

Captains Corner



Dear Members,

There are many things happening outside day-to-day maintenance on the course at the moment. We felt it prudent to share with you some of the projects:

1. Tees.
 - a. All tees will be receiving the basic TLC as we call it
 - b. They will be hollow-tined, and top dressed.
 - c. We will be levelling ALL tees.
 - d. Some tees will have to be sodded to get them level.
 - e. This will be ongoing. As Charles left us we are training staff to continue the project.
2. Small Trees.
 - a. Thanks to all the members who assisted on Friday.
 - b. Thanks also to the members of PCA who assisted on the day.
 - c. We are left with the right of the 2nd, and the left of 9/10.
 - d. This will be done this week.
 - e. Trees are being watered and mulched.
 - f. We trust the growth will outweigh the baboon activity.
 - g. All bowls around small trees will be recognized as GUR.
3. Oak Trees.
 - a. The process has started as you might have noticed.
 - b. Charles Reitz gave us a proposed possibility on which the Committee decided to give the Oak trees a chance:
 - i. It is said that the immune system of the tree needs to be strengthened.
 - ii. Feeding areas for the trees have been prepared.
 - iii. Feeding has started, and soaking of the feed.
 - iv. This week, being week of 13 March, the effected areas will receive their first application of a fungicide to the effected areas.
 - v. Trees will receive a second application after 3 weeks.
 - vi. Trees will be trimmed from dead branches.
 - c. We believe that the feeding areas will be safe to play off withing 3 – 4 weeks. For now, feeding areas to be treated as GUR, nearest point of relief.
 - d. Should our trees not make this, we have already opened discussions with a course designed who will present us with possibilities to present to members for comment.
4. Bunkers.
 - a. Some bunkers have over-hanging edges which will be marked for trimming this week.
 - b. Please remember as a Covid protocol no rakes are allowed as yet, please make an attempt to smooth out your foot marks, should you not have a spotter or a rake.
 - c. Landing in a footprint or divot is allowed relief, nearest point, no closer to the hole, by placing the ball.

5. Baboon Proof bins.
 - a. Our “not so” baboon proof bins have been removed.
 - b. We await the inspection and comment from the manufacturer.
6. Tee Sheet.
 - a. Tee Sheet is moving back to 14-day pre booking as per Newsletter of February 2021.
7. Easter Weekend
 - a. We planning to grow something over Easter Weekend.
 - b. Friday will take shape of a Captains Prize. This will be in aid of the 11th Tee. Details to follow.
 - c. Saturday will be a Heritage Day comp.
8. Prize giving.
 - a. I am back on mic duty. Prize done as soon as we get the admin done.
 - b. Thanks to the Pro shop for doing the admin.
 - c. Thanks to vice-Captain Paul Jacobs for always assisting.

We trust your continued enjoyment at our great club.

See you out there.

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