



Greenkeepers Blog

December 2021

The past few weeks have been extremely busy for the Greens Team. With the exception of Storm Barra for two days, the weather has remained in our favour, allowing us to get through a substantial amount of our planned winter works.

The beauty of working on a Links course at this time of year, is that we can access the areas we need to work on without causing too much damage to the surrounding playing surfaces.

As a team, we have had good fun working on these projects, using our imagination to create something new and different, but, yet trying to make it look as if it has been there forever.

I feel we have achieved this very well and I would like to thank you all for the positive feedback so far. It is much appreciated by the whole crew.

We have another couple of weeks of project work ahead after Christmas and then we will set about preparing the playing surfaces for the coming season.

Course Conditions

Both courses have held up very well throughout the Autumn and early Winter periods, even with the continued high level of golf traffic, however we do need to give them a chance to recover, so that they are in the best possible condition coming into the start of next season.

With that said, from **20th December** all golfers are asked to play from mats on the Links Course fairways and surrounds (unless you are putting)

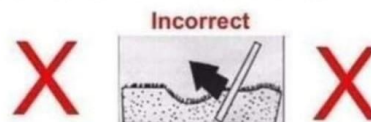
Please continue to bring divot bags and fill your divots in the rough.

Repairing pitchmarks is a huge priority throughout the year and something we really need your help with, particularly now, when recovery time is so slow.

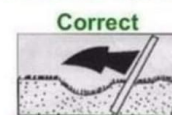
Pitch Mark Repair Process

Help to maintain the condition of the greens by repairing your own and at least one other pitch mark per green.

There is a right and wrong way to repair pitch marks



Pulling up with the repair tool will bring sand and roots to the surface, thus damaging the root structure and causing the mark to heal very slowly



Pull the sides of the pitch mark toward the centre and then flatten gently by tapping it down with your putter. This will close the hole and not cause damage to the root structure, helping the pitch mark to heal quickly.

A pitch mark repaired within 10 minutes of being made will fully recover in 3 days. A poorly repaired pitch mark or one left for a day before being repaired will take over a week to heal

We thank you for your ongoing cooperation in all these matters.

On behalf of myself and the whole Greens Team, I would like to wish you all a **Happy and healthy Christmas and New year.**

Stay safe and enjoy your golf.

Mark Doyle

Links Superintendent



Construction of the new Marram bank at 8th tee, the Old Course



Installing the new pathway at 9th tee, the Burrow Links



New pathway & mounding on 10th hole, the Old Course



Construction of new pathway from 1st green to 2nd tee box, the Old Course



Prepping new tee platform on 12th hole, the Burrow Links