

COURSE NEWSLETTER – 14th March 2021



We suspect you are all counting down the days until the resumption of golf on March 29th. Well, so are the greenkeeping team with lots of work being carried out in the next 3 weeks to make the course look and play well for when you are all back playing again.



In our January course update, we mentioned that we were planning to undertake our Spring renovations to the greens, tees and approaches somewhat earlier than normal. This annual work usually takes place in the 3rd week of March, with no golf being played currently, we felt it would be a good opportunity to get this work, which is often disruptive, completed now so that you don't have to deal with sandy, bumpy greens when you start playing again. Well, the good news is that this work was completed last-week and all of these areas are now starting to recover.

What else have we been doing?

All greens, tees and approaches have been vertidraind.

All the approaches and greens have had an earth-quake machine run through them to help relieve compaction in the soil profile.

Around 80 tonnes of sand topdressing have been applied over the surface of the greens, approaches and tees. This has been brushed into the surface of the turf to fill in the aeration holes and help smooth the surfaces.

Greens and approaches have also been rolled and a fertilizer will be applied to all of these areas over the next few days.



All fairways have been cut twice in the past week and are now showing some good definition. We've also widened some areas of the fairways to make them more consistent in width.

The mowing of the semi-rough has also started using the Club's new Baroness rough mower (shown here). This replacement mower will help the team to get this large area of the course cut more efficiently as the old mower was past its best and beginning to cost a lot to keep operational.

The pathways which were washed out by the heavy rainstorms have been repaired and smoothed out.

What's planned for the next week

The new ditch on the first is now shaped and turfed. The soil from this will be used to finish off filling in the bunker on the 5th hole. Once this is completed, we will cover the area with turf.

All bunkers will be edged, mown and topped-up with fresh sand.

Greens, tees and approaches will have another light topdressing to improve the surfaces.

Pathways will get some fresh red stone applied to them to improve their look.



The pond on the 16th is finally going to get cleared out using a hired digger as our digger has proven not to be big enough for this particular job.

The remaining tree stumps will be removed by a contractor and the areas will be turfed or seeded after this task has been completed.

We hope to see you all soon back out on the course, stay safe.

Best regards,

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

