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This has been amended with the dates of the STRI

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From: Stephen Smith <steviesmith.ss69@gmail.com>

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Jim and committe members if this is ok can it be put on the website with the STRI report ta.

Hello as the current captain of Shotts Golf Club I am writing this message to try and keep everyone up to date regarding the ongoing work to our course. At this years A.G.M it was passed for the committee to try and get the 4th and 8th greens reconstructed. After getting written quotes it became apparent that the figure initially given to us of £25k for two greens nearly doubled to £48k. This figure was out of our price range and as such the green reconstruction that was meant to start on the 9th of October has been cancelled, so we sought alternative solutions to the drainage problems we have on the greens. The money we have is still put aside for the improvement of the greens.

We contacted the various bodies and requested a Sports Turf Research Institute advisory report (S.T.R.I report).

On the 10th of July this year agronomist Richard Wing of the S.T.R.I group attended and walked the course with myself, my vice captain John Dolan and Davy Bryans. Core samples were taken from all greens In an attempt to ascertain if all the greens were as bad as each other, however it's not all gloom and doom. It has become apparent that green reconstruction is a last resort as its the most expensive. The S.T.R.I. report was produced on the 31st of July an is attached and we are looking into every piece of advice this report provides, we ultimately need more gravel and sand replacing the clay on which the greens are constructed on.

On Monday the 4th of September an attempt was made on the rear of the 8th green to drill what would look like post holes and pea gravel and a membrane then sand would replace the clay thus allowing the water to flow away more easily. Again as the Shotts summers have been horrendous this didn't appear to work but we will keep you updated. Again the horrendous Shotts summers are not helping but we continue to try and remedy the situation and keep everyone updated as it is our course. There is absolutely no need for any panic but I thought it would be beneficial if everyone was aware of what's taking place. If anyone has any issues or comments please contact anyone from the committee and we will try and answer your questions.

This will be a updated as and when the work will be carried out.

Thanks,