

CHESTER-LE-STREET GOLF CLUB

Course Bulletin – 4th November 2016

Ross McNeill has now completed the woodland thinning on all areas of the golf course. We are very grateful for the extent of the work he has carried out and the good humour and courtesy he has shown whilst he has been with us.

Drains are completed on holes 1, and 12. However, the drain on the 1st needs to be lowered – it is intended to address this when the contractor is on site in November. The turf on the 1st and turf & seeding on the 10th and 12th are complete. Sand will be applied to the new bunkers over January, February, depending upon the weather. This will allow us to ensure that the drains are operating efficiently prior to them being covered.

Ken Moodie, the course architect, has marked the bunkers and some of the mounding on holes 2, 11, 13, 14. Those who have played the course since his last visit will have seen the extent of these features. The hard landscaping work, starting **9th November**, will have much dependence on the weather. There will be thirteen days available, ending 25th November however, there is much to accomplish:

- 3 features on hole 2
- 5 features on hole 11
- 5 features on hole 13
- 8 features on hole 14

We intend to use 2 holes on the practice area whilst holes 13 and 14 are being re-modelled.

Some large areas of the course have been treated with spraying & strimming. We will develop a management programme to continue these activities long term. This will not impact the normal maintenance of the course.

The thinned areas which are in play will be seeded early in the spring.

A summary of progress in the last 12 months:

1. Woodland Management Plan & Proposal for Course Improvement
2. Presentations to Members
3. Meetings with Estate Management and Lord & Lady Scarborough
4. Successful Application of Felling License and Approval from English Heritage
5. Tree Selection and Identification
6. Detailed Discussions with Course Architects
7. Felling & Disposal, Mulching, Stump Grinding, and Seeding (May to October)
8. Topographical Survey of 9 holes
9. Qualification & Selection of Contractors for Hard Landscaping
10. Hard Landscaping of holes 1, 10, 12 (September)
11. Hard Landscaping of holes 2, 11, 13, 14 (starts 9th November)
12. Weed Control Program
13. Seeding of selected areas
14. Winter Program of Drains, Turfing, Seeding, Sand Delivery, Bunker Establishment

On behalf of the GP Committee I would like to thank all members for their patience & understanding as well as the many positive and constructive comments we have received.

C Henderson
Honorary Secretary

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