

COURSE REPORT OCTOBER 2011

It is good to see the small amounts of rain coming through as it helps to keep the course green during this dry period. The golf course played well for the recent Garry Player Classic. We have received many compliments on the condition of the course.

Terry Smith & crew have now completed the construction of the concrete pad for the machine wash-down / chemical mixing area. The re-cycling machine has now been installed and is working well.

During a recent safety audit, it was noted that the 5th tee bridge has always had a “low ton rating”. This means it is unsuitable for large/heavy vehicles. The staff have always known this fact and have never let heavy vehicles drive over this bridge, however to stop the risk totally we have decided reduce the width of the bridge to approximately two meters. This will ensure that only golf buggies and smaller golf course maintenance machinery can access the bridge. The job will be carried out over the next few weeks.

Improvements planned for the next few months are:-

- Changes to the 5th bridge (as above).
- Turf will be laid on the edges of the new pathways on the 11th hole.
- Turf bare area & renovate the rear 10th tee.
- Verti-drain and fertilize all the fairways.
- Repair small broken section of concrete pathway beside the 1st green.
- Replace small section of old bitumen pathway rear 11th green.
- Minor re-enforcement work will be carried out to the 11th & 9th bridges.
- From mid- October on – Re-alignment and construction of new 11th tee.

Whilst the up-grade is being carried out the hole will be played from a temporary tee on the 11th green side of the creek adjacent to the wooden bridge.

- Greens renovations are booked for the end of this month.
- Begin work to restore greens to original sizes. It is envisaged that this project will take around two to three growing seasons to complete. Twelve of the greens need some work to restore them to original size. Turf from the nursery – (old 15th tees) will be used.

The 7th green has suffered the worst from surrounds grass encroachment, therefore we have decided that this green will be taken out of play around early November for approximately eight to ten weeks. The green surface will be restored and planted in a similar way to the putting green. The result will be a 550-600 square meter green returned to original size and shape.

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