

## OAK PARK GOLF CLUB

June 2007

### May Review

Well, since the drought we have seen a difference in the weather this month, from the 0.5mm of rain in six weeks to a wetter 54mm for May. Growth has well and truly started over the last two weeks, and the wear and drought areas have now started to grow back. May has been a time for dressing, seeding and feeding to promote growth and to strengthen up the weaker areas for the summer traffic. As many of you would have noticed the Crown Golf Development Team has started work on a number of projects on the woodland course. Most of these projects will be completed towards the middle of June.

### June:

- Greens:** Following last months granular feed, foliar feeds with wetting agent will be applied every 3 to 4 weeks. A series of verti cut scarifying and topdressing are the main tasks for us this month. Our height of cut was lowered from 5mm to 4.5mm and will now be lowered down to 4mm. The irrigation works have been completed on the woodland course and will now start immediately on the village course.
- Tees:** Irrigation works are now completed on the woodland tees. This is a major leap forward helping us with germination, repairing divots and bringing the members and their guests a better playing surface. This month the tees will be tined and dressed.
- Surrounds:** Turf density is improving now weather conditions are better. It will be necessary to re-seed and top dress some of the worst areas. The surrounds and aprons will be tined and dressed and fed along with the temporary greens.
- Fairways:** The fairway feed has been held off as the weather conditions were not favourable in May, but the application is now imminent. We will be applying a selective weed killer in the coming weeks, and we will be arranging a divot filling evening towards the end of this month, where it is hoped many members will take part in this fun night of maintenance followed by free beer and sandwiches (more info on this will be on the notice board and on the website).

Other: Areas of semi-rough to be treated for weed control, mainly on holes 6, 7, 14 and 15 and most of the village.

The Crown Golf Development Team is making good ground and the bunkers on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and the 10<sup>th</sup> are now close to completion. The 3<sup>rd</sup> tee is now finished but will not be in play until the latter part of the summer. Works on the 5<sup>th</sup> are coming together now with the ditch complete at the rear of the 5<sup>th</sup> green and the mound to the left of the greenside bunker. This is all to help drainage to the back and left side of the green. A new bridge will be constructed towards the 6<sup>th</sup> tees soon after the completion of all works. As many of you will see we have started the project on the left hand side of the 2<sup>nd</sup> green and already the improvements are becoming apparent.

The next areas for improvement are the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> paths.

We only have this team in for a limited time and we thank you all for your patience whilst these improvements take place.

**Craig Earnshaw**  
**Course Manager**