

COURSE NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2020



Dear members,

I hope you are well and managing to survive the lockdown without your normal golfing pleasures.

I am writing to introduce myself as the Chair of Greens for this year. So far, we have established the composition of the Greens Committee, which includes of myself, Steve Lloyd the Course Manager, the Club and Ladies Captains, the Chair of Handicaps and Competitions and three nominated members. We will meet monthly and report to the membership on a regular basis through the usual formal channels as well as through the Course Manager's posted updates.

Our first task is to review the Course Policy Document which is due for refreshment. We will circulate this for member comment once it has been approved by the Board.

During the year the Committee will seek opportunities to engage with the membership on the course and its presentation.

**Allan Davies,
Chair of Greens**

Course Manager's update

With Lockdown 2 well underway, I hope this finds you all safe and well.

As none of you are able to play golf at the Club during this period, I thought it would be good to give you an idea of what the Greenkeeping team are doing during the next four weeks on the course.

Unlike the first lockdown back in the spring, there are no guidelines or restrictions on what work can be carried out. This means we can use this time as an opportunity to undertake some much-needed work on the course as well giving the course a rest ready for golf again, hopefully in early December.



With no golfers on the course, the daily battle of clearing leaf debris can now take a bit of a back seat. This will free up some time for the team to work on some of the following tasks;

- 1 We will be finishing off the hollow-tinning and over-seeding of the fairway that was started a couple of weeks ago. The fairways on the 7th, 9th and 10th are still to be done.
- 2 Verti-draining work will be carried out on all tees, greens, approaches and fairways. Certainly, this will be very much easier with the course free of golfers.

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3 Pathways will get some much-needed attention with washout areas being levelled back out and edges tidied up. We regularly get asked questions about the paths on the course such as, could they be better? The simple answer is YES! Obviously, improving the paths will incur costs so the Greens Committee will consider the options. We will also be installing some rubber grass protection mats at the end of some pathways where the turf keeps getting worn away by the foot traffic. These will also help the look of these areas.

4 Bunker surrounds, A number of areas around some of our bunkers need urgent attention as they have really suffered during the summer dry weather. They will be dug out to remove the dry sandy material and replaced with a local topsoil. The soil will retain moisture much better than the sandy soil. The new turf will survive the dry weather in the summer much better. All areas will be turfed over during the next few weeks and then protected from golfers walking over it until the turf has rooted.



We are undertaking regular 'course walks' to identify any other matters that need attention, look out for our next newsletter for details.

Stay safe,

Steve Lloyd
Course Manger

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