

Improvements and winter jobs

Autumn winter 2017

There have been a lot of improvements already made and for this I think we should all feel proud. But there is still a long way to go to get even close to the standard that I would like to reach and where we should be aiming.

- Tee irrigation. If to keep costs down there is no reason why we can't do this in house apart from the time factor.
- Levelling of tees and re turf when irrigation is to be installed.
- Wash down area.
- Machine maintenance, fairway mower, triple will both need new blades. Full service on all machines (oil, filters, hydraulic fluid)
- Workshop and facilities. Currently as you are aware we do not comply with the industry standards for staff facilities. As you are looking to remove our small workshop this could be replaced with a building with necessary amenities. (see attached)
- Drainage on the 8th and 9th greens. These two greens massively let the course down in the winter. I am not sure why this got forgotten after the quotes and effort put in to start the process
- Clearance down the 1st ditch. This will be a big undertaking but the final result should make it look vastly improved.
- Clearance round the 2nd tee.
- Clearance round the 12th green, 13th tee.
- Hedges around course to be flailed 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th.
- Continued removal of undergrowth up the 8th fairway.
- Continue clearing the entrance up to the swimming pool.
- Willows to be reduced on the 2nd.
- Trees on the 1st, 8th, 10th, 11th, and 12th, 13th to be reduced or removed.
- Bunkers. The bunkers that we inspected with the drainage, it all works but it has just become silted up and was poorly installed with several layers of membrane wrapped round the pipe what was not allowing water in. There are several that just need the sand removed around the pipe with clean gravel and new sand over will fix the problem.
- Reshaping the bases of a few bunkers where ledges have been formed.
- Turf worn edges around some bunkers where they have been destroyed by animals and sand splash.
- Fairways. To be mole ploughed and vertidraind
- Greens. To be vertidraind
- Tidy the neglected plantations on the 7th, 16th and round the 3rd, 14th tees before they get out of control.
- Driving range. Bays, ball dispenser, fence, power, irrigation?
- Putting green, drainage in the 'new' side extend semi for chipping area and make apron where it always struggles.
- Digger work to tidy 9th, 11th 1st and the driving range.
- Move fairway bunkers on the 15th to bring them in play.
- Redesign the large bunker on the 13th but without losing the hazard and attractiveness of the hole.
- Starting hut on the first.
- Appearance of carpark, entrance, 1st and 10th tees.

- Look at course policy regarding winter wear. A stepped control of stopping Buggies, Electric trolleys, trolleys and course closed. (If we are serious about making the course better we must control wear as all other courses do)
- Take holiday.

These jobs are obviously in addition to the normal 'job list' what is necessary for the maintenance of the course.

As you can see there is plenty to be getting on with this year and with little hope of getting even half of this done with current staffing levels and the amount of hours we have. There are also several other jobs that could go on this list but are for the far off future. For example the extension of the ponds on the 1st and 17th and the moving of the tees on the 12th and extending some others. Look at what to do with the 2nd, currently it is not designed as a par 3 and with the willows could this be made into a short par 4. Ways to improve the 4th as currently it's a bland unattractive hole. The removal of the trees that cross the 8th and place a bunker on mound. Enlarge the size of the gap playing into the 12th green and remove a lot of the blackthorn hedges.