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## ROYAL ABERDEEN GOLF CLUB

### WINTER PROGRAMME UPDATE FEBRUARY / MARCH 2023

#### BALGOWNIE LINKS

##### GREENS AND APPROACHES

Continue applying sand dressings every 14 days to firm and smooth the surfaces. This will give us a good base for the summer season once full growth commences. Mowing and rolling will be carried out as required to further refine the turf surface.

Regular applications of seaweed, MG, MN, K Nitrate, and wetting agent will be sprayed to slowly bring the turf to life after the cold winter months. A granular fertilizer (4.0.8) will be applied in March to further improve growing conditions.

##### TEES

Regular sand dressings will be applied to firm the surface and to create a firm base for the summer season. Mow as required to refine the surfaces further. Apply granular fertilizer (4.0.8) to increase growth and recovery.

Hand dress newly turfed tees at the 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> holes. Rotary cut new turf until established.

Clean and paint all permanent markers. Paint ball washers and sleeper bins. Re paint slabs below seats and bins.

##### FAIRWAYS AND GREEN SURROUNDS

Apply more sand dressings to create a firm base to the turf for the coming season. Spray wetting agent, N, Mg, Fe to improve growth and recovery after the winter months. Continue to fill divot marks on all areas. Mow as required to refine turf surface.

##### PATHS

Repair the grass path on the railway line at the 10<sup>th</sup> hole and the path up to the fairway.

Verti drain and top dress all grass paths. Mow as required. Apply 12.6.6 granular fertilizer to improve growth and recovery after the winter months.

Remove weeds from gravel paths and re-surface.

##### BUNKERS

Add more sand to the newly revetted bunkers. Scrape all other bunker faces, re- edge and add new sand where required. Flymo and strim edges.

##### OTHER TASKS

Bleed irrigation system and test all heads and valves. Trim all sprinklers and valve boxes.

Put out course furniture and re paint ball washers and bells. Paint slabs below seats. Fit new drinking fountain at the 6<sup>th</sup> tee with a bottle filler attachment.

Cut wispy rough areas with the flail mower and collector. This will clean up the surface and remove any dead material lying about.

## **SILVERBURN COURSE**

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### **FAIRWAYS AND GREEN SURROUNDS**

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### **OTHER TASKS**

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Put out course furniture and re paint ball washers and bells. Paint slabs below seats.

Re- turf the banks and approach area to the green at the 17<sup>th</sup> hole. We will add some additional sprinklers to this area to keep the turf healthy.

Robert Patterson  
Course Manager



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## BALGOWNIE LINKS COURSE UPDATE FEBRUARY 2023

### GREENS AND APPROACHES

Top dressing has been applied to maintain firm surfaces and to build the sand layer in the upper profile for the coming season.

Liquid seaweed, penetrant wetting agent and potassium nitrate was applied as a turf tonic for growth and recovery.

Mowing was carried out at 5mm HOC on greens and 6mm HOC on approaches.

### FAIRWAYS

Regular divoting work has been done to top up existing divot marks and fill some new ones. The semi rough was also done as there has been a lot of play from the semi during the months that we have used mats. The narrow part of the 4<sup>th</sup> fairway was re modelled to remove the steep banks on the right and generally make playing and managing this area much easier. The area re-done measured 900 sq/mts in total. New turf was purchased for this job and the 5<sup>th</sup> tees.



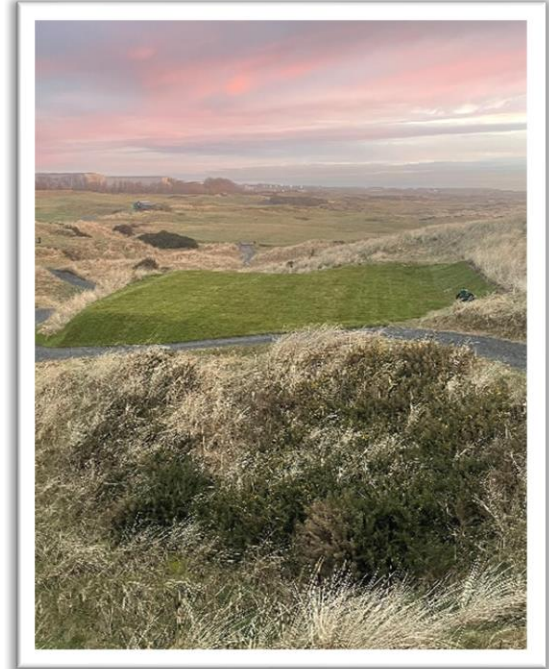
Work carried out on the 4th fairway which has greatly improved this unsightly area creating a wider, smoother approach to the green.

## **TEES**

All tees were top dressed and sprayed with the same turf tonic as the greens and approaches. Mowing was carried out at 6mm HOC. The yellow and red tee at the 5<sup>th</sup> holes was changed to have both tees on one level. The path at the front of the tee was reinstated to improve access to and from the tee.



Pictures of the work carried out at the 5<sup>th</sup> tee to have both tees on one level.



## **OTHER TASKS UNDERTAKEN**

The wispy rough areas were raked with the terra rake to remove dead material from the turf surface.

Paths to the 10<sup>th</sup> fairway and the old railway line at the 10<sup>th</sup> have been prepared for new turf.

Tee plates have been removed, cleaned, and painted.

The new path beside the 12<sup>th</sup> tee has been surfaced with dust as have the paths up to the 5<sup>th</sup> tees.

**ROBERT N PATTERSON**  
Course Manager



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### **BUNKERS**

The greenside bunker on the right of the 11<sup>th</sup> green was moved further right away from the green. The mounding around the bunker was smoothed out and the whole area re-turfed.



### **PATHS**

The paths from the 18<sup>th</sup> tee and to the 4<sup>th</sup> tee have been lifted and repaired as they were badly worn.

Robert N. Patterson  
Course Manager