

COURSE NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2021



We hope you are all safe and well. We're sure you are all missing a game of golf. Having said that, the weather during the last month has been so wet it's unlikely we would have had many days play. Nevertheless, we thought this would be a good time to give you an update on what has been going on out on the course over the past few weeks.

Please bear in mind that the Greenkeeping team are still working with a reduced number of staff with two of the team continuing on furlough until the end of February.

Tree Work

A couple of years ago, Carly Tinkler, a local Chartered Landscape Architect and local council advisor, was invited to one of our Greens' forums to talk about the trees we currently have on the course and what type of trees we should have on the course in the future. Her observations were the basis of aspects of the current tree policy which you can find on the Club website.

In the document we committed ourselves to removing some trees that are not natural to the area of Malvern as well as opening up some of the views of the surrounding area of the course.

During the last couple of weeks, we have been doing scrub clearance and the tree work around the 17th green and 16th tee, as you can see below, which opens up the vistas.



We also took the chance to get on with the other tree removal work that the greens committee had spoken about at the last meeting on 4th & 12th holes.





A couple of trees have been removed from the back left of the 7th green to help increase air and light around the green during the winter months. This will help to keep the back corner of the green in better condition.



Two apple trees have also been removed from the right of the 2nd green, as you can see from the photo they were not in a good condition.



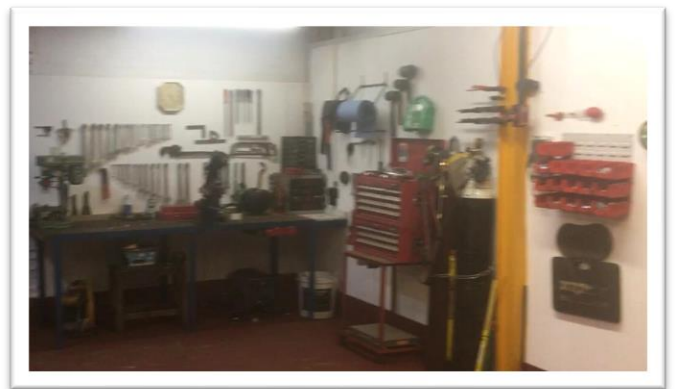
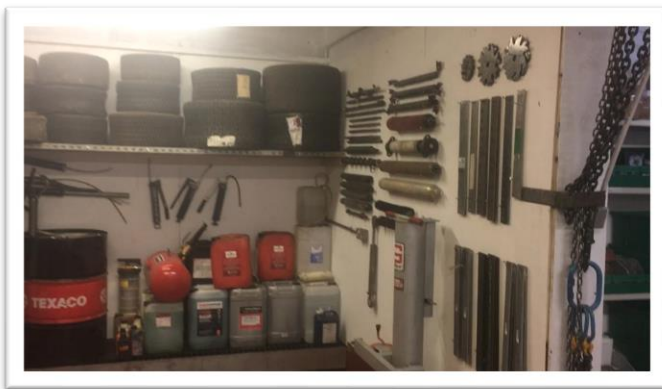
Greens Work

Scarifying work on the greens has been very slow because of the wet or frozen ground conditions. The hope is that we will finish this off early next week and then move on to aeration and topdressing of the greens, tees and approaches. As we mentioned in the last update, we are doing this work now instead of late March so that you will not have to deal with this work on the course once you return to playing.



Workshop

Some of you may have seen on social media that we've been doing some improvements to our workshop in the Greens shed. This work is now completed and will make life much better for our Green staff to maintain our fleet of machinery.



Clubhouse Surrounds

Work around the clubhouse continues such as the last of the block pathways around the club house which have now been pressure washed off.

16th Pond

As mentioned in recent newsletters, the ground conditions are still not allowing us to access the area with heavy machinery required to do this clearing work, thank you for your patience and please be assured it will be done as soon as possible.

Website Page For Greens

There has been a dedicated page made for course newsletters, policies and Greens' meeting minutes:

<http://www.theworcestershiregolfclub.co.uk/page.aspx?pid=36073>

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.



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