

2018-2019 Winter Programme

Bunkers:

Our aim this winter is to continue with the Bunker Upgrade and Drainage Improvement of the specific bunkers. This winter the team will focus on Holes 4 and 14.

4th Hole – We have a problem with water accumulation – front green and Bunker RHS. This bunker will be moved approx. 1-1.5m north to allow a drainage channel between bunker and green, and both bunkers redrained and upgraded.

14th Hole – The north side of the hole is suffering from incoming water source we can only assume from the external road drainage. The team intends to upgrade and extend the drainage around this green to divert any excessive water intrusion, including upgrading drainage and design of existing bunkers.

16th Hole – There is a problem with drainage which the team will investigate as part of the maintenance programme.

Below are typical examples of what we would like to achieve:

Greenside design



Fairway Design

Bunker sand remains an issue and we will continue to explore and source the most appropriate and cost-effective source. Last winter the team installed rubber membrane liners in the bunkers at 5th/6th holes, but this has not been a success and will be fully removed.

Drainage of the area from car park, 1st/9th of PAR 3 to Professional shop gets underway on Monday 24th September.

Path Work

- Replace old worn path at the 4th tee and 18th exit to car park.

Woodland Management

- Clearance of 7th / rear 17th green will take place in October in readiness for replanting of shrubs and deciduous trees.
- Limbing up branches, dead tree removal, general tidy up of trees around the course.
- Replanting of a number of existing trees to other areas of the course.
- Removal of some of the leylandii where they are stressing their immediate surroundings

Upgrading and Re-branding of PAR 3 Course

The existing course needs a lot of attention now that many more members are using the course. With the new family membership and our intent to engage with new and particularly Junior members, plans to create a 9-hole layout on the upper level are nearing completion. Details of this will be presented to Council in October and if approved presented to members at the AGM for Constitutional changes and ratification.

Upgrading of Warm Up facilities

As part of the PAR 3 plans it is proposed to use the 1st/9th hole as a warm-up pitch hole prior to play.

- The Team are considering the addition of a 'warm-up' bunker prior to play.
- Single drive net is fragile, and our intention is to upgrade this facility.

General

- A number of the Hole furniture installation are cracked or broken. We intend to replace these markers prior to the new season.
- Continue to clear areas and maintain equipment throughout the winter. All works will of course be dependent on weather conditions.
- Paul Miller – Agronomist visit in October may add to some winter activities as we measure and develop progression plan for the greens and tees.
- Returfing of damaged areas will begin within weeks whilst growth is still possible.
- Air2G2 work prior to winter programme will take place on 26th/27th September.

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