



GOLF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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From the Course

Tree removal and cart path rehabilitation on the 11th hole

- Tree removal adjacent to the cart path has been completed by green staff on the 250 metre section of the 11th hole between the ladies tee and the fairway bunker. When removal of tree roots growing under and through the cart path is completed, the path alignment will be backfilled and compacted in preparation for resealing.

Greens

- With the lack of turf growth through the heart of winter, mowing frequency on our greens has been reduced and smooth rolling frequency has been increased, to maintain surface purity and to limit wear and tear.

Water quality

- Water testing of our catchment is being carried out by NCH Wastewater as part of a project to identify the logistics of using beneficial bacteria to improve water quality and promote weed control through nutrient stripping. Weevil activity in the lake on the 1st hole continues to be monitored.

Golf Operations

Practice facility improvements

- The all weather practice range facility between the 2nd and the 7th holes has now been completed. It is a club facility that all golfing members may use.

New local rule on the 2nd hole

- In response to a number of requests from members, the GMC has given consideration to, and has now adopted a proposal for a local rule which would enable a provisional ball to be played in accordance with any applicable options under Rule 26-1, if there is doubt whether a ball is in the hazard on the right side of the 2nd fairway.
- In ordinary circumstances, the rules of golf do not allow a provisional ball to be played if a player believes their ball may have finished in a hazard. However, Appendix 1 of the rules of golf was amended to allow a committee to make a local rule enabling a ball to be played provisionally under Rule 26-1, if the circumstances on a hole make it: impracticable to determine whether a ball is in a nominated hazard; or, to do so would unduly delay play; and, if the original ball is not found, it is known or virtually certain that it would be in the hazard.
- The GMC decided to adopt this local rule on the 2nd hole principally to avoid lengthy delays in the pace of play - most particularly when the blue markers are in play and longer hitters who also walk the course are uncertain whether their tee shot on this hole has cleared the far side of the hazard to the right of the fairway.
- The local rule will come into being when signage has been made and posted on the teeing grounds at the 2nd hole. Once introduced, the local rule signage on the 2nd hole will remain until the next reprint of score cards, at which time the opportunity will be taken to incorporate the new local rule onto the back of all score cards.