

This week on the course

Monday 1st April

The day began with the greens being mown and the bunkers and markers being checked. Work continued around the 1st tee area with the red track being topped up around the edges of the path. The tee boxes were mown, with the 2nd and 15th again being mown with the rotary mower as they are not quite ready to be brought down to 12mm. The 1st of April sees our summer working hours commence, meaning that our working week is now 10 hours longer "45 hours" than our winter working week "35 hours", This has been in place for around 4/5 years now and we feel that it has greater benefits to the course throughout the summer months.

Tuesday 2nd April

Again the greens were mown with bunkers and markers also checked, once this was complete then the work on edging the bunkers was continued. Pruning work continued around the tee boxes of holes 7, 11 and 12, where we removed a substantial amount of over hanging branches which should help to improve the surface of the tee areas and also to be able to use more of the tee boxes for tee placement.

Wednesday 3rd April

Due to the snow fall during the morning we were unable to carry out much work on the course so we had a day of maintenance of machinery and other course equipment such as spare tee markers and divot buckets.

Thursday 4th April

Work continued around the 1st tee area by mowing the tee side and the front lawns, the flower beds around the pro shop and clubhouse were also tidied up. We continued to prune over hanging branches from trees around the 2nd hole to the left hand side and down the path at the right hand side. The work of pruning around the copses on the course will continue throughout the year where possible. The reasons for doing this work is firstly from a greenkeeping point of view we are able to larger cutting machines closer to the copse, removing low branches also allows better air flow through the trees allowing for better growth and drying out throughout the wetter periods. From a golfers point of view if they are unfortunate enough to land in these areas then they should have a better shot out back into play.

Friday 5th April

The day began with the greens being mown the bunkers raked, pin positions moved and the tee positions also moved. As most will already be aware on arriving at the 11th green it was found that someone had taken a substantial chunk of turf from the green. The area was repaired by taking a section from the practice area green which was then repaired by a piece of old turf. Unfortunately we do suffer from vandalism from time to time on that part of the course,

mostly by bunkers rakes or pins being damaged, this was the worst we have suffered for a long time.

