

## Greens Report December/January

In December we managed to get the greens fertilised with iron, we also sprayed them for disease. The disease has been quite light through the winter despite the awful weather we had through December. Although the snow is very picturesque it makes the course very wet and brings out the sleighs. Most just want to have fun but others leave rubbish all over the course and have been known to steal the pins.

We managed to get the 9<sup>th</sup> green solid tined with the new machine, this operation will be much more beneficial in the spring and summer when the ground is firmer allowing us to get some much needed topdressing into the ground.

Work has started at the 8<sup>th</sup> path, the drain beside the path leading to the tee box has been cleaned and the wooden braces taken out as these were gathering a lot of debris and causing a lot of blockages. A lot of water is coming out of the old forest and we have managed to divert it away from the fairway and path now. We still have quite a lot of work to do here but the ground conditions mean we will have to wait for the ground to dry up a bit before work can continue.



The hedge at the back of the 9<sup>th</sup> green has been cut in half, this green was always in the shadow of the trees and was creating a very unsuitable micro climate restricting light and air circulation around the green. This will be hugely beneficial to the green and surround by letting in much needed light and air.





We have starting to prune the low hanging branches around the course and taking out some of the dead trees. The ground conditions mean we cannot get to some of the branches that we have pruned, these will be lifted as soon as ground conditions allow machinery on the course.

The drain that separates the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> fairway is quite problematic and blocks very easily. We would ask members to please not wash any debris down the drain, as this makes it block further down where access to clear it is very restricted.

Going forward into next month we shall be continuing with tree/branch clearance this speeds up play in the summer months, it is more aesthetically pleasing and decreases the time spent cutting the rough.

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