

November Report

We applied 20 tons of sand into our greens in October and we now have upped our sand input to 180 tons this year. In my opinion, this is the way forward to achieving quality surfaces throughout the year. With the little and often approach during the playing season and 3 big maintenance days through the year we are producing great surfaces.

From the 21st of October till the 11th of November the disease pressure has been through the roof and we have been keeping a very stern eye on the greens, spraying preventative sprays and fungicides to keep the dreaded fuzz (fusarium) at bay.

Verti draining greens

We continue with our aeration program every 4 weeks of the autumn/winter period because we don't have temp greens all over and don't really want them. We need to do this work to keep the surfaces dry and firm and playable. Without the holes we create, the greens will suffer and become unplayable. Also, without this work being done I think we would see a lot more closures and surfaces I don't want to be tarnished with.

You would have noticed the blue and white markers have been taken away and put into storage for the winter months. So all competitions will be now played from the yellow and red tees.

From the 12th of November all winter tee mats will be in play and markers will be moved from the mats back onto the grass when there is a competition on.

Drainage

Our first drainage project is 95% complete down the right-hand side of the 2nd hole. All drainage lines are No Play Zones. please retrieve off a drainage line and place down at the nearest point of relief. This also applies to topped up drainage lines (16th fairway) and any other that we get round to doing.

We continue our projects with the 2nd apron which we started on the 11th of November, we hope to have completed soon.

We then go to the back of the 10th green and dig a drain at the bottom of the bank at the back to the ditch at the front of the hole.

Woodland clearance

Once the grass has stopped growing, we will focus on continuing down the r/h/s of the 7th hole clearing woodland from all unsightly bramble and struggling trees and under growth to let more air and light into this area. We also want to completely clear the little ditch to the L/H/S of the 4th pathway before you get to the 5th tee. Other areas of the course we hope to tackle will be done so if we have enough time.

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