

## **This week on the course**

### **Monday 18th March**

A frosty start to the day meant that the temporary greens were in play until around 10am to give the frost a chance to lift once this happened the greens were brought back into play. The bunkers were checked and the tee markers were moved following the weekends play. Following some strong winds over the weekend we were required to clear some of the greens of debris around the course. Work continued at the first tee by weeding and edging the red track down the path side and we began to treat the wooden posts with Cuprinol.

### **Tuesday 19th March**

Work continued at the first tee area. We began to work on the bunkers around the course by putting the mantis, which is a small cultivating machine, through them to help open the surface, they were left for a couple of days to help in the drying out process. A granular fertiliser was applied to the main greens.

### **Wednesday 20th March**

The day began with us switching the morning dew from the greens and moving the tee markers around the course. Work on the bunkers with the mantis was continued. We carried out some pruning on the tree to the right hand side of the 18th green clearing out low branches as to allow a fair shot out should anyone be unfortunate enough to land below. We began to mow the tee sides with the flymos and also to mow the aprons and greens surrounds.

### **Thursday 21st March**

Following a couple days allowing the bunkers to dry out they were all raked. The cutting of the tee side and the green surrounds was completed. We began to mow the fairways and the first 2 cuts of semi rough, in past years we've only done one first cut semi rough of 1.5 inches around the fairways, this season it has been decided to try two cuts at this height to help with the speed of play through the heavy growing season. After allowing the fertiliser to settle and break down on the greens they were today mowed with the collecting boxes off to allow any clippings and fertiliser to go back on to the surface and minimising any waste of fertiliser.

### **Friday 22nd March**

The morning started with the greens again being mowed with the collecting boxes removed, the bunkers were checked and the tee markers were moved. The mowing of the fairways and the first 2 cuts of semi were completed as was the mowing of the tee boxes. Finally the white lines were put around the greens.