

## AGM Course Report 2019

Good evening

We end the year much as we started, wet, although it is perhaps wetter now with no sign of a let up. Those who have played recently will know how bad conditions are.

We were lucky to get a dry window in September when we were able to hollow core the greens and then verti drain. If as it looks that winters are to be very wet, then a long term plan to improve drainage all over the course is imperative.

We have been fortunate this year in purchasing a set of Thatchaways for the greens and t feedback was positive, faster, truer greens hopefully this will continue.

We bought another roughcutter which needed a bit of fettling but this was reflected in its price. Doug has spent months meticulously replacing bits and refurbishing, painting and repairing what now looks like a new machine. Hopefully it will make a better job and prevent as much dead grass lying about. On the subject of rough we would like to try an intermediate cut between fairway and rough time permitting. The idea is to be less penal for a shot which just runs out of fairway, not because of a bad shot but the slope carrying a ball roughwards .We plan to sell on our old roughcutter to recoup some funds.

Those of you who have seen the massive earthworks at the sixth may know that the plan is to create a practice area with two or three covered bays. It may not be very long but it adds to the amenities of the club and gives an area for juniors to practice without having to use part of the course. Costs permitting a practice green will be included in this project

All that is left is to thank Gary for his input over the year, Graeme Hannah who sadly has intimated he will not be available to volunteer as much next year. The guys who helped cut and clear the wood at the fifth, Steve, Grant, Keith, Gary, Doug with a special mention to Puffer for the use of the wood chipper. Finally thanks to Doug for helping with the course, watching the purse strings but allowing us to improve conditions by purchasing better equipment.

If I've missed anyone I do apologise and let's hope for a drier 2020.

Thank you