

## Dunnikier update/Blog for June.

First of all, I would just like to say thank you for the comments on how the first update went down with the members. It's been a busy month since the last update went out on the course with competitions, club championship week and dealing with this weather. The greens have come on well with the rain and much needed temperatures which I'm sure most of you, or at least some, might agree on.

At the start of the month, we gave the greens a light top dress with rootzone - this was brushed in and by the end of the day was nearly unnoticeable. The reason for doing it is for better grass growth, improved smoothness and trueness of the surface. The following week was to prove a wet one and it gave us a chance to finish off cutting the hedge, ahead of the club championship week. It also gave us an opportunity to grease all the machines down and make sure they are all cutting exactly how we want them to be. We also nipped down to the main entrance at the high school and tidied up the golf course sign, which was well over due.

The weather caused the first round of the club championship qualifying to be cancelled on the Wednesday, which was unfortunate. Over 7 greens had puddles on them and with the forecast not to improve as the day went on, it wasn't worthwhile clearing greens for it to rain again and puddle up. Thankfully the course dried out great overnight and by Thursday there was only a couple of puddles left on the greens, which were dealt with.

Preparation for the rest of the qualifying days couldn't of went much better. It was just unfortunate that on qualifying days the weather was making it hard for golfers, but everything on the course had been complete. Into the knockout stages of the club championship, it was perfect weather for us as the wind was drying all the grass out and we were getting a dry cut everyday. The greens were playing great and the definition on the course was there for all to see.

We have also re- turfed the hydraulic oil spill that we had on the 18th green. We took the grass from the right hand side of the putting green, which was out of play and we will let this grow back in.

2019 course:

The 2019 course is nearly complete, with small finishing touches being put in place. All the signage is now up from the main sign to the small ones on each tee. The mats are now at every hole, but there is still to be a wooden frame put around them later in the year and the big cups are in the greens - with the small ones still to be added. The practice bays are now in place and would encourage everyone to use them. There are still a couple of areas getting sand and seeded, but these areas will come with the good weather.

Please remember that the green-staff have priority whilst cutting and no golf balls should be hit at staff. Please wait till either staff are out of range or you are waved on. A golf ball can cause serious injury.

I would just like to finish this months update by congratulating Liam, Steven, Lynn, Angie, Katie and Alexander all for winning the scratch/Handicap club championships