



Greens Committee

'Talk Back' 1/2011

With summer well underway there has been a number of activities taking place and planned work around the course that Nigel and the Greens Committee feel worthy of briefing the membership.

The severe winter months took its toll, however, Nigel and his staff were able to complete a series of activities that we feel has helped to improve the course.

Bunkers were emptied and re lined and de stoned new bunkers have been cut within the practice area. The manicure of a number of mature trees together with pruning and reshaping of others, in particular considerable work was completed along the 15th & 16th which has helped to improve the ascetic's of the course. Trenches have been cleaned and re-cut together with a number of bridges being relayed and improved.

Last summer the greens committee worked closely with staff to ensure the course was presentable your comments confirmed our goal and we intend to continue this year to seek additional improvements to meet the high demand placed on course staff.

Planned Work being undertaken

1st Tee Area

Over the past two month work has been undertaken to remove the conifers at the rear of the First Tee. This has not been popular with every member, however, the club had received a number of complaints from local residence and ground staff have been fighting an endless battle in trying to keep the back edge of the first tee presentable.

The above work has been undertaken by suitably qualified members with no cost to the club. The estimated cost for their removal would have been in the region of £3000-£3500. I'm sure now the trees have been removed you can see the instant improvement.

You may have seen the work that has already begun at the rear of the first tee. Through sponsorship there will be a complete revamp with considerable investment being made. It is intended to upgrade the entire timber framework, replace and improve steps and extend the tee back approx 4 metres, before new fencing is erected to seal off the car parking area.

This work will have an impact for several weeks to come but we ask for your support as I'm sure you will agree the potential improvement will be worth waiting for.

7th Tee

As I'm sure most would agree the extension to the seventh tee which was constructed during the winter months is now in play. Although it only extends the hole by a few yards the elevation makes for a different shot.

For those who did not play in the championship, you can look forward to the coming weeks when the tee will be in full use.

Ball cleaners

Three new ball cleaners have been purchased at a cost of £150 each, and placed throughout the course to support the membership. A conscious decision was taken to locate the equipment in areas that were least likely to be vandalised. With the limited resources we have we will seek to try and extend this complement over the coming months.

A special thanks to the Vets Society who have kindly met the full cost of one unit which has been placed adjacent to the fifth tee.

Also a kind donation from Mr Roger Dyson has enabled us to place an additional one to the 7th Tee.

Course Furniture

I sure everyone has now seen the marker posts that have been installed throughout the course at 200 & 150 yards, this seems to be a popular upgrade and something that we can all benefit from. I can assure every one that their location has been measured accurately to the front of each green using cutting edge surveying equipment.

It is intended to provide 100 yard markers over the next few weeks to finish off the job once and for all. The greens committee would like to thank Eugene Whitcombe for supplying the timber for the 100 yard markers and Ceri Jonathan for providing the cast insets.

New flags have been purchased after kind sponsorship from Martin Crouch of 'Notetop Office Supplies'.

Over the past few months weekend competitions fees have shown a slight increase of a 50 pence levy which will be used to purchase additional equipment for the course. The committee can give an assurance that every penny collected will be invested in support of our game. We intend to purchase additional ball cleaners, waste bins with secure lids and when funds allow top soil dispensers for the par three tees to assist the ground staff.

18th Green

You would have noticed that the back of the 18th green has been taken out of play and has undergone some remedial work to seek to improve the quality. This particular green has a large amount of moss and although treated needs some harsh treatment to get the improvement we need. I would ask all members to be patient as there is a considerable amount of work needed.

18th Green - Second Bridge

It is proposed that over the coming weeks work will start to construct a second bridge along side the 18th green. A work party will establish the footing with the club meeting the necessary costs.

The vets Society are prepared to support the project subject to estimates for the stone being provided and costs accepted.

I hope the information provided helps to update everyone on our current status. The course over the past weeks has gone from strength to strength and I'm sure everyone will agree after a slow start in the season the greens are of the highest standard and the inconvenience experienced at the start of the year has been worth while thanks to Nigel and his team.