

# Greens Newsletter August 2020

## **Tees**

Quality of teeing areas has been inconsistent for a number of years and is a priority for improvement.

Tees now being cut tighter.

Teeing area on par 3s will be made smaller and moved more frequently allowing a rotation of tee positions which will be sanded and seeded immediately after use.

Sand and seed boxes will be located on both 3rd and 16th tees for members to use as required.

## **Greens**

Main concerns have been the pace of putting surfaces and damage caused during dry spell to a number of the greens.

Cutting height is now being lowered between now and end of September.

Greens will also be double cut for all medals (where weather permits)

As soon as weather conditions are favourable ... All greens will be cored and top dressed. In addition, damaged areas on holes 1, 2, 5, 10, 11 and 16 will be scarified and overseeded.

Greens to be increased in size gradually. This will initially have an impact on the look and quality of affected area of the putting surfaces however will be of longer term benefit.

## **Fairways**

Fairways are generally in good condition.

Divoting will take place on known problem areas (eg 2nd, 6th, 14th...) where resourcing allows.

## **Approaches/Fringes**

Quality of fringes are inconsistent for various reasons (machinery used, trolley, traffic, drainage, etc). All of these are being discussed and will be addressed

## **General Actions**

Ground under repair areas on big course have been clearly marked with white lines .

First cut of semi rough will now be in the direction of play, second cut will be against the direction of play. This may affect the visual presentation of the course, however is fairer from a golfing perspective.

## **Members Responsibilities**

Members can make a significant difference to the condition of the course by following the **Four Rs** and making them a habit....

**R**epair at least one pitch mark on each green.

**R**eplace all divots

**R**ake all bunker marks carefully (all games should have a rake)

**R**ubbish to be placed in bins or taken home. (especially plastic bottles)

## **Request for Help**

On the back of the amazing community spirit shown during lockdown by a number of members for the benefit of the club, I am looking to tap into this further.

It is my intention to create a members "Hit Squad" for the course to help with basic improvement tasks, eg divoting, making and painting markers, bush clearing, path clearing, etc, etc

Any member who might be interested in joining the "hit squad" should drop me an email with name and mobile number and I will create a whatsapp group to share details of support required moving forward.

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