

Health & Safety Update

The Course Policy & Procedures Manual contains details of course closure rules but as we move into the more autumnal weather I thought it worth highlighting a couple of points.

The Course Manager (or his Deputy), may on occasion feel it necessary to close the course on safety grounds – high winds, trees falling over etc. A decision for any such closure is for the safety of golfers and staff members who may have to be on the course making good any damage.

In such an event, only the Course Manager (or his Deputy) can authorise the course to be re-opened once it is deemed safe to do so.

Under no circumstances are any players allowed on the course during such a closure and **'playing at their own risk'** is not an excuse.

Members are requested to respect this and not approach other members of staff as they will not override the decision.

17th Tee Mirror

The 17th hole will always cause debate among members as to its merits or otherwise and when the course is busy it makes sense to treat it as a 'call up' hole.

When not so busy and golfers are unaware if any other players or staff may be in range, being able to see the green before teeing off is obviously preferable.

The acrylic mirror we had acquired was found to be unsuitable and getting access to the correct height in the tree is a specialist job. I am grateful to the generosity of the Seniors Section in offering to fund the purchase and fitting of a mirror that works and the project is underway.

It is anticipated that this will be resolved very shortly.

CCTV Cameras

It has been discussed for some time as to 'what and where' these could assist both from a health and safety and prevention of crime perspective.

I am pleased to advise that via a member we have received a very competitive quotation and the fitting of cameras to cover the 1st & 10th Tees and front car park is being reviewed with the supplier later this week.

It is not generally appreciated exactly how many areas of 'risk' there are at/on a golf course and it is a legal requirement for us to treat this seriously and professionally.

John Culling

Chairman

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