

OAK PARK GOLF CLUB

February 2008

January Review

The weather started off quite wet with 66mm in the first 10 days, however frost has stayed away along with the use of temporary greens. We have had opportunity to mow and present the course in a better condition than of this time last year. The greens were again sarel rolled and slit tined, thus opening up the surfaces, which were becoming soft after frequent periods of heavy rain. Sanding and more leaf collection has been one of the main tasks keeping walk on and off areas dry and playable. We have scraped and drained the 8th Tee path on the woodland. The 8th is now roped off from tee to green with staggered gaps for trolleys to fit through. All this will help the condition of the approach from the 8th tee to the green. Work has been ongoing on the 11th tee with the main drainage work now complete. Next will be the turf for the drain lines which will be delivered when the next weather window becomes apparent.

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Greens: Continued slit tining at 100mm in depth plus cross tining with 13mm thick and 100mm deep tines will be the main requirements followed by light sand dressings. The softer / wetter areas will require an application of axis. This helps drainage in the winter and retains moisture in the summer. More aggressive axis work will be carried out on the 5th 8th & 9th greens.

Tees: The tees will be solid tined and a light dressing of sand will be applied. Bins and ball washers will be re secured and the posts painted. The back of the 1st tee will be filled and levelled with rootzone and then turfed

Aprons &

Collers: A few turf repairs are also needed on certain areas, eg the back left of 14 and right hand side of the 2nd green. Further slit tining will be carried out when conditions are dry, along with regular sanding.

Fairways: Carbendazim and chlorpyrifos will be applied to suppress worms and leather jackets. Foliar feed containing prilled urea and/or Iron will be applied to enhance presentation without affecting growth. The 150 markers will be placed back on each side of the 10th, 11th and 12th fairways.

Other: Paths and bridges to be scraped and edged.
Numerous areas to be turfed.
Construction of the astro turf medal tee on the 6th
1st 14th 2nd & 16th Bunkers to be topped up
Continued painting of the yardage blocks and tee markers.

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