

COURSE NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2020 - PART 2

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Season's Greetings

We hope you are well and looking forward to Christmas particularly in these challenging times.

We thought it useful to provide a short update regarding work going on out on the course, at the moment.

What's going on!

All fairways have now been Verti Drained as well as most walk off areas. This work will help the course to dry out quickly once any rainfall stops.

Ditch clearance work is carrying on and will be completed before the Christmas break.

There is still some final shaping work to be done on the new section of ditch around the top of the 1st fairway. We are holding off doing this until the ground conditions improve as we don't want to make a mess because of soft wet ground.

Eventually, the ditch will be turfed along the banks and look much more in keeping with the area.

You will notice that the second bunker on the 5th has had some soil tipped into it. There is still some more soil needed to fill it in and then at that point we will shape this area up before turfing.



Playing the course in challenging times

As you have probably noticed during these unusual times and shorter days, the demand for playing the course is very high. With that in mind, the greens staff are doing all they can to keep the course open as much as possible, especially for those members who need to use trolleys and buggies. This traffic leaves parts of the course looking muddy and damaged. You'll also spot the tracks where the greens' machines have been as they are continued to be used to maintain the greens and fairways to a high standard. It's worth remembering that the green staff have to prepare the course in a very short time frame during the dark mornings, making maneuvering the wet parts of the course difficult.

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However, most of this is superficial damage and will soon recover as and when the weather improves, so it's not permanent damage and the course will be back to great condition next year. The most important thing is that we are trying our best to provide golf for everyone for as long as reasonably possible.

Nevertheless, we can all do our bit to help minimize the traffic wear during this bad weather so please use all pathways when possible and respect any roped off areas of the course. The ropes are used to prevent anyone using that particular area so do not step under these ropes for convenient short cuts. Even if an area isn't roped off, please

use common sense and walk that bit further to go around that area and help us to protect the course.



Pitch marks on the greens are common during this weather. We all make them but unfortunately, not everyone repairs them. Please do your bit in repairing all pitch marks correctly and keep the greens in good conditions.

Click on this link to see how to correctly repair pitch marks.

<https://youtu.be/Ulw-TfuGTAQ>

Finally, we wish you all a very happy Christmas and hopefully a new year full of golf and no restrictions.

Regards

Allan Davies, Chair of Greens & **Steve Lloyd**, Course Manager

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