

Members Greenkeepers Report

MARCH

Dear Members

Over the past month the Green staff have been busy with many projects going on around the course. As well as doing the regular mowing and maintenance

Putting green has been edged, tidied and a lick of paint applied to the old sleepers to give the area a fresh look.

All Fairways have been divoted with our divot mix we use on our tees daily, Certain major rabbit holes have been filled this is an ongoing scenario we fill them and the next couple days they are dug out again but we are seeing less damage but still too much to think we have solved the rabbit problem.

Bunker sand has been delivered and we will be replenished as soon as the easterly winds have stopped, which is blowing the sand onto the faces and out of the bunkers as well as erosion from rainfall and golfers sand splash out the bunker

Don't be alarmed and think we have vandals spraying the tee boxes lol, We have been out realigning and straightening the tee boxes to the playing line, This will help in pointing the tee markers in the correct position whilst giving a more uniformed teeing ground.

We have also been trying to keep our newly turfed rabbit hole repairs watered by staff taking buckets out and just trying to keep them alive. This has proved to be quite time consuming and difficult with no irrigation system or rain fall.

I have added some pictures and a brief description of other work that has gone on this past month.

Enjoy your golf everyone
Winnie Savident
Deputy Head Greenkeeper

Approaches

- ▶ You may have noticed we have extended most of the approaches to go around some of the greenside bunkers creating a more natural links surface where greens surrounds should be closely mown. This will enable golfers to play the ball off tighter lies thus enhancing Links golf playing characteristics.





Approaches closely mown and extended

Our three apprentices James, Shay and Tom scarifying the new extended approaches

The scarification process removes organic matter, such as thatch or moss from around the base of the grass plants and tidies up any straggly lateral growth, that will otherwise prevent good dense grass growth. If you do not scarify debris will build up and lead to other problems.



Ball washers have all be sandblasted and powder coated in RAL6002 Gloss Green and have all been put back out ready for the new golfing season





The three bunkers at the 6th have been edged weeded and sand redistributed around the bunker

With all the dry weather we have had and with our new state of the art pump house in full development mode we are not able to use the irrigation system to water, we have hired a bowser to help us get some much need water down on the greens but it is a very timely exercise we are very grateful for all your cooperation while we water in the day





Little peak into the new pump house, we have moved into the 21st century we will be starting the new pump system shortly.

New Pump House



Sprinklers and irrigation boxes are all getting trimmed and strimmed ready for the season ahead which will give a much cleaner look around the greens and fairways and keep sprinkler heads clear of debris to water to there maximum potential.





That time of year again when we ask members to help in keeping up with the divots taken out on the course and rabbit holes. We will be holding an evening on the 27th of April, last year was a great success and I'm sure we will see many of you again helping, Its appreciated by the two clubs and your greenkeeping team.