

MINUTES OF GREENS MEETING

Monday 25th November 2019

PRESENT: John Boundy, Dan Vanstone, James Leitch, Rundle Hatcher, Steve Bartrop, Shirley Percy, Nick Cook.

Apologies: Geoff Tyler.

Matters arising from last meeting: Nothing. There was considerable praise for the work on the course that's been on-going in recent weeks.

Green Keeper's Report: James report enclosed. He mentioned that as his report had been written a week ago, some of the work proposed has already been started or completed. The contour work on the 16th has been seeded and fertilised. James is expecting a delivery of turf which will be temporarily stored on the club's car park until it is taken out onto the course. The area on the left of the 18th fairway, locally known as "Merv's Mound" has been contoured making it easier to play from and maintain.

Professional's Report: Nick mentioned he has had several negative comments regarding the alterations to the course, but these were eclipsed by the number of positive comments received about the overall condition of the course, especially the greens. He put in a request for another practise bunker installed somewhere within the practise area as the existing one was always full of water.

AOB: Shirley mentioned she had a conversation with the county secretary (Chris Pountney) who was full of praise for the condition of our course during the recent inter-club competitions that took place here. Our lady members are also happy with playing conditions.

Rundle asked for some work to be done to improve the faces of the three bunkers on the 15th so a player's ball doesn't end up half-way down but has at least a chance of finishing in the sand. This is a health and safety issue rather than a golfing problem as players risk injuring themselves trying to play their ball from a hazardous position.

Next Meeting: Monday 13th January 5.00pm.

Greens Committee November

H.O.C

Greens	5mm
Tees	10mm
Fairways	16mm
Rough	50mm

Greens

Greens have been verti- drained to a depth of 200 mm; this has been a great benefit to the greens with the recent weather conditions.

They have also had an application Attain, Prem k, Ferrosol, Calcium and Liquid Seaweed to help protect the greens from high disease pressure we get this time of year. We have also added a penetrative wetting agent Dispatch which helps move water through the soil profile. This will help in keeping the greens reasonably firm through the winter months. This will be a monthly application

Dollar spot areas on the greens have been pricked and seeded to aid recovery, with only minimal scaring visible.

Tees

- These have had an application liquid iron and liquid seaweed to help give colour and strengthen for the coming winter months.
- Tees will be aerated over the coming months

Fairways

- We have sprayed some fairways with selected herbicide to help in the control of weeds, although it was a little bit late in the season it has checked the weeds on these areas we sprayed. It may be beneficial to apply 2 application of herbicide next year one in the spring and again in the autumn if needed to help control and reduce the weed content.

Winter maintenance

We have started work on reshaping the 16th mounds.

- The area as you approach the 16th fairway is now complete and will be seeded in the coming weeks.
- The area short of the 16th greens will be completed early part of week commencing 18th November
- 16th path past the grass bunker, suggestion has been made to scrap a path using the digger bucket at approximately 4 feet wide and 3-4" deep. This will create a smoother surface for the public to walk on and also define if your ball is on the path or not

Once the 16th has been completed we will be moving to the 17th tee. Creating 3 separate teeing positions, on different levels.

Suggestion has been put forward to whilst we have access to machinery to contour the mound on the left of the 18th fairway. Making easier to maintain and play from ?

Machinery purchases for 2020