



Greenock Golf Club

2020 Final Greens Update

Dear Charles

PRACTICE NETS

These are now fully open for use. They still require a bit of tweeking at ground level which will happen when the weather is drier. Please ensure when using nets that ball is within the framed area. This is a fantastic facility which we know all members will treat with respect. Please report any damage or issues with the nets to myself. Enjoy!!

TREES

It was with mixed emotions that we removed the oak tree which has graced the first tee for many years. However it was necessary in order to improve the condition of both the medal tee and the box tee in particular. I have to say that our head greenkeeper, Jim has done an outstanding job in removing all of the limbs without any damage to the medal tee.

ASTROTURF

Staff have continued to use new 4G astroturf to patch specific areas whilst still carrying out other planned work. This week's repairs will be evident to members on 1st and 2nd holes.

GREENS

All big course greens are currently in process of being verti drained again this week and will hopefully be completed before the greens staff finish for a well deserved festive break. It was planned to move holes on big course prior to play this Saturday however as hole cups need to be removed to prevent damage from verti draining, we have decided to move holes next week once this process has been completed.

TEES

Drainage work is ongoing to help dry out box tee at 1st prior to repairing the tee itself. The box tee has been moved to the ladies tee to allow this work to be completed. All tees on big course have been verti drained this week. Divot marks on tees are being cleaned and filled. In response to some feedback, mats have been placed on par 3s on the big course to prevent any further damage. (members may need to use long tees on one or two of these mats) As many tees are very wet at present, please refrain from taking trolleys onto teeing areas.

HELP

As previously shared, we have purchased hundreds of berberis bushes which will be planted along the boundary of 9th and 10th holes. These bushes arrived this week and need to be planted

reasonably quickly. A number of members have already offered their support to help with this. However as they have been delivered late I need to reconfirm who might be available. Therefore, if you can commit to help with this activity on the morning of Tuesday 29 December at 9:30am please email me with your mobile number and I will add you to the contact group on WhatsApp. (Frank Molloy is exempt from this request as his phone is coal powered)

FINALLY

You will be pleased to hear that this is my last update until 2021.

I would therefore like to thank everyone who has supported me since taking over greens role In August.

Greens Staff: who have been exceptional, these guys have worked so hard whilst getting two soakings virtually every day!

Hit Squad: From those have managed to help on one occasion to those who have been there every week, the difference you have made to the course in such a short time is nothing short of incredible. Every member will benefit from the work which you have put in.

Others: Gardeners, Painters, Course Wombles. Fairway Divoters, Path Cleaners, Bunker Rakers, Hedge Trimmers, anyone I have missed, THANKS.

Committee: Provided guidance, support and finances when requested.

Members: For Support, Feedback and following guidance as required.

I firmly believe that with your continued support we can deliver two courses in 2021 that we can all be proud of and that everyone will have contributed to on the journey to get there.

I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and hopefully a better New Year than 2020!

I can be contacted by email at BFITZPAT90@hotmail.com or by phone on 07944387688
Should you have any issues, concerns, suggestions or comments.

Thanks

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