

## GREENS REPORT

January 2018

### General

With all the festivities now past its back to the grind with work on the course. Unfortunately the weather and ground conditions dictate what we can achieve over the rest of the winter.

Bunker work has been a bit of a stop start with the conditions. The 5<sup>th</sup> bunkers have now all been turfed in. We have a thin black rubber matting as a liner to prevent stone intrusion. This is a trial and will monitor through the season.



Laying out turf at 5<sup>th</sup> with the black matting in the bunker.

All bunkers have new drainage and seem to be working well. We intend to install steps in the large bunker on the left to help members get in and out the bunker.



The large bunker at the 6<sup>th</sup> is now ready for turf but unfortunately the snow covering on the course is delaying progress. We have installed additional drainage around the bunker to try and prevent the bunker from flooding. We intend to try out a different bunker liner on the two bunkers on this hole and see how they perform during the season.

The next step is to source a good bunker sand that everybody is happy with.

As a direct result of the continued inclement weather we will cancel the upgrades for 4<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> this winter to eliminate any further machinery plant damage as the season approaches.

## **TREE WORK**

The greens committee have put together a 5- Year Woodland Management Strategy and Outline plan for the course. Members can see a copy on either the website or emailed as time permits.

The green staff have started to clear the area at the left-hand side of the 7<sup>th</sup> tee. Most of the dead wood and scrub has been cleared. Tidying up the area this will also allow more air and light into the 6<sup>th</sup> green and 7<sup>th</sup> tee areas. We also intend to limb the tops of the Leylandii next to the ladies' tee as they are casting large shadows across the 6<sup>th</sup> green.





View from the 9th looking at 7th tee.

## Greens

Greens work has consisted of:

- Spiking with the pro-core to assist with drainage and aeration to let them breath, brake up compaction, break up organic levels.
- Fungicide application (small outbreak of disease)
- Light roll and cut, weather dependent.



9th green being spiked with the Pro-core

The next few jobs we plan to complete are:

- Finishing of the 6<sup>th</sup> bunkers.
- New paths at 16<sup>th</sup> tee, 13<sup>th</sup> tee, and tidying up the 4<sup>th</sup> path.
- Tree work around the course.

Could I ask members to bear with us on judgment on course closures and winter greens policy's as we try and protect the course for the coming season.

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