

GREENS REPORT

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TREE WORK

Winter work has now started on the course.

Our first job was to ensure the creation of the Sycamore pollard at 11th was carried out safely and securely with minimum amount of damage to the course. A tree surgeon was hired to carry out the climbing and lowering work with the greenstaff tackling the clearance effort



4 trailers of logs were dumped at the car park for members to take away and clearly there appears to be a big demand for the logs!

BUNKERS

Next on the list was the start of bunker renovations and drainage tasks.

At the 5th the three bunkers have been remodelled removing the build-up of thatch and bunker sand accumulated over the years, taking the faces and mounding back to the soil levels years. New drainage channels have been created through the three bunkers, across the front of the green and into a soak away at the bottom side of the green. Next is to lay the drains, remodel the bunkers by hand and rootzone the area ready for turf.



Remodelling left hand bunkers at 5th. Drainage and outline of new shape 5th

On the 6th we have addressed a few issues from last seasons work . We have reduced the slopes to the level of soil making an easier entrance into the bunkers. The LHS bunker has been enlarged for better playability and accessibility. The drains in the bunkers have been increased and additional drains shaped above and around both bunkers to try and catch water before it goes into the bunker.



New drainage lines going in at front of 6th green and bunkers.

GREENS

Green have had an application of winter fertiliser to help with health of the plant during the winter months. The green will be spiked and

verti-drained throughout the winter months to help drainage, break up organic matter and allowing much needed air into the roots.

WINTER GREENS

Winter greens will be in play when:

- Very soft and flooded.

There are 2 types of frost which we encounter at DGC.

Hoar frost:- This is white frost; where damage can be done by just walking across the grass. This burns and leaves black marks which only recover in the growing months.

Ground frost:- This is a non white frost which does not cause burning or scorching to the grass. However the commencement of thawing is a time when the grass is most susceptible to long term damage if walked upon.

The green staff will monitor this through out the winter months.

Machinery

The club took delivery of a new Toro Workman last week. This is a larger utility vehicle which we can also attach our top-dresser to for sanding the greens. The old smaller Workman was due for replacement, but with a little maintenance, we may squeeze another year out of. Using both will raise the efficiency around the course and cause much less damage than the tractor and trailer does. Our replacement Fairway mower is ordered for next March 2018.



Now that winter has kicked in and the course is extremely wet in places we have made the decision to start playing from mats on the fairways and first cut.

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