

**Greens situation**  
**Member update 16<sup>th</sup> September 2005**

**Course update**

The germination of the greens has been a great success as many of you will have seen from playing the courses recently.

Over the past couple of weeks Vince and his team have been concentrating a lot of their efforts on regular hand mowing of the greens to reduce the height of cut to 8mm, this has helped the grass thicken out and also encouraged rapid root development. As the greens are nearing full grass cover we will switch to machine mowing which will free up some labour time to concentrate on attention to detail around the course.

As we move into late summer/autumn disease becomes a significant factor and can be particularly damaging to new and young grass. We have had an attack of fusarium on the greens recently, most noticeably on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and in the last week Vince has sprayed all the greens with a systemic fungicide and will be making a second application over the weekend if the weather conditions are favourable.

Next week we will be supplemented by two members of the Sherfield Oaks greenkeeping team who will be doing some drainage work on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> greens. This work will alleviate some of the wet areas on and around those greens.

Crown Golf have also engaged an independent irrigation consultancy who will be surveying our system week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> September and submitting recommendations for review by senior management.

The work highlighted in the letter dated 26<sup>th</sup> August 2005 will commence late autumn and we are currently exploring the viability of using contract labour led by management from within Crown Golf.

**Playing rights update**

In addition to the extension of Platinum to all members and the full use of Sherfield Oaks during this period we are also able to enjoy the following ongoing weekend playing rights:

- Pyrford Golf Club – from 1pm
- South Winchester Golf Club – from 1pm
- The Hertfordshire Golf and Country Club – from 1pm
- Cams Hall Golf Club – from 1pm
- Milford Golf Club - from 1pm
- Traditions Golf Course – from 1pm
- Sunbury Golf Course – from 11am
- Stapleford Abbots Golf Club – from 11am
- South Essex Golf Course – from 10am
- Paultons Golf Course – from 1pm
- Mill Green Golf Club – from 12pm
- Cottesmore Golf and Country Club – from 1pm
- Chelsfield Lakes Golf Course – from 1pm
- Wickham Park Golf Course – from 11am

Please remember that you can book seven days in advance and that you must have your membership card and one other form of identification available.

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