

# Greenkeepers Report

Autumn / Winter 2017 / 2018

## Greens

Autumn Works: Hollow cored, Lawn sand, Terralift Fertiliser, Overseeding

No top dressing was applied as I wanted to keep the core holes open to aid drainage throughout the winter due to the wet weather at the tail end of Summer 2017.

Cutting height on the greens was maintained throughout the winter at 7mm to discourage disease and to try to create better play with the hope of staying off winter greens (and this worked!)

## Fairways

4" slotting for drainage with sissy roller

Cut every 3 weeks until January to begin again mid-April (depending on temperatures and growth)

## In house kit repairs

Tractor – full service and steering column repair

Fairway Mower – oils and filters and minor repairs

Greens Mower – full service (awaiting starter motor to fit)

Rough cutter – in process of being serviced, sharpening on site

Pedestrian Mowers – serviced and sharpened

Cutting cylinders for all other mowers sent away for servicing and sharpening

## Other Works

Tree Pruning and scrub clearing carried out along the fairways. Around the 8<sup>th</sup> green this was to allow more light onto the green for turf health, and from 18<sup>th</sup> tee to give a better line of sight onto the 9<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> green. Top of banking on 3<sup>rd</sup> – better lines of sight.

Tee markers and signs repainted

I hoped to renew the surface on the paths approaching the tees, however, unforeseen work in the yard due to drainage problems took extra time and the material that had been intended for the paths was used in the yard. Paths is still on the list of things to do but will likely not be until Autumn / Winter.

## Spring

Tee repairs – this included spiking and rolling (with sarrel roller), scarified, over seeded and fertilised. Substantial damage to winter tee areas. I tried not using winter mats but this was met with written complaint, so put mats in place. There is significant wear around the outside of the mats. I am considering not using mats for winter tees, and simply moving the tee position to minimise wear. The tee areas will not be on the main tees, they will be in a position near the fairway.

Greens – Solid tined air core, 70/30 top dressing was applied, over seeding, terralift fertiliser, lawn sand

Fairways – Heavy aeration with sissy roller (multiple passes)

Bunker sand – ordered, should arrived within the next 2-3 weeks

New rakes have been purchased for the bunkers – to be put out once bunkers are back in play

Golf Buggies – cleaned and charged and potentially ready for hire soon (Ken has been test driving them)

There is still a fair amount of golf course repairs to carry out (winter damage, water damage, divots)

Weather dependant we hope to have the course back in full play by the beginning of April 2018. The greens will take a few weeks to fully recover from the extensive work that has been carried out as will the fairways, but this will provide high quality playing surfaces for the season ahead in the hope to continue to raise the standard of the course.