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**ROYAL ABERDEEN
GOLF CLUB**

**BALGOWNIE COURSE WORK UPDATE
JANUARY 2022**

GREENS AND APPROACH AREAS

Mowing was carried out at 5mm HOC on greens and 6mm HOC on approaches. Liquid seaweed and chelated iron were applied to maintain good plant health. There was some disease present during the mild weather in December which has left some scars and this was sprayed with a contact fungicide to clear it up. I have also noticed a lot of grub (leatherjackets) lying on some greens which is not a good sign as these pests can be very destructive when they grow to full adult size.



Some of the grub found on the 9th green recently. These will treble in size when they are fully grown. Hopefully it is an isolated outbreak and the damage will be minimal, but we will continue to monitor any signs of damage or turf thinning which is a common sign of activity.

TEES

The teeing ground at the 16th hole and bank behind the 15th green have been turfed.

The 8th tee has been stripped of turf and has had new rootzone laid to level the teeing surface. New turf will be laid and the paths and area round the tee will be renovated to improve access and wear tolerance in this area.

WALKWAYS AT 6TH

These two areas were prepared and re-turfed as part of the course maintenance plan for this winter.

OTHER TASKS UNDERTAKEN

All divots were filled on the fairways and in the semi-rough areas. We are now using mats which should see a reduction in the number of divots on the fairways and give the landing areas a chance to recover.

Bunker raking has been on-going as the course continues to be busy.

Small gorse bushes were removed from the front of the 17th tees which has now improved the view of the greenside bunkers from the back of the tee.

COURSE FURNITURE

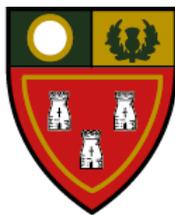
All tee plates have been removed from the golf course and renovated in house by Steve Frost. They were stripped down and re painted and will be put back onto the golf course prior to the new season starting.



The tee plates have come up well after being renovated and will improve tee presentation when they go back onto the course. I priced sending them back to the factory to get refurbished, but the cost was significant at £4,500 for all 90 plates. Instead, we undertook the work internally and it has only cost us £75.00 for some tins of acrylic aerosol and green masonry paint to do the work.

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**SILVERBURN COURSE WORK UPDATE
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GREENS AND APPROACH AREAS

Mowing was carried out at 5mm HOC on greens and 6mm HOC on approaches. Chelated Iron and seaweed were sprayed to maintain good plant health.

TEES

The 11th tee has been completed with new rootzone laid to level the teeing platform prior to new turf being laid. This tee is now double its original size which will help spread wear and improve turf conditions.

The tee at the 10th hole has been flattened and work is on-going to increase and improve this tee like we have done at the 11th hole.

Mowing was carried out at 6mm HOC.

BUNKERS

All faces were cleaned, and sand moved around as the wind had blown them about during the festive period when the staff were on holiday. The clean faces were sprayed with liquid iron to weaken moss growing on them so that we can scrape it off in the spring.

FAIRWAYS

Mowing was carried out at 9mm HOC to tidy up the surface. There was more growth than expected but the weather has been mild lately over the holiday period.

Divot filling is on going to bring this up to date now that mats are being used.

OTHER TASKS UNDERTAKEN

Course furniture has been renovated prior to being put back on the golf course.

Some rough areas have been cut again with the bush hog machine to thin them out before the spring.

**Robert N Patterson
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