



Fairway Protection

Just sending this out to remind everyone that fairway protection is in place and the reason behind this. You will hopefully have noticed the two yellow signs on the 1st and 8th holes to remind everyone to lift their ball from the fairway and place this in the semi rough when playing any shots during the winter season.

The only exception to this is if you are using a mat then you can place your ball on your mat and play from the position your ball landed or if you are green side there is no need to use a mat there.

These conditions are in place from November to March/early April each year to protect the fairways.

As you will be aware the weather conditions are colder therefore any divots taken and replaced will not repair effectively as there is less growth at this time of year so it is a protective measure to ensure we can have the course in the best possible condition for the start of the main playing season.

We have noticed that there are some divots on some of the fairways so we would ask everyone to be mindful of the above, remember it is everyone's responsibility to adhere to this request and think long-term ensuring we have the best course possible.

Winter Greens

That leads me on to winter greens. Again, we all want to play to main greens and play the 'full' course. We are starting to get that bit more light which will allow more game time but it's just a reminder that we are still in the thick of winter and course conditions will change not even week to week but day to day.

There is nothing more frustrating when we have had a few days of rain then we get a nice sunny day and you see that winter greens are on.

Heavy rain has as much detrimental effect as frost and without getting too technical the roots grow between air pockets in the soil so if these are sodden and walked on then this can effectively kill the grass which can take a long time to recover.

I have added a link with some information if you wish to read up on this - [How does rain affect golf? This is the damage it does - National Club Golfer | National Club Golfer](#)

Any decisions our green staff make are always to protect the course and prevent damage so I just wanted to inform everyone why temporary greens may be in place when you may think we have a decent day or two of weather the green or course may need some recovery time.

2nd Winter Green

You will also noticed see we have moved the second winter green position.

This was due to member feedback as playing up the hill was proving difficult for most players and over the years it has been difficult to find a good spot to place a winter green due to the terrain.

I would ask members to remember it is for the winter months to allow us to play some golf and we as a committee will be looking at options for that area.

As always if you have any comments, thoughts or ideas then please get in touch.

Thanks

Greens Committee

