

COURSE REPORT  
18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2009

Greens:

Aeration work to be carried out on the greens over the next few weeks. This work will include hollow coring and deep spiking. This operation is mainly to target the thatch layer which has built up over the past few months.

Following the removal of cores the greens will be over seeded with a selection of grass seed cultivars suitable for our golf course. Top dressing will be applied throughout March and April.

6<sup>th</sup> Green;

The 6<sup>th</sup> green is rooting well, but unfortunately, during the winter months, the green was vandalised which left some badly scarred areas. These areas have now been over seeded using a sarrel roller. This green will require further top dressings throughout the playing season.

Tees:

The main tees are back in play for the start of the season. Tee mats will remain in operation on the par 3 holes and the 10<sup>th</sup> tee only. This is to prevent damage to these tees during periods of no growth.

Bunker Reconstruction:

The bunkers at the 7<sup>th</sup> hole have been reconstructed and returfed. The bunkers will be filled with sand and back in play very shortly.

Returfed Areas

Areas around the course have been returfed.

The following areas have been targeted.

1<sup>st</sup> fairway wet area.  
18<sup>th</sup> tee wet area.

11<sup>th</sup> fairway greenside.  
5<sup>th</sup> tee wet area.

17<sup>th</sup> fairway wet area.

9<sup>th</sup> Green.

The areas at the back of the 9<sup>th</sup> green have also been repaired using a greens quality turf. This was at a minimal cost of £150.00. This will help improve the recovery rate of the green

## GREENS REPORT - 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2009

### Greens:

Aeration work has been carried out on the greens then followed up with a top dressing of sand.

Fertilizer has also been applied to help promote steady growth.

Greens still very slow to respond due to cold drying winds, hopefully, this will change over the next few weeks.

### Tees:

All mats have been removed from the Par 3 holes. The new medal tee at the 16<sup>th</sup> is performing very well.

Aeration work is currently being carried out on all golf tees to help improve surface drainage and root development.

Tee caddies are now in place so that golfers may discard their broken tees.

### Fairways:

Mr G Harkness continues to divot the fairways daily. This work will continue throughout the playing season.

100 yard markers have now been installed on the fairways.

### Vandalism on the course

Over the past few weeks vandalism on the course has been very bad.

Golf green and course furniture have been targeted very heavily.

### Damage Report

5<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> greens dug up and hole cups removed.

21 tee markers stolen.

11 pins and flags.

4 tee caddies

3 new litter bins (more litter bins have been ordered).

1 seat at 16<sup>th</sup> tee damaged.

Total cost - £600.00

Police have been informed.

## COURSE REPORT - 17<sup>th</sup> JULY 2009

### Greens;

The greens are in good condition for July with all putting surfaces running true and fully grassed.

Verti cutting and grooming operation has increased over the past 2 - 3 weeks. This programme will help reduce thatch levels and increase greens speed.

Light aeration work has been introduced as a weekly programme using slitting unit.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Green;

This green has improved this season and is recovering well from earlier problems i.e. vandalism. Further top dressing will be applied to help level the playing surface. Drainage system is working well.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Green;

Newly installed drainage system is working well with no problems to report. Drainage track will require further top dressing to help level playing surface.

### Tees;

Certain teeing areas have struggled during the dry spell. This was mainly due to the malfunction of the irrigation system. Problems now rectified.

Par 3 medal tee position causing some concern due to excessive play.

### Weed control;

Weed control carried out on all areas of the golf course during the month. Spraying mainly for daisies.

### General;

Overall the course is in good condition with all areas being cut on a regular basis (i.e. gully - plantations).

## COURSE REPORT - 19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2009

Greens:

Aeration has continued throughout July and August, this helps promote root development and increase air circulation around the plant. (Star slitting and deep spiking).

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> green;

It was necessary to core and topdress the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> greens. This decision was based on last year's disastrous July and August and the current condition of the greens plus increased rainfall during the last week of July and first week of August.

If this important aeration work had been ignored recently played competitions may have been cancelled.

Disease:

Fusarium has again returned to the greens because of the mild humid conditions during August. The greens have been sprayed to control the disease.

9<sup>th</sup> Green:

Winter programme and reconstruction report will be presented at September meeting.

## GREENS PROGRESS REPORT - 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2009

### 9<sup>th</sup> Green reconstruction:

1. Turf has been removed from the 9<sup>th</sup> green, this turf will be used to returf the 13<sup>th</sup> tee.
2. All suitable top soils for reuse have been kept and stored on the site. All other unsuitable materials have been cleared away.
3. The green has been leveled and made ready for the installation of the drainage system. Update to follow.

### 13<sup>th</sup> Tee:

The 13<sup>th</sup> tee has been lowered in height and size increased to 320 sq yards. Levels will be installed over the next few days and turf relaid within a week.

The 13<sup>th</sup> tee irrigation system has also been upgraded and two further sprinkler heads installed.

### Worn areas:

Over the past few days we have targeted worn areas around the golf course, returfing areas at the 10<sup>th</sup> tee and 10<sup>th</sup> green.