

3rd February 2010

Message from the Captain & Lady Captain

RE: COURSE

Dear Member,

In early Oct 2009 a development programme was started to deal with problems on the following holes

3rd, 4th, 5th, 8th, & 17th.

In the intervening period we have suffered the wettest November since records began followed by the coldest January in 47 years with little or no drying. All these factors have severely hampered progress.

At a meeting convened by the Captain on Tuesday 2nd February at 14:00 the following people met to review progress and agree a time frame for getting 18 holes back in play.

CAPTAIN (Tom Lacey)

COURSE CONVENOR (Flan Kiernan VC)

GENERAL MANAGER (Pdraig Faughnan)

COURSE SUPERVISOR (Martin Browne)

BOB MULVANEY (ex Convenor)

JIMMY KINSELLA (ex Pro)

GERRY TYNAN (Drainage contractor)

EDDIE RYAN (Men's Committee)

NOELEEN LACEY (Ladies VC & Comittee)

BRENDAN HOLLAND (Bunker contractor) sent his apologies.

Attached is a progress/target report to keep you informed on what is happening.

We are frustrated with the degree in which the weather is hampering progress – the course staff equally so. However, the attached gives progress and targets and they will be doing their utmost to bring the current work in progress to a conclusion.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Tom Lacey Captain & Maura McNally Lady Captain.

Review of works on 3,4,5,8 &17.

All comments are pertaining to conditions governing the rest of the course (e.g full greens being open etc)

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Black = a comment,

Red = work to be completed affecting play

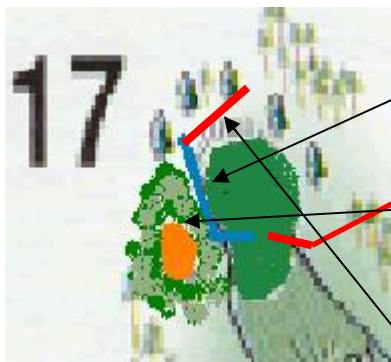
Blue= work to be completed not affecting play

The 17th Green & surrounds

Objective : was to remedy the wet spot on the left hand side of green and have an all weather bunker with no flooding.

Works to date on 17th :

A drain has been put through the green on the left hand side and the drain and bung appear to be working.



Works outstanding :

The surround of the bunker on the left needs to be top dressed and more sand and whacking required if normal weather conditions for Feb/Mar this will be completed, if abnormal weather conditions occur the area can be marked GUR and a drop zone used)

Additional work will be within budget allocated

The drain off to the left has gone only to the rear of the green and a small extension to that is required but this will not affect play.

The 8th Green & surrounds

Objective : is to remedy two wets spots on the green one upper tier and one on the lower tier and to provide an all weather bunker with no flooding

Works to date :

A drain has been put through the green on the lower tier and is working well. The bunker is almost completed. To try and deal with the water gathering on the high level of the green a drainage hole was put in but this has not worked



Works outstanding :

A drain will be put on the top level as soon as weather conditions allow., but the hole can remain in play with common sense pin placing by the groundstaff

The surround of the bunker on the left needs to be top dressed and more sand and whacking required if normal weather conditions for Feb/Mar this will be completed, if abnormal weather conditions occur the area can be marked GUR and a drop zone used)

We also have to extend the drain out to the front down to meet the drain short of the first green.

Additional work will be within budget allocated

The 5th Green and surrounds

Objective : to divert water from flowing down the fairway onto the green, and to eliminate any wet spots that remained. Also to make all bunkers all-weather with no flooding.

Works to date :

The swale is in place and working well on left hand side of green and approach.

all bunkers have been reshaped and drained

A drain was put in on the right side of the green but this has not been as effective as was hoped and water is now gathering on this side of the green.



Works outstanding :

Additional works needed are-

Gravel banding on the approach and an additional drain immediately before the green. Cost of gravel at 500mm intervals 900 meters and drain (put in by our own staff)€2K which is in excess of budget.

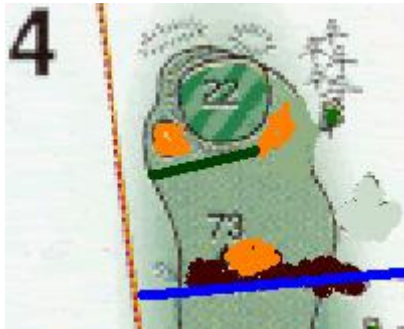
The drain will be put in as soon as possible and gravel banding will take place end of Feb/early March and there will be placing in this area for the foreseeable future.

The considered opinion is that this will prevent water getting to the green. If additional drainage is required we will have to consider bringing a drain into the green as on 17th or 8th. This would entail using nearest point of relief rule when playing.

Bunker work as per the 17th & 8th

The 4th Hole

Objective : was to remodel the bunkers across the fairway and replace with one bunker as per the plan and to improve the drainage in this area. Plus provide an all weather bunker with no flooding at the green surround



Works to date :

The greenside bunkers are almost complete as with other bunkers. The middle bunkers have been filled

Works outstanding:

We have yet to landscape the filled bunkers and finalise the shape of the new middle bunker. This work cannot be completed until we get the ground dry enough to take in a 6 ton digger to carry out the works.

To play the hole we will have to use a temporary green and prohibit entry into the middle bunker area which will be marked GUR. To play the full hole the fear is that members would go into this area to retrieve balls landing on it and thus further compact the area creating problems. The estimated time to finish this area is 1 week.

If we have a normal Feb/Mar – it will be early April before this area can be played

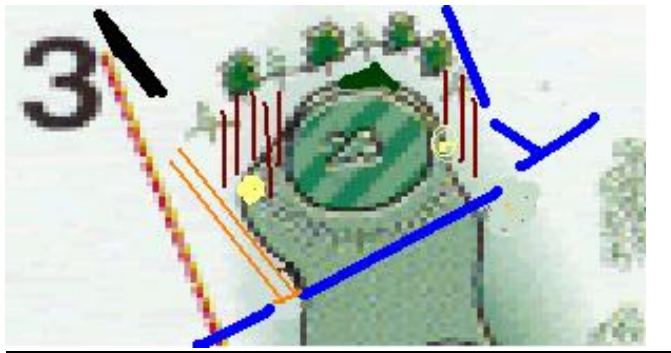
Work will be completed within budget allocated

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The 3rd Hole

Objective :

Was to provide a route for water to exit the course faster. To make the bunkers all -weather and to eliminate the perennial wet spots.



Works to date :

The main drain is in place and working well. Bunkers are as per previous bunker comments.

Works outstanding:

The general agreement is that the ground will have to be let dry out before any further work can be undertaken.

It was agreed that if we have a normal Feb/March we would have a best /worst scenario for playing this hole.

Best full hole in play

Worst - temporary green if further drying out is needed

The Ladies tee box on 3rd hole will be sorted out before the end of March

Work will be completed within budget allocated