

Greens Committee Minutes Warkworth Golf Club 3rd October 2018 at 6.00pm

Present: J A Gray Chairman, G V Douglas Treasurer, D Metcalf

Apologies: None received

Correspondence: None

Assistant Green keepers

Katy Dalby has now finished working at the club as she is resuming her university course. David Dalby will return to work as and when required.

Member comments have been reported re 'the number of people working on the course' However the actual hours worked on significantly lower than when we had Ian Bruce working full time.

Current Course Work

A delivery of top dressing has been received. The approaches to the greens have been top dressed and verti-drained. The greens have also been top dressed.

It was agreed to hire in the BLEC ground breaking machine after the third turkey trot competition.

The turkey trots will be played from the summer tee boxes. However a new tenth tee will be created adjacent to the strip east of the car park. The sixth hole will be played from the left hand side from the current tee box and the fifteenth hole will be played from the original winter tee box.

Metal hoops will be placed between the left hand side bunker and the green on the ninth and on the fourth green between the bunker and the medal competition tee.

JAG and GVD will check on the gorse at the back of the fourth and thirteenth tee box to make sure that the winter ninth/eighteenth tee can be played from there without obstruction.

The green keeper is to repair the scars on the fifth green and re-seed

Bunkers on the eighth hole to be renovated

GVD will place a recently purchased new style rake in the bunker on the ninth

Greens

The green keeper will be asked to put hole rings on the practice green area

GVD will continue to liaise with the green keeper about work on the course

Machinery

The club has purchased a 'Wiedenauer' verti drainer which has been used effectively. The green keeper has ordered a set each of long and short spikes.

The greens committee is urgently looking into the replacement demonstration greens machine (Jacobsen) which are widely used at local courses. The budget suggested was up to £10k

It was decided that:-

Toro 3 will be scrapped after the majority of usable parts had been removed and stored for possible future use

Toro 2 will work on the greens

Toro 1 will work on the tee boxes

** NB Toro 1 is the machine that has caused problems on the greens – 3 pumps have been exchanged and replaced from Toro 3. This machine will only work on the tee boxes

Course Signage Tee Markers

AM & GS still have the installation of the tee signage planned for February 2019
DM thinks that this is the wrong time of year as the ground will be hard at this time and the cement difficult to set. He urged the committee to ask the green keeper and assistant helpers to do this together with AM & GS asap

Health and Safety

No further information has been received regarding the site measurements to be undertaken on the machinery shed.

Following the damage to the flag pole in the recent gales, the members of the greens committee are seeking estimates for a replacement. (Consideration to be given to claim from insurance company)

Course Score Cards – still the same situation - in hand but need to be sorted asap JAG has not yet received the copy to send to the printers.

DM has checked the summer and winter score cards supply and currently there are one and a half boxes of each.

Next Meeting

Arranged for Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 6pm

John A Gray

Schedule for Greens staff winter 2018-2019

Top Dress Greens (1)

Verti Drain all tee boxes and Aprons

BLEC Groundbreaker work on all greens

Slit fairways twice

Help with installation of Course signage

Renovate 2 Bunkers (rhs 3rd)

Work on 6th Winter Tee box to get it in a playable state for either later on this year or for next winter season

Paint all litter boxes

Repaint or possibly renew posts around the 6th green

Get machinery working for use on the course– greens machine and flymo

The 12th medal tee box is domed (members are saying) and needs to be flattened - **green keeper knows about this**

Back right hand side of the 7th medal tee has sunk and needs infill underneath.

