



Latest Greens Information

Autumn is upon us with the sinking sun and the long dark shadows, cool damp mornings and the leaves on the trees starting to turn. It feels a life time since the troubles begun with the Covid virus, it's still there and the restrictions will last for some time to come. Lets hope it wont be around for next season and that we can get back to some normality in 2021.

Life goes on the grass still grows and the course still needs attention, I am in the midst of planning our Autumn maintenance program and the greens committee are considering our winter plans for the months ahead. We have a number of plans which require consideration, but like much of our plans we are curtailed by finance and have to prioritise any plans towards health and safety issues that have become apparent this past year, in particular issues with balls leaving the course on holes 3,6, and 13 and damage to property.

We are considering a number of options in improving safety on said holes, be it repositioning of the tees, felling and or planting of trees to help encourage play in one direction or another. Other considerations be it bunkering or the opening of ditches are more complicated and will only take place as a last resort.

We have all the usual autumn/winter maintenance to carry out which involves the dressing of the greens in the coming month and any tees that require serious maintenance mainly par 3 holes. We will be looking at the continuing upgrade of bunker drainage and improvement of paths if and where funds will allow. Given that winter golf has increased over the past years and if weather allows, we will have to continue to keep the course in as playable a condition as possible which has an impact on winter plans.

The weather itself can make or break any winter activity and of course any winter play, lets hope we get a reasonable winter to allow us both play and improvements to be carried out.

Watch this space for updates.

Overall considering the crisis "we are still in" the course has stood up well this year and I for one am more than happy with its performance lets hope that 2021 gives us something more positive to look forward too.

Course Manager.