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Course Update

It's been two weeks since my last visit and the team have been busy on many areas of the golf course. The greens have healed nicely, and we will carry on with refinements like verti-cutting and overseeding as required. The greens are being cut every day and rolled twice a week at present to maintain a true surface and this will continue until growth slows down.

The seeding has been very successful on the greens and hopefully the works were not too much of an inconvenience. The results are really starting to show with the first picture (below) taken on the 9th green today and the other photo about 3 weeks ago.



The same area on the 9th green above and below with a 3 week gap, the recovery is plain for all to see.





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Although this is a big improvement, we still have a long way to go with our journey and the team will now be working on several other areas of improvement on surrounds, fore greens, approaches, aprons, along with tees, fairways and semi roughs. The team have already completed several verti-cut operations on the aprons, and it is beginning to become visually noticeable, you will also find that putting over these areas will become more consistent. As we have seeded the greens and aprons along with fairways in many areas, we are unable to treat broad-leafed weeds at this time as it will harm the seed and the seedlings, we will however endeavour to hand pluck on the greens.

The tees have been sprayed as they have not yet been overseeded fully and you will see many of the weeds are starting to die back.



Weeds in decline on tees

The fairways have all been treated with a wetting agent to aid recovery and we will continue to work on solid tining and seeding the fairways to ensure we have good coverage next year where possible. As you are all aware, we have slowly started to widen a few fairways and bring some bunkers back in to play, in time the rough lines will also move out a little to allow for semi rough etc.

These small tweaks will help open up different angles to greens making shot placement more important for lower handicappers whilst making playing corridors wider for higher handicaps. It also helps to uncover lost contours and should be more visually pleasing.



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Small edits to mowing lines once completed should enhance the experience for all.

We will be putting together a winter program in due course and I will update again during my next visit and by then you should have your permanent Course Manager in place.

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