

# MAINTENANCE WEEK

## 13TH AUGUST – 17TH AUGUST 2018



Summer Maintenance Week is fast approaching and the Green Staff would like to let the Members know what will be happening.

In the Spring Maintenance Week, we closed 9 holes at a time. This allowed us to work more efficiently and safely. We intend to do the same for the Summer Maintenance.

### Greens & collars

We will apply a fungicide and granular fertiliser the week before Maintenance Week – to make sure the greens are strong and healthy before the work starts. At the start of Maintenance Week, all greens will be mown. 1 tonne of topdressing sand will be applied to the green and left to dry for 20 minutes.



After the sand has dried we will verti-drain the green (large solid tines) to a depth of 250mm with a hole size of 20mm. The existing sand will then be brushed in to the holes. Another 1-2 tonnes of sand will be added and brushed into the holes until they are full.





Once the holes are full the green will then be hollow cored down to a depth of 75-100mm with a hole width of 13mm.

The cores will then be collected and the green blown free of debris.



The green will then be top dressed again, the sand left to dry and then brushed in. Once this is completed and all the holes are filled, the green will be rolled and the cup changed. The process will then be carried out for all 18 greens.

Depending on the weather, the greens will have to be heavily watered for a few days after the work to make sure they recover. The greens will be a little slow for a while after renovations but should heal quickly due to the warmer weather. The recovery time in August is very much quicker than at any other time of year. This is why most local courses are doing this work in August.

We will have to add more top dressing a week or two after Maintenance Week to make sure the greens roll true after all the work has been completed.

## The rest of the course

The usual mowing practices will carry on but it will be a struggle to keep on top of everything else until the end of the week, once the greens and collars have been completed.

If we manage to get everything done to greens and there is time we would like to core, seed and top-dress all of the tees as well. However this will depend on how the week pans out on the greens and collars, and if Mother Nature is on our side.

We are keen to present the Members with the very best surfaces on which to putt.