

COURSE MANAGER REPORT

November 2014

COURSE WORK

The rain continues. For the first 11 days of November we have had 69.4mm of rain, add this to the amount for October and it totals 192.7 (just under 8 inches in 6 weeks)

Greens

Due to the amount of rain we are aerating the greens every 2 weeks to try and keep the greens open. This includes verti draining and sarel rolling.

Even in doing this the greens I highlighted last month are suffering.

The 7th and 8th are the worst.

If we want to keep these greens open we need to drain them properly.

The black spots on the greens are the silver moss that we have treated with iron.

Approaches

These are cut twice a week

Work to come

- Verti draining
- scarifying

Tees

Mat and winter tee placements are in use.

They have been verti drained.

When we have the right conditions we will carry out the following

- over seeding
- top dressing

These tasks can only be carried out in dry weather and ideally when the ground is dry.

This work will only be carried out on the par 3s and a couple of par 4s as we do not have the materials to do more.

Fairways

Work to come

- slitting
- divoting

I have been asked about the mats on the 5th and 13th holes.

I want to try the use of tees on these two fairways. If a member is inside the white posts they must use a tee. If the amount of divots is still high then the mats will return.

Rough

We are cutting this as much as possible but this is the one area that is being left.

Work to come

- slitting

Long Rough

We will cut more as and when we can.

ITEMS TO PURCHASE

Air compressor £800 + VAT

Ours leaks but we will continue using it until it becomes a problem.

This price could have gone up as they were quoted a while ago.

This cost is for the compressor, fittings and air tools required.

Ditches

The approved ditches on 3rd, 4th and 8th will be installed soon. I have re thought the ditches on the 1st, 11th and 15th. These need to be piped, not an open ditch.

The first step for the ditch on the 4th has been started the trees along the left hand side have been crown lifted so that the ditch can be as close to the trees as possible.

The branches have been laid along the bridleway to create a fence line to stop the public from walking onto the 4th fairway.

Irrigation

This will be drained down soon.

White lines

The lines are back, please could all members be made aware as I still see buggies and trolleys past these lines

Temporary greens

It is better to have and not need, than to need and not have.

These are a last resort. If the greens are playable then they will be open.

When work is being carried out on a green the temporary for that hole might be used until the work is finished.

Boundaries

I am still waiting for a price for the work at the back of the 14/15 tees.

Phone line

The course information is being changed to include competition information. This is being done by Andy in the pro shop.

This is causing confusion with members as the message is not always changed back the next day.

If somebody changes the message they must re instate the original message.

Could we have one line for course information and another for competition information?

Staffing

Mark and John have both attended an emergency first aider at work course on the 11th November. This means that there will always be a member of staff on the course with some first aid knowledge.

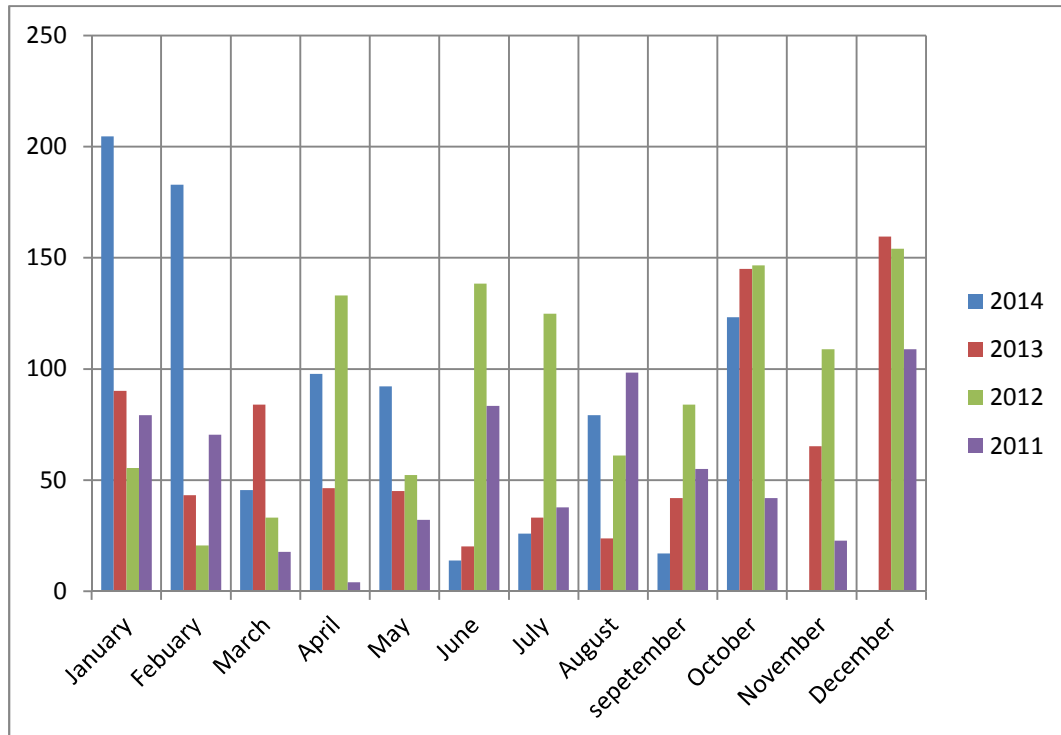
Mark, John, Andy = emergency first aider at work

Alan = full first aider at work

Adrian Heckford has started working on Mondays on the golf course. This is a part of his college course, he needs to carry out so many hours work experience to complete the course.

RAIN

See table below for how much rain we have had so far.



Total rain fall

2014 = 882.5mm

2013 = 797.7mm

2012 = 1112.5mm

2011 = 651.6mm