

GREENS UPDATE 12th MAY

Hi everyone, Welcome back to golf at Chilwell Manor.

I thought I would give you an update as to what has been happening on the course while you've been away.

On the greens we have carried out a solid tine and sarel roll this is to help open up the surface, we then topped dressed with around 12 tons of sand, which adds up to over 80 tonnes of top dressing since mid March, we have sprayed with fertiliser and fungicides and reduced the winter cut from 5mm to 4mm. Over the next two weeks the greens will be refined and the cut brought down to our summer height of 3.5mm this will hopefully help to gradually increase the speed.

The Tees have had a solid tine and top dressing and are really looking good for the rest of the year.

On the fairways we are still waiting for the bulk of the seed to germinate still desperate for more rain (couldn't make it up could you) the cut has been left at 19mm as and when we get new growth the cut will eventually return to 16mm. Preferred lies are in operation and will continue for the foreseeable future.

Preferred lies are also in operation in the bunkers.

Elsewhere on the course new fencing has been erected at the side of the entrance to the car park, Trees on the left hand side of the 10th green have been removed to allow more light to the green and the ground then seeded.

Trees either side of the 5th fairway have been crown lifted or removed to allow more light in and promote grass growth.

Our furloughed staff are now back at work after being off for 4 weeks and we are now operating with a full compliment.

I need to take this opportunity to inform you again that all practice areas are closed, this includes the practice ground, driving nets attached to the pro shop and the putting green. This hopefully will be reviewed in the near future.

Andrew Down (Greens Chairman)

