

September / October Greens Report 2024

26th September 2024

Greens Renovations:

With a fairly good summer for greenkeeping the greens have responded well to the renovations in early August. However, due to changes in the weather, warm and damp, provided the ideal conditions for an outbreak of fusarium (fuzz) on the greens.

As soon as this was noticed we sprayed the greens with fungicide and other nutrients to combat this dreaded disease! A further application had to be applied soon after to keep the disease at bay and we continue to monitor daily especially with the changing weather conditions.

2nd Hole Drainage:

As we approach the end of the playing season, and prior to the autumn, we are progressing with the drainage plans for the 2nd hole. Work has commenced with the clearance of the wooded area between the 2nd and 3rd holes exposing the open ditch so we have an outlet for the main drain we have excavated. Once the summer competitions have been completed the apron will also be drained, this will begin week commencing the 21st of October.

An open ditch will be introduced to the left hand side of the hole to capture any migrating water off the park and onto the course.

Planned Works:

Other planned drainage work to take place this autumn / winter at the following holes:

3rd [apron]

10th - 11th - 15th [back of the greens]

12th [red tee; drainage to stop migrating water coming from above onto the tee]

Between 7th and 8th [drain to stop waterlogging on the front of the medal tee]

9th [A small drain will be dug on the 9th carry just over the bridge]

General Maintenance:

We will be verti-draining the greens and applying a further 20T [tons] of sand to the greens towards the end of October, this will further aid drainage and keep the surfaces in tip top condition.

As you will have seen, unfortunately the sleeper wall on the 7th tee has given way due to being rotten. I am currently looking into replacing the sleeper wall with reclaimed sleepers and RSJ'S (I beams) to make the wall stronger than before, and this will be renewed this coming autumn / winter period.

We will have a team of green keepers on woodland management throughout the autumn / winter period continuing clearance on the right hand side of 7th, right hand side of the 13th to expose the open ditch, left hand side of the 5th, righthand side of the 5th wood-line.

Once all the drainage has been dug we will then be installing a pathway from the 7th wood to the 8th carry. This was temporarily extended when we were draining the 7th apron so buggies / trollies could get to the next tee as it worked so well we are going to make it a permanent pathway. The existing pathway to the 8th tee from the 7th green is showing signs of degradation and needs attention to improve the area.

Staff News:

We welcome Luke McCabe to our team as our new apprentice, please say hello if you see him around the course. Luke replaces Gary who has departed to study paleontology at Portsmouth university, we wish him well in his future.

Safety:

A polite reminder to acknowledge the presence of staff around the course when playing your shot. Staff may not immediately see you and we ask that you take a moment to wait rather than play your shot. Staff have been reminded to be attentive, observe golfers playing the hole and to move to the side out of the immediate direction of play, but please appreciate that they are concentrating on driving heavy machinery and may need a few moments to safely move to the side.

Weather Station

A number of members have asked me how to access the information from the weather station situated between the 16th tee and the 18th green. The information can be found [here](#).

See you soon on the course !!!

Bert Leonardi

Course Manager