

AGM 2017 Greens Report

After the wet winter and cold spring the course began to flourish in early May. The Greens improved immensely with good growth and increased speeds, the overall presentation of the course was greatly improved thanks to the hard work shown by the staff. The Greens during the season have been very consistent, the speed has been constant at around 9.5 on the stimp meter and the smoothness of the playing surface has been uniform throughout all holes. Extra work has taken place on the fairways during the year, a cocktail of chemicals was also applied in early August to improve the overall appearance.

A change in staff occurred in July with Jim Tudor departing for Wollaton and Lee Hughes deciding to use the opportunity to take a step back and take on the role of Deputy head Greenkeeper.

Dan Wheatley was appointed the new Head Greenkeeper and came highly recommended, he brought with him not only his experience and expertise but a great drive and enthusiasm for the job. He has settled into his role very well, and is liked and respected by all his staff.

There have been some improvements around the course over the past year. The last of the Winter Tees was finally completed, many THANKS to all the volunteers over the past few years who have made this possible. The staff have completed the two new bunkers on 16 and the refurbishment of the large bunker on 12. The new path on 13 needs topping and hopefully will be ready for the start of the season. Various dead or dying trees have been taken down around the course, quite a few trees have been taken down behind the 3rd green this was only done to allow more sunlight and airflow to the green. As recommended by the agronomist in his autumn report.

An ex demonstration Trilo leaf collector was purchased in October at a cost of £10,250 +VAT which has already been used to good effect during the winter.

My thanks to TERRY ADAM and PHIL TWELLS for their continued support and hard work. Many thanks to STEVE ADCOCK for his help, advice, staff and machinery over the last year.

Finally thank you to the groundstaff DAN, LEE, PAUL, BERT and ROSS for their continued hard work and commitment to Chilwell Manor.

ANDREW DOWN (GREENS CHAIRMAN)