



Easingwold Golf Club

Course Committee Update: 1st June 2022

Dear Member

Course status

The committee are generally pleased with the current state of the course which is supported by many favourable comments from both members and visitors alike. This is due to the hard work of Robin and his staff over the last couple of months and we are sure you would like us to pass on your thanks.

The committee however will not become complacent and appreciate that a year on year improvement has to be maintained.

A couple of current issues we are looking at include a general upgrade of bunkers (mainly a winter project) and reducing amounts of loose cut grass. There are others and we also welcome members opinions.

Aprons and Greens

The aprons are a great visual improvement to the greens areas and we would like to ask for member's help in maintaining these by keeping trolleys off the aprons and not taking them between bunkers and greens. Those who have been taking trolleys on aprons and inside bunkers seem to suffer from a lack of knowledge rather than etiquette. I am sure they will appreciate a 'polite' reminder where needed.

Mounds to 8th and 17th holes.

The turf to these areas has taken well and we hope to have these areas in play as soon as the seeded areas are playable. Thank you for your patience in the meantime, and I am sure you agree with us that we should not risk damage to the mounds by bringing them into play before they are ready.

This project is the first of several which are planned for later in the year, with the others scheduled mainly for winter to avoid disruption to play during the summer and autumn seasons.

All members may not be aware that the cost of the current and some future projects has been covered by extraordinarily generous sponsorship by two club members who wish to remain anonymous. I am sure other members will appreciate this gesture as much as the greens committee. It once again highlights what Easingwold Golf Club really means to many of its members.

General Works

Members have commented on the increase in rough grass to most holes. Whilst this has been favourably received in the main as it gives the course more definition, we are aware that there are some areas which have become too punitive. We are looking at various methods to thin the grass in these areas and hope to achieve this over the next couple of weeks.

Not cutting grass in front of tees as one example, not only saves greenkeeping time but complies with the current philosophy of improving the environmental and sustainability impact of golf. Robin will shortly attend a meeting of all local course managers who will receive advice in this area which will become a prominent issue for all courses going forward.



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Bank Holiday Working

The greens staff will be working Thursday 2nd June and having Monday 6th June as holiday. This will give them two four-day weeks rather than a three-day week prior to the bank holiday weekend. Please avoid any dangers by giving them courtesy if they are working in front of you. A couple of minutes waiting usually prevents any incidents.

Ken Dart

The relatively new greens committee have not benefited from Ken Dart's long-standing works on the course for as long as it would have wished. Ken has diligently supervised the maintenance of course furniture and arranged working parties to name only two of many such areas he has covered. We have only been made aware that for many years, Ken's garage has been filled with items such as bunker rakes for example, which he has sanded and re-varnished with no reward expected.

The greens committee would like to pass on the member's heartfelt thanks for his efforts. We would also like to hear from members who feel they would enjoy similar duties in future.

Have a great bank holiday weekend.
EGC Greens Committee