

## **BROOME MANOR GOLF COMPLEX AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER**

### **OVERVIEW AND WEATHER PATTERNS**

As we enter the second half of the summer, the golf course is in good shape, tidy, well defined and most surfaces are showing good grass cover with the help of rain at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour. The general focus is to ensure tried and tested work practices to ensure good playing surfaces and continue repair works on smaller areas where further recovery is needed.

### **Greens**

Greens are in good condition, being firm, smooth and of good pace, giving consistent ball roll. Small areas and edges with weak cover have been re seeded and dressed. These areas have highlight poor sprinkler coverage. These sprinklers have since been replaced and the areas are now in recovery phase. Recent damage, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> green, from a burst hydraulic pipe on the greensmower has received remedial repairs from coring, dressing and localised over seeding and patch repair work.

Below are before and after pictures of the damage

### Before



Dumped oil – front right of the green

### After



Contaminated turf replaced



Trail of hot oil from burst hydraulic pipe



Green cored and dressed to remove contaminated turf

The focus now turns to preparations for the Club 'Majors' of Club Championships and Captains Day. In the lead up to both events the greens speed will increase by verticutting to clear out organic matter before cutting and rolling on the Friday and the day of the events. Moisture levels will be controlled by switching off the irrigation for a couple of nights to dry the surfaces out.

### Tees

The majority of tees are in great condition, with good colour and grass over. Regular divoting from our volunteer help has certainly made a difference.

## **Collars / Approaches**

The Collars and Approaches receive the same feeding and dressing as the greens. Mowing lines have been extended to produce larger areas of closer mown turf in front of the greens for improved presentation.

## **Fairways**

The fairways received a weed and feed from an external contractor to treat the clover ingress in the fairways and iron to add colour. The centre section of the 1<sup>st</sup> fairway has received an additional granular fertiliser as part of the ongoing push towards improving the weak sward in an area of low soil depth.

## **Bunkers**

After watching a recent webinar with the CEO of BIGGA and Craig Tracey MP, Co-Chair of the all party Parliamentary group for Golf. There are no plans for the return of bunker rakes or ball washers for some time. This in mind, we now have additional help with bunker maintenance improving the distribution and rake the sand.

## **Volunteer help**

I would like to formally thank Simon Ruddle for his help with preparations for Club Championships. Simon has been helping us by painting and replacing the hazard marker posts. We will, of course, be giving full attention to the bunkers in the lead up to Club Championships and Captains Day. Any help from Committee members and playing members, either on Friday evening, or the morning of the event will be gratefully received. Duties will include tidying up footprints following the full rake on the Friday and marking out areas of Ground Under Repair.