

Coursework – Winter Programme

1. 9th – 10th PATH

This path was originally put in last winter as a temporary measure to protect the area from the 9th temporary green to the 10th tee as it becomes very wet, we will be aiming to complete the path as a permanent fixture to make it look better visually and continue to protect the area.



Completion Date – 31st September 2019

2. EXTENDING OF TEES

It has been agreed that the current summer tees will be cut as long and as wide as possible to allow the golfer more teeing room and allow the course to play at full length, when the green staff do this you will notice the areas that are cut will turn yellow but don't worry as this is expected and the grass will recover very quickly.

Completion Date – 31st September 2109

3. VERTI DRAINING OF FAIRWAYS



We will be Verti Draining the fairways this It is useful to break up soil compaction from the years play, and it also provides desirable conditions for healthy root growth. By breaking up the compaction, it allows roots to penetrate more deeply into the soil and provides a conduit for surface water to reach the drains. This will allow for better absorbing of water and nutrients.



Benefits of Verti-Draining

- Enables the absorption of water from the surface to the drainage system below (if present), preventing run-off and excess surface water
- Aids with quick drying of turf to extend playing time
- Improves and maintains good soil structure
- Improves and maintains sward density giving a better playing surface and preventing the invasion of weeds and moss etc.
- Improves the durability of the sward and recovery from surface damage

Completion Date – 30th October 2019

4. WINTER TEES

As you will have noticed we installed new Winter Tees last year to give the course more all year round playability and protect the summer tees so they will be in proper condition for the start of the year.

The new winter tees that will be installed are 5, 12, 15, 6, 3, 17 in that order.

We will also be installing a large mat on the left hand side of the 16th to improve our current practice facilities giving you a flatter lie and a longer practice area.

Completion Date – March 2020

5. RE-LEVELLING OF TEES.

Over the last couple of years we have re-levelled tees 1, 7, 10, 11, 13 and installed new tees on 4 and 17.

We will continue to re-level tees to give us a better teeing area.

The next tees to be re-levelled are the 2nd, 9th and the 16th yellow tees.

We hope to commence work on these tees as soon as the weather permits and other jobs allow but the tees will be in play for the 2020 season.

Completion date – March 2020

6. HOLLOWCORING AND TOP DRESSING



Unfortunately for golfers this is an essential task that has to take place to reduce thatch and introduce sand into the profile of the ground giving the greens better quality and drainage. We will be aiming to do this major work in March if the weather is on our side so that the work is done out of the main season and the course will be prepared in time for competition golf.

Completion Date – End March 2020 – Weather Permitting

7. BUNKERS

Throughout the winter period we will be looking to improve our bunkers visually as well as improving the playability of them.

We will start by strimming and edging all of the current bunkers and we shall also be re-turfing the tops of bunkers that need it, to improve the bunkers visually.



Picture of the 4th bunker that will need re-turfing on top

Below is a picture of the procedure that took place when the bunkers were originally designed roughly 10 years ago, turf is put upside down at the bottom of the bunker to provide a base that the sand sits on top of and allows water to drain through, unfortunately what happens is after around 5 years the turf base starts to deteriorate, break up and then starts to mix with the sand.



We top up the sand in the bunkers every year but it will still mix with the broken down turf which is when you start to get stones and hard compact sand.

The way forward is to start to empty the current bunkers of the mixed up sand and relay the base all over again.

This is a lengthy process, therefore will be ongoing over the next 5 years.

8. TREE WORK

As you may have noticed a lot of our trees have been painted with a Pink Dot, this was done by the forestry commission, and it highlights trees that are either diseased, preventing other trees from growing, preventing light from getting to greens and affecting the play of the hole.

We will be going around the course and deciding which trees are to be removed and when. There will also be the removal of low branches to allow better playability.

Again this is ongoing work for the next 5 years.

9. OTHER

Other jobs that you will notice around this time.

SEMI ROUGH – The Semi-Rough will be phased out and back to fairway height for the winter months.

PRACTICE NET - We will be replacing the existing net and mat.

PATHS – Paths will be maintained and cleaned