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## ROYAL ABERDEEN GOLF CLUB

### BALGOWNIE COURSE WORK UPDATE DECEMBER 2021

#### GREENS AND APPROACHES

Sand dressing was applied to firm the surface after the recent verti draining work. Soluble soil products and seaweed was applied to maintain healthy turf conditions. Mowing and rolling was carried out as required to keep the surfaces tidy.

#### TEES

Mowing was carried out as required at 6mm HOC. The main tees at 6,7,12,13,14,17 \* 18<sup>th</sup> were hollow tined at close centers to remove some dead material form the surface. These teeing areas suffered badly from dollar spot in the autumn period and we are left with the scarring in the turf surface. A heavy application of sand was laid and worked into the holes to aid the recovery process.



Recent work carried out on the selected tees.

The turf was removed from the main tee at the 16<sup>th</sup> hole and the surrounding banks. The two feature mounds were removed for easier maintenance and wear management behind the 15<sup>th</sup> green. The teeing area was extended by 3 meters at the front and a small mound was removed at the back of the tee again to make mowing and maintenance easier. This tee will be re-turfed in early January.

#### FAIRWAYS

Mowing was carried out at 9mm HOC. Divot filling has been done on a regular basis to keep landing areas tidy. All areas were verti drained with 19mm tines to a depth of 250mm. Soluble soil products were sprayed to maintain good turf health during the cooler winter months. Another dressing of sand was applied and worked into the verti drain holes.

#### OTHER TASKS UNDERTAKEN

All irrigation heads on the tees, paths and greens were trimmed. Additional pop-ups were added to the paths at holes 13,17,18 to catch the weak areas that were not getting irrigated in the summer. A new valve and sprinkler were installed at the left of the 3<sup>rd</sup> approach to irrigate the bank and walkway near the bunker.

## **BUNKERS**

The revetting work at the 16<sup>th</sup> greenside bunkers has been completed with some small alterations done to the middle bunker on the left. This bunker was previously very deep and had steps into it but we have raised the base of the bunker by 450mm to make access and exiting the bunker much easier. The steps have been removed as the lip of the bunker is now very low.

The bunker at the 3<sup>rd</sup> green was advanced by 3 meters into the next hollow with the existing bunker filled in and re-contoured. The bunker now sits square on to the green and wont penalize a good tee shot that comes up short left of the green.



Some before and after pictures of the work done at the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole greenside bunker.

## **NOTES**

As we near the end of another year I would personally like to thank my staff for all their hard work over the past year on both courses and also to wish the members a merry xmas and prosperous new year.

**Robert N Patterson**  
**Course Manager**



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### SILVERBURN COURSE WORK UPDATE DECEMBER 2021

#### **COURSE PRESENTATION**

All areas have been cut to tidy them up as we have had some growth lately due to a mild spell of weather.

#### **GREENS AND APPROACHES**

Sand dressing was applied to firm the surface after the recent verti draining work. Soluble soil products and seaweed was applied to maintain healthy turf conditions. Mowing and rolling was carried out as required to keep the surfaces tidy.

#### **BUNKERS**

Revetting work was completed at the 6<sup>th</sup> hole. There were some small alterations done to the banks on the right-hand bunker and the run in to the left bunker.

#### **TEES**

Work has begun to extend the 11<sup>th</sup> tee. This is part of an on-going program to extend the tees on Silverburn now that the course is so busy. As this is a par 3 hole the tee will be doubled in size to spread the wear more evenly. The irrigation heads will be moved to accommodate the bigger teeing ground. All tees were top dressed with sand.



#### **OTHER TASKS UNDERTAKEN**

Tee discs have been removed for cleaning. Several areas of rough have been cut with our flail mower to thin them out. These areas will be further cut down with the super 500 machine before the spring.

**Robert N Patterson**  
Course Manager