



# Course Update

## **WELCOME TO THE NEW SEASON**

Last year was a difficult year with staff changes and the realisation that action was needed promptly on the greens. What happened was unavoidable but essential and it is clear to see that we are now starting to reap the benefits. And these benefits should continue in the coming months.

We also implemented physical markers on the approach to the greens during the winter months and those benefits are now being seen, the course is looking very good for this time of year. Thank **you** for following those guidelines.

### **Main Course:**

The recent spell of good weather has allowed the greenkeepers the chance to work on the lower part of the course and we reopened a week earlier than anticipated. Thanks must go to Rob and the team for working hard often using overtime to achieve this. Supplementary scores can now be submitted again either via the pro shop or the England Golf App.

### **Winter Course:**

The winter course is now retired and out of play until next winter.

### **Pitch Marks:**

Please continue to repair yours and any others you find and thank you for your continued efforts in this area.

### **General**

All sprinklers including those unearthed are now fully operational and have already been in use.

Scarifying of the greens was done in March and the improvement was noticed, this will be a regular maintenance, hopefully once a month.

In addition to better quality fertiliser on the greens, the greens are being treated with a wetting agent that will hold water and keep things down below moist. This will keep the greens better fed and hopefully lessen the burn during the summer months.

Hollow-tining of the greens will be done and take place at the appropriate time (weather permitting).

During the winter months, Rob and his team have overhauled all the machinery with new parts and serviced them, this together with new machines added will serve us well. Hopefully you will have seen a difference in the cutting.



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Attention will shortly be turning to refilling the bunkers with sand, they have already been sprayed with weedkiller in preparation.

The fairways are looking good with the 13<sup>th</sup> requiring the most work, this will be addressed and the most suitable method to resolve the weed issue taken.

Work has continued probably unnoticed but all blue tee boxes are now opened up and will be brought back into a playable condition shortly, a great effort from Rob and the team on some of those tee boxes that were deeply covered. Our first competition from the blues will be the Anniversary Medal on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

The left-hand side bridge on the 10<sup>th</sup> is being decommissioned everyone will now use the right hand bridge.

Fencing on the path leading down from the 7<sup>th</sup> tee has been reinstated.

## **FROM 2<sup>nd</sup> April:**

- **NEW Bins (every 3 holes) installed**
- **NEW Flags installed**
- **NEW Driving range baskets available**
- **NEW Tee Markers – a HUGE thank you to Alan Smith for his hours and hours of effort in making, prepping and painting all 144 and for 72 tee distance markers that will be planted to designate the measured distance for each tee.**

## Other matters

The gents showers and basins are now fixed and fully operational.

Membership cards for use in the clubhouse will shortly be available for those who do not have them.

Our Website will be updated shortly with this years diary and in other areas.

Our Pro Shop is being re-stocked, its already started you will have noticed, but there will be more to come including clubs. Even if what you want is not stocked, we have an arrangement with UpAvon and can generally obtain whatever you require and will always try to better any other published price.