

GREENS LIAISON MEETING

SCOUSE LLOYD WEDNESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2018

19 January 2018

In attendance: Richard LLOYD – Vice Captain & Greens Liaison

Steve GILFORD – Head Green Keeper

Sean BRIANT – Greens Liaison Vice

As the start of the season is fast approaching Sean and I thought we would get together with Steve to understand what his plans were for the course this coming year, not just as a whole but also individually with each hole. In February, we will also be conducting a course walk with Stuart STIRLING – Captain so that we can put across your ideas (if you have any) and indeed keep you the members as up to date as possible with your club.

Steve's PRIMARY forecast for the course.....and which you will see over the coming months:

- Continued work/improvement of all greens.
- Thinning of trees throughout the course (taking out some trees to afford better growth for others).
- Refurbishment of all bunkers – all 13 of them.
- Continued work on the lakes at TLGC (you will already see the great work the staff have done) and the 12th is the next to undergo a revamp.
- The path running from the clubhouse to the 1st tee.

Secondary work to be carried out:

- Continued pond work throughout the season.
- Dyke work throughout the season.
- Filling in of cracks through the summer month.
- Re-instating the 6th (back) tee – work needs to be carried out removing part of the hedge so that the sun and wind can get to the tee box as it currently retains too much moisture.
- 4th/6th/7th/15th greens – overhanging trees will be cut back to stop continuous dripping of moisture onto the greens and decrease the amount of shading created, therefore allowing more sunlight onto the greens.
- 8th tee box – work to increase sunlight and wind onto the tee box to reduce the amount of moisture.
- 13th – stripping back the overgrown area past the road on the right, currently underway.

- 16th – filling in the ‘beach’ with a grassed area running down to the lake, with hope to put a pot bunker in (a small one).

Long Term Projects 2019>:

- 9th – reinstating sand bunkers in place of the grass bunkers (after the path on the right side).
- 10th – possibly reinstating sand bunkers in place of grass bunker right of the green.
- 11th – possibly reinstating the sand bunker in place of the grass bunker in the middle prior to the apron/green.
- 15th – possibly reinstating sand bunkers in place of the two grass bunkers left and right of the fairway half way down.
- 17th – new path..... can’t remember where he was planning this.....
- 18th – possibility of filling in the grass bunkers (right hand side of the fairway prior to the lake) to make them sand bunkers.

As always the art of the possible is down to money and the owner’s consent, but this is what Steve’s plans are at present. You will see that Steve and his staff have already started on a lot of what I have already mentioned and Rome was not built in a day.

Please do stick with us and please do give us your suggestions, I or Sean will make sure that they get to Steve, but remember, his hands are tied at times through various constraints but he is working for us to make the course ‘something special’

For the time being can you please remember, if you are using trolleys, walk where it is NOT MUDDY (i.e.-don’t use the bridge over the middle on the 3rd, go around to the right), if you are good enough to make a pitch mark on the green, then you should have bought a pitch repairer....

Throughout the main season Steve and his team will be out cutting the fairways/tee boxes twice a week, the greens/aprons daily and doing his best to make the course as enjoyable as possible.

Thanks for reading this far (feels like my dating profile) and if you do have any suggestions then drop Sean and I an email.

Kindest regards fellow swingers,

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