

2019 Pre-Season Greens Report

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Members

First of all, a thank you from the Greens Committee and Greens Staff for your patience and understanding of the disturbance to play whilst we carried out our winter programme, carrying out various upgrades and repairs to the course and the demolition of the cottage. We still have a bit to do with the new furniture on the Pitfirrane and some turfing to be completed on the tees of The Halkett.

Repairs are imminent to the access road and car park, and we have a 2-day Air2G2 programme from 25th March. Again, with your patience and consideration to limit car access, the repair work should be completed within the week.

Overall, according to members feedback, the presentation of the course has been excellent for this time of year. The reasonably mild weather has assisted early grass growth and allowed us to maintain some definition around the course. Greens have also been very good. Storms have created some woodland damage and we currently have a safety issue with the poplar on the 18th / Practice ground.

However, numerous members on differing days of the week have complained about an ever-increasing number of pitchmarks evident on the greens, and lack of bunkers being raked.

Basic golf etiquette demands that the repair pitchmarks, that the bunkers are raked on exit, and that players aware of slow play, discourage it.

Can members please repair your own pitchmarks PLUS look for one other and repair it.

Our course presentation will improve tenfold.

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Winter projects

The finishing touches to some of the winter work is nearing completion. The upgraded bunkers are back in play. Some turf banking needs to establish on tees on The Halkett before we open it up for the season.

The new Double-Driving net is complete



The 18th walk off is now finished and is back in use.



Aeration work has been on going over the last few weeks with Verti-draining greens at a depth of 250mm to relieve compaction deeper down. The Pro-core effort with the solid tines is attacking the top 30mm.

The greens have also had there first application of a light top-dressing as part of our programme to firm up greens.



The redevelopment of The Halkett course included furbished teeing areas with new Astro turf. Most of the holes are cut out and will be ready come the growing season. New course furniture has been ordered up and will be going out when the course is relaunched.

As above, with the greens very soft at the moment we are seeing a very large amount of pitch marks not being repaired. Can we remind all golfers to **PLEASE REPAIR PITCH MARKS!!!**

And please use the rakes provided when playing out of bunkers.

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The golfing season is not far away now and hope to have a good Spring to get us started.

We also welcome our new members and wish all a superb and successful season. We will continue to keep you informed about the status of the course condition and works undertaken.

Kenny and Jock

For the Greens Committee and Greens Staff

Dunfermline Golf Club

ps. in case you are wondering **1 Plus** is repair your pitch mark and one other, and **RTB** is Rake The Bunker.

