

Oak Park Golf Club Temporary Greens

Over the past 18 months at Oak Park the members and their guests have been asked to play on poor under maintained temporary greens, this came about after the sudden closure of the main greens back in August 2005 on brown Monday.

Like any fine turf surface it takes time, preparation and favourable weather conditions to work on such surfaces. Unfortunately this did not happen through August and September.

Since I was appointed as course manager on the 1st of December time and weather conditions have not been on our side. We have provisionally marked out the old temporary greens and placed bucket holes to make them playable in the poor and extreme weather conditions we have been experiencing.

As soon as we get a break in the weather the work on the new temporary greens will start. This will consist of cutting down to a height of 15mm, topdressing of the drain lines, aerating and feeding.

The weather is turning colder and the benefits of our new temps may not be seen until next year. As we will be working on the temporary greens throughout the year these areas will be GUR and dotted with white paint around the perimeter. Any play on these will be prohibited when main greens are in play and a drop should be taken under rule 25.1.

a. Ground Under Repair; Play Prohibited

If the *Committee* wishes to protect any area of the *course*, it should declare it to be *ground under repair* and prohibit play from within that area. [The following Local Rule is recommended:](#)

*The _____ (defined by ____) is *ground under repair* from which play is prohibited. If a player's ball lies in the area, or if it interferes with the player's *stance* or the area of his intended swing, the player must take relief under Rule 25-1.

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