



THE SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE GOLF CLUB · EST. 1892

## Course Update — Equipment Incident & Turf Management Response

**Dear Members,**

We wanted to keep you fully informed of an incident that has occurred on the course over recent days.

Our John Deere 9009 POD mower — the machine primarily used for cutting tee banks, first cut, and semi-rough around the fairways — suffered a hydraulic oil leak during operation. We are pleased to confirm that the machine has now been fully assessed and any weak or compromised hydraulic pipes have been replaced as a precautionary measure.

We are also pleased to confirm that the machine was running **bio hydraulic oil**. While bio hydraulic oil is significantly less harmful to the environment and turf than standard hydraulic oil, we want to be transparent with you — it can still cause damage to the turf in areas where the leak occurred.

Over the coming days, our greenkeeping team will be conducting a full assessment of all affected areas. Our remediation plan is as follows:

**Superficial damage** — affected areas will be overseeded and top dressed to aid recovery.

**Severely affected areas** — these will be returfed to restore playing surfaces as quickly as possible.

We appreciate your patience and understanding while we manage this situation. Our team is committed to restoring the course to its very best as swiftly as possible, and we will keep you updated as the repair and recovery work progresses.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to speak with a member of the greenkeeping team on the course.

## Course Repairs — Bare Areas & GUR Zones

In addition to the above, the greenkeeping team will shortly be carrying out repairs to bare areas across the course. Seed and rootzone will be used to reinstate all areas currently marked as **Ground Under Repair (GUR)**, bringing these surfaces back into full playing condition.

We are pleased that the weather has now turned more favourable, with improving temperatures and conditions that will greatly assist seed germination and establishment. The team will be working methodically through all marked GUR areas and we are confident that, with the improved weather, recovery will progress well in the coming weeks.

**Bare area repairs** — seed and rootzone will be applied to all affected areas to restore ground cover and playing surfaces.

**GUR marked areas** — all areas currently designated as Ground Under Repair will be treated as part of this programme.

**Favourable conditions** — the improvement in weather provides ideal conditions for seed germination and establishment.

We will continue to keep you informed as this work progresses. Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Kind regards,

**The Greenkeeping Team**  
**The South Staffordshire Golf Club**