Members update.

Winter construction work /tournament season preparation work.

We have been blessed with a good winter, weather wise that has allowed the greenstaff to complete what was an ambitious construction programme.

15 bunkers will have been totally rebuilt using the Eco bunker system by the end of February. Some bunkers have already been sanded and will be in play as soon as the white ground under repair (GUR) lines disappear. The remaining bunkers will be landscaped and turfed over the next couple of weeks.

It is hoped to have all bunkers in play by the end of March.

The ladies tee at the 5th hole was also reduced in size and levelled, the excess material was used to extend the white tee at the 5th giving the hole some extra length and improving the visibility.

The ladies tee has had its first cut with further cuts planned for the next couple of weeks reducing the height of cut (hoc) as we go. Topdressing applications will be carried out to produce a firm smooth surface. The tee could be in play for limited use (red tees only) in the next couple of weeks.

The back tee extension at 5 will have the same programme. There is no great urgency to bring this tee into play due to course measurements and the scorecards.

Now that the bunkers are almost finished, work will begin on getting the mowing shapes in place for the playing season.

There is also some important aeration work to be carried out on greens and tee tops.

Work has already begun on getting the greens up to speed with some scarification work carried out. This work is about 4 weeks ahead of schedule due to the unseasonal weather. This practice will remove any lateral growth and take away any puffiness in the greens also providing an open canopy for topdressing applications.

Deep aeration work on the greens is due to begin week commencing Monday 4 March which will coincide with a granular fertiliser and topdressing application.

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For and on behalf of Golf Course Management
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