

HAZLEMERE GOLF CLUB

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Hazlemere Golf Club - Course update June 2010

Background

This is the fourth course update and in addition to outlining course projects we have incorporated some of the questions asked by members during the course of the past month. Copies of this update will be emailed, posted on the board in the player's corridor, posted in the pro shop, posted on the web and displayed in the club house. Apologies for the delay this month we postponed our normal meeting to accommodate preparation for the Ladies' Club Championship, Action for Youth and Mens' Club Championship during w/c 14th June

Pin Position Guides

The pilot scheme will be reinstated on Saturday June 25th.

Course Improvement Plan

All the course walks have now been completed. The process of putting all the comments from the groups into a single working document is in hand and it is hoped that it will be ready as a discussion document for the July meeting of the Greens Committee.

Course Activity

Greens, Tees and Putting Green - general

General cutting regime will be as normal for most of June and July. However the Greens were double cut on June 16th for the Ladies Club Championship, hand cut on June 17th for the Action for Youth Charity Day and double cut on June 18th, 19th and 20th for the Mens Club Championship. The Greens will be double cut again on July 18th (Mens Invitation Day) and July 23rd (Junior Club Championship).

Course Maintenance Week

As shown in the Club Diary this is planned for 26th-30th July and though more details will be shown in the July update the heavy scarification program will play a vital part in helping prevent the activity of the fusarium fungus over the winter months.

Manning Levels

Matt McKenzie will be leaving June 25th, interviews are currently in hand to replace Matt but obviously his experience will take time to replace. Andrew Mapley will be joining us for his 3rd stint as summer help.

Clearing of the bank to the left of 15th tee

The bank has been sprayed again and the area around the gorse will be cleared now the gorse has finished flowering.

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“Broken Tees ” Pots

These pots are to be trialled on a number of tees. The objective is for players to put in their broken tees both for use by other players and to aid course tidiness. Your feedback will be much appreciated.

9th Tee

Will be completed by end of June

Gorse above 2nd Green

Work will be completed by end of June. Plan includes clearing nettles, tidying up the gorse and spraying with selective weed killer.

Questions

What is the purpose of Double Cutting – Similar to the action of a four bladed safety razor (all cutting to a 3mm height) helping to achieve an extra smooth finish. In addition the effect of the machine going over twice this gives a light rolling to the surface (like a gentle ironing) which again adds to the smoothness but avoids the compaction caused by heavy rollers which would increase the amount of bounce for balls landing on the green.

What is the latest position on the Bunker project?

Latest fundraising figures will show we have collected over **£10,000**.

The Greens Committee have confirmed the first project will be the upgrading and redesign of the bunkers on the 5th Green. Agripower, the specialist contractor, has now been booked to start work on Monday 6th September. Detailed plans and costs will be presented prior to this date.

What can the members do to help?

Obviously the course audit will identify areas where member's working parties will play a vital role but for all members and visitors there are basic housekeeping tasks which should be part of their daily golfing routine.

Heather Bed by 2nd Tee

Volunteers are required to help on the maintenance of this attractive feature. Work is planned for June 29th starting at 14.00, please contact Jan e Doyle.

Litter. Please help to keep our course tidy – do not drop wrappers, cigarette ends etc, put them in the nearest rubbish bin or take them home.

Raking Bunkers after use. All bunkers are surface raked daily to remove any footprints and deep raked once a week (nine on Tuesdays and nine on Wednesdays). It is up to each and every golfer to leave the bunker as they would wish to find it and to remind those who may have forgotten.

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Repairing Pitch Marks. We all know the consequences associated with pitch marks left unrepaired, damage taking weeks to recover can easily be avoided by golfers repairing pitch marks immediately on reaching the green. Also golfers can help by repairing others which may have been unintentionally overlooked.

Golf Trolleys and Buggies.

Would all golfers please refrain from taking their trolleys and buggies between greens and greenside bunkers.

Greens Committee

21st June 2010