



MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD

COURSE / CLUBHOUSE UPDATE

The next issue of our Club Newsletter is not due for distribution till early August (together with the Club's annual subscription notices).

So I thought I should despatch this brief update of course activities.

Silt Pile 18th Hole

Costs to remove this silt from the right hand side of the fairway were extremely prohibitive.

For a very moderate outlay we have recently reshaped the area. Within the next few weeks the area should have been largely returfed with a view to bringing it back into play

5th Hole

We will also use some of the above new turf to returf the damaged area in the rough on the right hand side of the 5th fairway. This will hasten its recovery.

Course Drainage

It is planned to shortly do substantial drainage work on the left hand side of 14th fairway (similar to work done in front of fairway bunkers on 8th hole).

Other drainage work for the 11th fairway and some smaller areas is planned for this winter.

Bunkers

These are always an issue. The Course Superintendent recently purchased a rotary hoe and has embarked on a programme to break up the sand (and top up where necessary) in each bunker.

Furthermore another golf course contractor has offered to "redo" the front bunker right hand side of the 7th green and this will happen early July. If we like the result we might do some more bunker updates.

Creek Erosion

We all appreciate the "free" water running through our course but it comes at the cost of erosion to our creek borders.

We have already received several quotes for these repairs but realize that the work must be done with full regard to engineering, as well as aesthetic issues.

Tree Removal

In recent years we have removed a number of dead or dying trees from the course.

This is not done lightly and many more trees are planted than removed.

A large Southern Mahogany near the 11th green was recently identified as a safety issue and was removed. This will allow us to improve the surrounding chipping areas. Members have commented that the removal of the tree has not weakened the 11th or 12th holes, as the danger from the creek (back of where the tree was) is now more evident!

The three large but dying pines on the left hand side of the 11th tee are a real eyesore and in stark contrast to the native plants throughout the course. A small protective fence needs to be erected (extension of existing fence) before these can be removed and fresh trees planted.

Tees

Your Greens Committee is presently giving consideration to a number of issues including the need to increase the back teeing area on the 10th and 5th holes as soon as possible.

Timeframes are presently being considered.

Cart Paths

The Board is keen to see a concrete path laid from the 11th green to 12th tee to replace the existing gravel path.

Our Course Superintendent is seeking quotes and we would like this work completed in the current financial year i.e. by 31 August 2008.

Greens

Members have given favourable comment on the improved presentation of our greens. This is our Course Superintendent's number one priority and the monthly light sanding programme appears to be working. Members can continue to play an important role by ensuring that their own (and any other?) plug marks are repaired properly.

Members might also note that Shaun will shortly be spraying to reduce the winter grass in the greens which may become a little bumpy as the plant dies.

Paths – Enter and Egress

Consideration is being given to the best way of maintaining the heavy traffic areas at most path exit points.

We have some ideas on this so members can expect to see some action in next few weeks!

Practice Nets

Within the next two weeks three new nets should be installed in the practice area.

Clubhouse Extensions

Whilst our plans for the total development are still with Council we believe we have resolved their main concern and that the development approval is nearing finalization.

Meanwhile our Architect, Mark Taylor, has been busy preparing the detailed drawings and liaising with the chosen consultants; so there has been plenty of progress.

We should be able to mention some completion dates when our August Newsletter is dispatched.

Club Constitution

Members would generally be aware that the Club has a very “old” constitution which needs to be updated. Your Board has been busy considering the proposed changes and evaluating our Solicitor’s input.

You will shortly receive notice of a proposed “Members Information Night” to discuss the new Draft Constitution.

So that’s all for now. Hope this update was helpful and if any member has a query then please come forward and ask.

Bob Reberger
General Manager
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