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Course Report October 2021

It has been a busy month again, the course is now starting to green up with the a few days rain and the damp mornings, we have had this week our first ground frost.

The greens will be treated Thursday for leatherjackets.

The two-day course closure sadly was not as we wanted, with the course being so dry we were unable to overseed the fairways.

The greens and aprons were deep scarified, and a lot of thatch was removed. Due to supplier shortages the seed for the greens finally arrived a week and a half late on the Tuesday we finished so Tony overseeded with the fairway seed, followed by a layer of the new RH37 dressing.

We have trialed a couple of options to push the sand into the greens, firstly the sweep and fill brushes towed behind the Toro aprons mower. This was very efficient and a lot quicker on the greens that were flat, sadly most of ours have several undulations and the sand was just pushed into piles.

The brushes we then trialed that were fitted in place of the cutting units were better and again was quicker than the drag mat but justifying the expense at the moment, with the course signage on the tee boxes deteriorating we feel that replacing our current drag mat and spending some money on replacing the course signage would be more beneficial.

We are now going to start our winter program of work, which will entail maintaining and cutting back overgrowing pathways, gorse, and scrub oak removal.

Irrigation Services were on site today (15th Oct) to look at the work required on the 1st, 10th & 7th (which will now include lowering the pipework at the back of the green) along with the 12th, this work will be carried out during December.

Hole by hole

1st Hole

No work required

2nd Hole

Greenside bunker needs lining taken out and leveled

3rd Hole

The root removal on the left edge of the fairway is still to be addressed (winter work).

4th Hole

The priority over the 14th tee is working well so this will remain in place.

5th Hole

No work required.



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6th Hole

Left fairway bunker needs the liner taken out and sand replaced

7th Hole

A channel has been cut as a trial at the back of the green which worked well following a very heavy downpour that closed the course for a few hours. During November the back of the green will be marked GUR while the back of the green is cut away.

8th Hole

OOB and GUR to the right of the trees has now been seeded. This time of the year this fairway suffers most with fallen leaves and debris. We have already been put several times with the latimiser to pick up as much as we can before start.

9th Hole

No work required

10th Hole

No work required

11th Hole

Back bunker beyond the green to be reviewed as this will now start to flood and be out of play for most of the winter months.

12th Hole

1st bunker needs lining taken out and leveled

13th Hole

No work required

14th Hole

The 4th still has priority. Please allow players through before teeing off.

15th Hole

No work required

16th Hole

Look at the yellow tee, possibly re-align build tee further forward to allow more tee positions

17th Hole

Players still need to remember to leave trolleys visible for the groups behind, don't leave them round the corner towards the 18th.

The fairway has now been cut into the middle of the two bunkers left and right along with the fairway cut to bring them both into play, for those going for the green in two.

18th Hole

OOB markers need re painting

Sadly, we have already seen members go off without the trees at the back of the 1st being visible, teeing off barely being able to see the marker post at the top of the hill.

As members we must have our greenkeepers safety in mind, on occasions it is not safe for them to be out on the course before everyone starts and fog delays can often mean that you could be hitting into areas where they are. Any shout of 'Fore' will not be heard as all will be wearing ear defenders.



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Fog delay rules remain, everyone will go out in tee booking order however long the delay, anyone that leaves the course loses their slot.

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