

JANUARY GREENS REPORT

Happy new year to all.

Following the wet and windy days at the end of last year and now the cold snap, the leaves have been falling off the trees at a great rate and it therefore will not be long before the long and sometimes arduous task of collecting them is complete. Blowing every day, we soon found that our blower, which up until now had been a great aid to us, was no longer up to the task and it therefore needed to be replaced. This we did and the new blower, the Agrimetal b50 was purchased and has been working hard from the day it came and long may it continue.

Greens winter program

The Greens have responded well to the winter program so far and this has meant that scaring is now down to a minimum.

We will continue with the winter program of spraying with preventative fungicide applications.

Verti draining the greens will continue every 4 weeks as part of the plan, as this is required in order to keep the greens drier and in play.

Putting green drainage

This work has now been completed. Hydrowick drainage pipes have now been laid across the green at 1m centers. These pipes have then been connected to a main drainage run and then into the general soak-away. We should therefore see signs of improvement straight away with the green getting drier and firmer.

Other Areas

All the digging and filling of trenches for the 2nd apron drainage is now complete. We have now roped off the area and will leave it to settle for a while so in March/April we can fill in any holes and then give the whole area a top dress.

Verti draining fairways and aprons has now commenced, with the aim of punching the holes in the ground to aid in drainage.

Tees have been given a winter feed and this will help them to stay healthy through this period.

We have also commenced our woodland program again and will continue where we left off, last year, on the right-hand side of the 7th carry.

Projects to be initiated (weather permitting)

1st tee drainage a small drain will be dug to stop water coming off the pathway behind and across the tee.

10th apron drainage, to install a drain to catch any water migrating off the bank at the back of the green, as well as drain the area in front of the mounding to the left of the hole with the object of drying these areas off.

9th carry drainage, install a drain just after the bridge on the carry to dry up the area.

15th green drainage, to install a drain at the back of the green to catch any water migrating off the bank.

We hope to get these done before spring, but it will be weather dependent.