



COURSE REPORT JULY 2017

Course Presentation

A key feature this year has been the attention to detail the 'Greens Team' always aim for, using our own grinding equipment we are able to keep our cutting heads in prime condition and this has certainly been reflected in the quality of cut and finish on the course, especially the greens and surrounds.



This hard work underlines the ongoing commitment to our course vision and long term aims. Above is a typical day for our staff in the summer period, early starts and a real emphasis on teamwork.

Recently however after the Gentleman's Early Bird competition some people or someone has taken it upon themselves to damage three greens on the course (see picture below), the 4th, 5th and 9th greens all had what can only be described as 'Divots' taken out of them, this damage was central in the greens and therefore no accident. Although now repaired by the greens team if anyone has any knowledge of who has caused this damage please let me know. I am sure none of us would think this acceptable behaviour.





Agronomist Report

We were recently visited by David Stansfield a respected agronomist who has links with Coxmoor stretching back many years. David was asked to provide a benchmarking report across the whole course and his report was circulated with the recent committee minutes, (A copy is available in the Blue Folder in the clubhouse or from the club secretary should you require).

David's report was positive and highlighted the benefits of the work that is taking place. He also recommended several remedial processes for continual technical improvement in our greens, surrounds, fairways and rough. As a team we are three years into our course management program and the report from David along with the course development work will form the backbone for the coming years. We will be asking David for a second benchmark report in due course and as these works progress.

Winter Program

Ken Moodie visited the club recently to review the plans for the 10th and 11th holes. The 10th hole in particular will form a major project for this year's winter program with a complete remodelling of the 10th tee's (both Gentlemen and Ladies) to also include green bunkering, apron and surrounds.

The 11th Hole is also being revisited by Ken although it is not envisaged this hole will form part of the winter program.

The 16th Hole will be part of the upcoming winter program, an outline of the hole proposal from the Moodie / Brown report is shown below. The work will focus around, Teeing ground, Hazard placement (bunkers and Swales) and Tree work.

Hole 16 - Proposals

- Extend green at rear & drain swale/hollow on right
- Reshape end of ridge as mound with long spur running from it into the approach
- Build new bunker
- Build bunker near top of ridge to frame shot into green
- Remove existing fairway bunker & replace with one 30 yards further on in face of ridge, moving fairway beyond further right to reward carry shot
- Cut back & thin trees
- Selectively remove/thin out trees on left of fairway
- Build new bunker
- Establish heather
- Thin trees
- Remove pines encroaching on line of drive from back tees
- Clear trees & build new championship tee

Par 5, SI 3/2

557	531	516	480
583	560	533	483



Driving Range Update

The Driving Range opposite the 13th Hole should be ready for use in the middle of August.

Pitch Marks

guide to how pitch marks should be repaired

✓ **RIGHT WAY**

1. Insert repair tool just outside the back of the ball mark. Pull the turf toward the centre of the hole. Repeat this same motion on all sides of the hole
2. Gently tap the repaired area with your putter
3. This action stretches undamaged turf over the ball mark providing instant recovery

✗ **WRONG WAY**

1. DO NOT pry up the centre of the depression with the repair tool as it exposes the soil and will delay the healing process
2. DO NOT insert repair tool and twist it. This only breaks more turf loose
3. A ball mark takes only 15-30 seconds to fix correctly. A ball mark fixed incorrectly takes over three weeks to heal. PLEASE REPAIR THE RIGHT WAY

So you can spot me around the place here is a recent photograph.

I hope you will find Gary and I approachable so feel free to ask questions or give feedback for the greens team.



PAUL ORTON - Greens Chair Coxmoor Golf Club