

Greens Forum

7:00 pm Wed 19th Aug

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- The Greens Team
- Greens Renovation & Enhancement programme
- Other work we do & why
- Projects for this Winter
- Question & Answer Session

The Team

Staff

- Course Manager (Les Adshead)
 - + 5 full time and 1 part time staff

Volunteers

- Greens Chairman (Richard Smith)
 - + 6 committee members
- Volunteer Work Groups – as & when we can

Greens Renovation

What

- Scarify, hollow tine, backfill with top dressing, over seed and fertilise

Why

- Removes thatch - encourages firmer greens in winter
- Relieves compaction & helps drainage
- Aerates the turf & roots
- Encourages deeper stronger roots
- Encourages healthy disease free grass
- Leads to good putting surfaces through the year

Greens Enhancement

Objective

- To increase the proportion of good quality grass in the greens – bentgrass (*agrostis tenuis*)

Why

- More resistant to disease
- Grows at lower temperatures, so earlier in the year
- Faster speed for any given cut height

How

- Frequent over seeding
- Not cutting every day
- Managing the amount of water applied

Why we Aerate the Greens

- Prevent disease
- Improve drainage, moisture penetration and alleviates dry patches
- Removes thatch & breaks down organic matter
- Aerates the soil & encourages deeper root growth

To give us good true firm putting surfaces through the year.

A Typical Day / Week for a Green Keeper

- Arrive at 6:15am
- Assess what the Greens need –
 - Cut (hand or triplex), roll and/or iron
 - Change hole positions
 - Check for disease & any treatments needed
 - All weather dependant
- Daily – rake bunkers, move tee markers
- Cut twice a week – tees, fairways, aprons & surrounds
- Cut once a week – rough & semi
- Divot short holes once a week

Projects For This Winter

Focus on repairing the areas that wear out due to heavy use and poor ground conditions

- 1st behind and to the right of the green
- 2nd between green and 3rd tee
- 6th in front of the bunker on the left
- 8th in front of the green
- 17th between green and 11th tee
- Various small bare areas on fairways

Future Projects

2016/7 -

- 5th left of the green
- 18th left of the green
- Pond between the 8th and 11th – finish off
- Pond on the 10th – open it up, improve appearance

Future -

- Path to 13th back tee starting by bunker on 12th
- Drain 7th fairway
- Drain 9th fairway
- Rebuild 18th tee
- Rebuild 1st winter tee
- Enlarge 7th yellow & white tee

Winter Play

Recognising the amount of heavy wear and damage we get the intention this winter is to -

- Use mats on fairways
- Rope off areas prone to wear to keep players and trolleys away
- Encourage members to carry if possible
- Encourage members to fit winter wheels to electric trolleys