

GREENS UPDATE APRIL 2016

Once again the weather has caused problems on the course. We are struggling to cut in certain areas and are having to continue sanding and aerating all walkways. However apart from the 10th, 11th and 13th we seem to be getting the fairways under control. We started with a 20mm cut and have now managed to reduce this to 17.5mm.

7 tonnes of top dressing has been applied to the greens in the last week and the cut lowered by ½ mm. More top dressing will be added in the next few weeks and the cut will continue to be lowered and the surface refined ready for early May.

This month the traffic management will be removed. The white lining across the fairway to the aprons will remain for the season. We ask that all buggies and trolleys do not cross this line.

By the beginning of May we will cut an 8mm collar around the edge of the greens. This will help the transition from the 14mm fringe to the 3.5mm greens and also assist in improved presentation.

The out of bounds on the left side of the 7th fairway has been moved back to the middle of the flood bank. We hope this will be a permanent move but will monitor any problems over the summer and review at the end of the season.

As soon as the course dries sufficiently the contractors will put the top surface on the paths already started.

The 5th dyke will be cleared from the gap to the green.

Tee signs have been renovated and 5 new sponsors have taken up advertising. If you would like to advertise your Company or know somebody who may please contact Peter Bradley or the Secretary.

You may have seen we have started clearing the bramble and dead trees from the right hand side of the 17th fairway and intend to carry on down to the water tank. The land reclaimed will be seeded and hopefully new trees planted.

The copse between the 2nd, 3rd and 4th holes will be cleared over the summer. If anyone has a few hours to spare and would like to help the volunteers please get in touch with Terry Adam or myself.

Can I please ask all members to take out a divot bag, repair all pitch marks and keep buggies and trolleys away from the mounds of the greens.

Andrew Down

(Greens Chairman)