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### **Course update - March 2024 Balgownie Links**

Since the start of March, we have witnessed a slight increase in soil temperatures meaning we have witnessed a little early season growth. Having only 2 light frosts in this month, temporary greens have only been in play for 2 mornings.

#### **Greens, tees and approaches**

A Lawn sand was applied to greens, tees and approaches to help promote growth and kill any ingress of moss within the sward after a prolonged wet winter. Greens and approaches were top-dressed with 20 tonnes of our indigenous sand and brushed into the canopy using soft dew brushes to ensure firm and true surfaces.

#### **Fairways**

An application of liquid turf hardener and penetrant wetting agent has been applied fairways and greens surrounds. All fairways have been cut at a height of 9mm.

#### **Bunkers**

After installing a new drain and revetting the 5<sup>th</sup> greenside bunker, work is now completed to all bunkers on the winter maintenance program.



#### **Gorse clearance**

Many areas of young gorse and broom have been cleared across the course using the flail mower and strimmers with blades most notably the carry on the 10<sup>th</sup> hole.



#### **Other Work Completed**

Installed a sleeper wall to 5<sup>th</sup> burn to stop the grass bank eroding and improve overall aesthetics to tie in with stone bridge. Repair damaged pipe and turf at 14<sup>th</sup> grass hollow.

#### **Forthcoming work**

White and blues will be put into play from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Remove a section of left-hand dune system at 4<sup>th</sup> hole and recontour to allow visibility of green from new tees. As construction work is almost complete, we can focus our time on increasing presentation throughout the course ahead of the start of the 2024 playing season.

**Richard Johnstone**  
Course Manager

## Course update –March 2024 Silverburn course

### Greens, tees and approaches

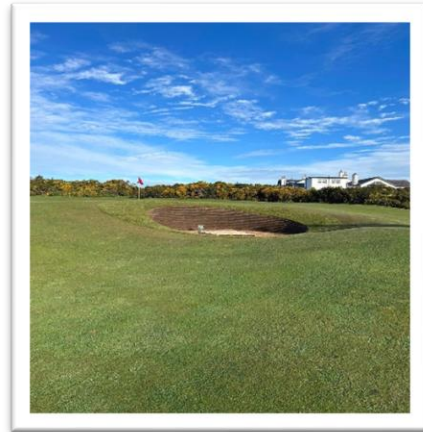
A Lawn sand was applied to greens, tees and approaches to help promote growth and kill any ingress of moss within the sward after a prolonged wet winter. Greens and approaches were top-dressed with 12 tonnes of our indigenous sand and brushed into the canopy using soft dew brushes to ensure firm and true surfaces.

### Fairways

An application of liquid turf hardener and penetrant wetting agent has been applied to fairways. All fairways have been cut at a height of 9mm.

### Bunkers

All bunkers on the winter maintenance program were completed with another two additional bunkers at the chipping green after they had begun to deteriorate rapidly during the winter months.



### Gorse clearance

Many areas across the course have been flail mown to help manage the gorse and broom before it gets out of control.

### Other Work Completed

The newly turfed area at the 5<sup>th</sup> tee has been sand top-dressed, cut and a granular feed applied to help root development and promote a strong healthy sward.



All course benches and furniture have been installed ready for the 2024 season. All bunkers were edged, and any sand build up has been redistributed prior to new sand being added to ensure consistency throughout.

### Forthcoming work

Presentation work across the course as we head into Spring and the start of the 2024 season.

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