



Greenock Golf Club

Greens Update 05 October 2020

Hi All,

Just a quick update to keep you informed and engaged on what is happening on the course as we move towards the winter. As usual I am also looking for your help on a couple of items.

Tees

Plan is to use medal tees till the end of November to support extension to season.

Might need to use box tees on 3, 13 and 16 during November to protect medal tees.

Winter fairway mats will become compulsory from Monday 02 November.

Fairways

GUR areas will be repainted shortly for the winter

All par 4s have been divoted except the loop and 14th

Will complete if time allows.

Approaches and Fringes

Badly worn areas have been overseeded on 1,2,5,8,14,15 and 16

White lines for traffic management will be applied on a number of holes. Please help by adhering to all such directions in order to protect vulnerable areas during the winter season.

Greens

Coring and top dressing completed. (Huge thanks to volunteers for help)

Overseeding completed on 1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 11 and 16 plus the putting green

New ferrels put on the bottom of pins to keep them centred and prevent pins from leaning.

Winter greens will be prepared shortly for use when frost or excessive rain enforces the closure of big greens.

Bunkers

6th RHS, 14th RHS and 15th back bunker now GUR and will all be filled as part of winter programme

Penalty Areas

Plan to create penalty areas shortly, New yellow stakes being made and painted.

RHS 15th from tractor path to level with back of green

RHS 17th from tee to tractor path short of green

RHS 18th from back of 17th green to end of tree line.

It is worth everyone reading up on rules which apply to penalty areas now although I'm sure M&H will publish them when it is appropriate.

Winter Programme

Proceeding as agreed and published

Practice Nets

Two new practice net bays including new flooring/mats will shortly be installed in the location of the current bays. The general area around these bays will also be improved and tidied up. The current bays will be dismantled in preparation for the new facility being installed, with one of these bays being relocated to the top of the hill close to the practice bunker. This is mainly, but not exclusively to support the junior coaching initiative.

Club member Crawford Rae has very generously agreed to donate this new facility to the Club and is paying all costs associated with the installation. The Club and I am sure all members are extremely grateful to Crawford for this outstanding gesture.

Water Tank

Exec Committee has approved funding for a new water tank which will supply the greens irrigation system. This will be installed in the Spring ready for the new seas

Hit Squad

Everyone who has played the course recently will have seen the results of some of the work carried out by our small team of volunteers on the course. This includes:

Divoting

Helping with Coring and topdressing

Making/Painting markers

Brush clearance (see attachments of 4th and 17th holes)

As I said in my previous updates, we have developed a very ambitious winter programme this year.

Unfortunately (for greens staff) I am adding to this list of tasks each time I play the course. As we only have 4 greens staff for the winter it would make a huge difference if we were able to

supplement them with volunteer members

who have scope to give a couple of hours every now and again to carry out some

basic tasks on the course. I have set up a WhatsApp group where we agree date and time for a

project and whoever is free can just turn up. Obviously as days are getting shorter it is only possible

to do this during the day now. So if you feel that you would like to help out occasionally in any way, then simply drop me an email with details and I will add you to the group.

As always, I welcome any comments, issues, ideas, feedback, etc,

Simply drop me an email to the address below.

Thanks

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