

Course Report

July

At the beginning of the month we decided to aerate our green with the Air2G2 machine rather than the more traditional method. The machine injects compressed air into the greens at a depth of 8 and 10 inches to break up the underlying compaction. It also creates more air space for root development and surface drainage. One key benefit of this treatment method is minimal surface disturbance, and using a trained operator, all greens and putting green are completed over two days.

A second treatment has been schedule for 4th September.



Chris Pearson contractor.

15th fairway striping up well in the sunshine.

Over the next few weeks we are carrying out our normal cutting duties:

- Greens almost every day
- Greens iron 2 to 3 times a week (**although this week we have a break down and hope to have this fixed for the club championship week) for the rest of the season.
- Fairways twice weekly
- Rough on going
- Tees and approaches twice a week
- Semi-rough twice a week

We will also address several other essential tasks such as Bunker maintenance, and divoting tees and fairways.

The new pin placement signs have been put out. Look out for them on the bins at 4th, 6th and 17th. The Ladies have a separate sign at the ladies 17th tee.



As nice as the signs are however there is limited space to put flag colour positions. We will address that within the next few weeks.

Bunkers

We have had a few complaints about bunker rakes and stones in some of the bunkers, the latter mainly within the 7th Fairway bunker

The R&A preference is to leave the rakes just outside the bunker but past any entry point. We are discussing several solutions to this issue. Meanwhile could members please remember to rake all bunkers after play, and to replace the rake back into the middle of the bunker with the head pointing towards the green. Hopefully this consideration will benefit all members and save balls being deflected or caught by the rake around the edges.

Winter Programme .

At this time, we are putting together projects for the winter programme, developing a strategy for the course development and a schedule to minimise the inconvenience to members.

- Path surfaces – There are several areas around the course which need sustainable repairs e.g. path a 14th tee, laid over 12 years ago but was very expensive at the time. Another at 6th front tee is very cost-effective but does need renewing regularly. We are currently looking at the most appropriate path coverings and costings.
- Practice ground development, large teeing area, covered bays and an additional fairway bunker.
- Par 3 course development
- Bunker style for the main course
- Drainage
- Tree management.

Hopefully the golfing gods are good to us for the remainder of the season.

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