

## Members Greens Report March 2018

The 2018 golf season is now upon us but unfortunately the weather has not been too kind. Preparing the course for the new season has been testing. We still have a few wet areas on fairways and rough that will hopefully dry out in due course. Any tractor ruts wheel marks will be white lined as GUR. When we begin the cutting with machinery out on the course this should help to level off some of the rutted areas.

Over the last few weeks we have been putting the finishing touches to the winter projects with the new sand in the redeveloped bunkers and also the practice ground.



Bunker at the

5<sup>th</sup>

The Greens committee and Greens staff would appreciate feed back on style of bunker and sand playability to help us for future development. All new bunkers are now in play.

### Spring General Work

Spring renovation on the greens has consisted of:

- Verti-draining to a depth of 275mm (deep tinning)
- Pro-core solid tinning in the top 30mm of the surface.
- Top-dressing sand to fill in holes.



- Sweep and fill brushing in the sand.
- Turf ironed to level out surfaces.

- And an application of early season fertiliser to aid the recovery.

This work is essential to promote early season growth to take us into the season and beyond.

The greens will be top-dressed with sand more frequently during the summer season to promote firmer and faster greens.

In April we have scheduled the Air2G2 machine to inject compressed air to break up compaction levels below the surface. This has very little disturbance to the playing surface. We intend to do this Spring time, Summer and Autumn.

The summer feeding programme has been drawn up and consists of granule and liquid applications to aid and to promote healthy growing greens. I will keep you updated on this throughout the season.

## Paths

New Astro path matting has been laid at 13th and 16th tees. The area around the 13th path is still quite wet and muddy, members are advised to take care when approaching the path. We will address the path at the 4<sup>th</sup> as soon as we experience a little more turf growth



As the temperature starts to rise we will start to get the definition back on the course. As part of our ongoing machinery replacement programme the club has invested in a new fairway mower this year.



Toro 5610

The John Deere Fairway Mower, originally purchased second hand 5-years ago, is no longer commercially viable to repair. We have a small budget to obtain a second TORO fairway

mower, which, if mechanically viable, we will provide much greater efficiencies in terms of time, to finish essential fairway work in front of most golfers.

### PAR 3

The par 3 course has had new signage put in place and we have also invested in new matting for the tees. This is part of a programme to encourage more play on the wee course.



The full course is open for play from Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March, with play on main tees and greens. Mats will no longer be required and preferred lies will be in operation. Preferred lies will be monitored through the month of April; keep an eye on notice boards for change.

Let the season begin and hope we have a good summer.

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