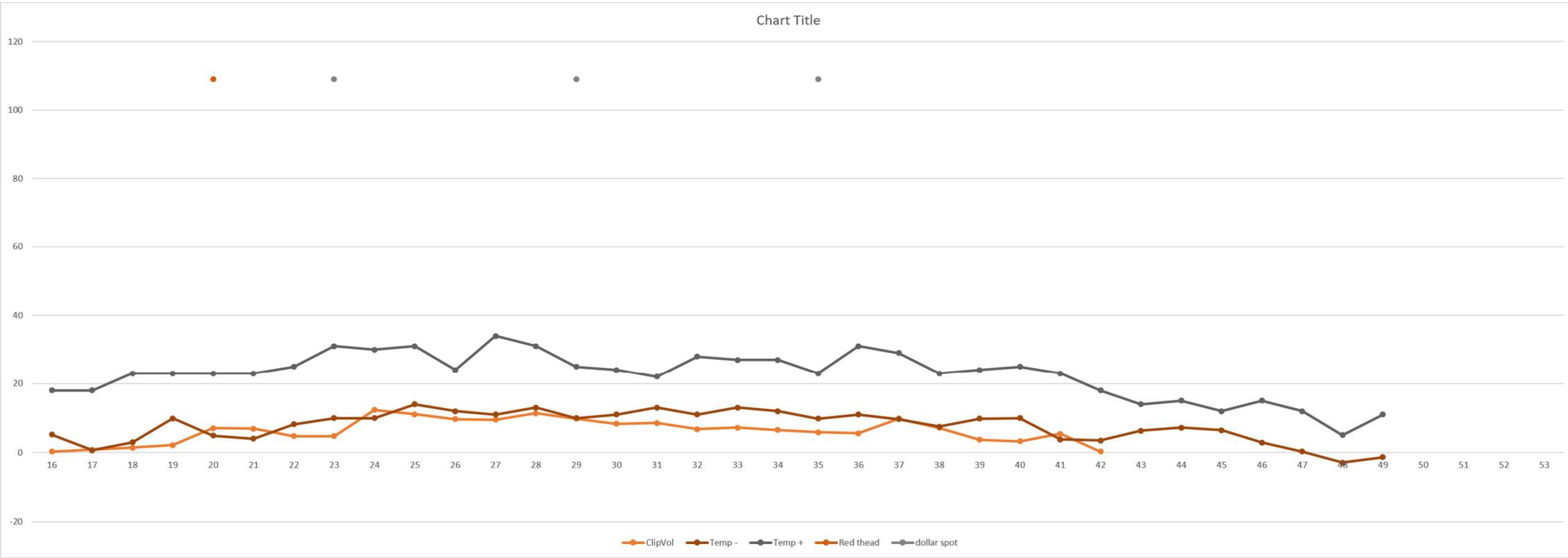
May 2023



**2022
and
2024**



Chart Title



A high-resolution, top-down photograph of a lush green lawn. The grass blades are short and densely packed, creating a vibrant, textured surface. The color is a bright, healthy green. In the upper-middle portion of the image, the text "November 2025" is printed in a clean, white, sans-serif font. The text is centered horizontally and stands out clearly against the green background.

November 2025

My Greenkeeping Philosophy

- Preserving summer performance
- Lessons learned
- Future direction



"I'm not trying to make winter golf perfect.

I'm trying to ensure my greens perform at their highest level during the main playing season.

Every decision I make before and during the winter is an investment for the summer."

3 October 2024 my beautiful little girl was born

4 Months Home

Lessons learned

March 2025

- 5mm winter
- Spring = moss, bare
- Fe sprayed
- Double verticut
- 2022!



2026 march

- 7mm
- Full of grass
- Minimal moss
- 0 intervention



2025



2026

May/June