



Course Update – June 2017

Resource

As stated in the Course Update on 19th May, the recruitment of a new greenkeeper is underway. Unfortunately, offers have been made but for a variety of reasons we have been unsuccessful in securing a suitable candidate. Stephen, our summer worker remains ill and has been unavailable for most of May. The combination of long awaited growth on all courses, the preparation of Arndean, upcoming holiday periods and lack of resource is putting significant strain on the team to complete everything that is in plan. Recruitment and other options to relieve the current pressure on the greens team are already underway.

Due to current staffing issues we are **calling out to all members to do some volunteer work** to ensure the courses can be maintained at the level we all would want. These range from routine tidy up work to fulfilling childhood dreams of being the driver of a large mower. Training, where required, will be provided. We need help with the following activities:

- Cutting fairways
- Rake bunkers early morning or late evening
- Strim and blow areas around the clubhouse
- General weeding around the clubhouse, car park and pro shop
- Empty On Course bins
- Divot repairs on tees and fairways
- Strim and Blow bunkers and practice bunkers
- Strim around tee areas
- Check and replenish water in ball cleaners
- Clean Signage around the courses

Our Secretary, Joyce, will help coordinate this and will put up a Roster Sheet on the Notice Board for each week, where members can volunteer to undertake any activities they feel they can commit to individually, or as a team. Everyone's support will be much appreciated.

Course Rotation

Further to previous notice, the decision has been taken to delay the rotation onto Arndean until Monday 12th June.

Update on May Activities

Now that weather conditions have improved, with more heat and some rain, all greens and tees have been fertilised. Growth on all courses has started to accelerate with lush rough now evident. Much of the planned works for May, including verti-cutting the Naemoor and Cowden greens and bunker maintenance have not been completed due to lack of resource. Some disease has been identified on Arndean greens and these areas have been treated. The Arndean greens have also been scarified, top dressed, seeded and fertilised but need another week before they will be ready for competition. The greens will be further scarified and top dressed on 31 May in final preparation before cutting and rolling. Bunkers have been trimmed and topped up with sand, but will be revisited before the switch over on the 12 June.



Our new greens mower has now arrived and the height of cut has been reduced to 3.5mm.

Planned Works for June

Works will be largely dependent upon resource availability and the main focus of the team will be to complete routine maintenance in order to keep the courses in as good as condition as possible. Should resource permit, verti-cutting and top dressing the Cowden and Naemoor greens and further bunker maintenance will be completed.

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