

# CAVERSHAM HEATH GOLF CLUB

## COURSE NEWS OCTOBER 2010



### Hollow coring update:

The hollow coring and scarifying carried out on w/c 20<sup>th</sup> September went very well up until the Thursday when the heavens opened and it continued raining into Friday. This prevented us from getting down the amount of Top dressing (sand) to reinstate the surface levels. To date we have dressed 50 tons of sand, with 20 tons of that going down this week. We will continue to brush in the sand and the rain forecast at the weekend will help to work the sand into the surface. There will be further top dressing as required so long as we have the temperatures to stimulate growth. We also over seeded the greens with a fescue/bent mix and the new seed can be seen germinating in the hole left by the hollow corer.

Next week we will begin our winter works programme. This will start at the driving range. Our plan is to strip the current tee surface, enlarge the tee itself, level the surface and then reseed. We will also do the same to the chipping green. We expect the tee and green to be out of action until next spring, although we will mow a tee area on the driving range so the long game area can still be used.

**Bunker Renovation:** The renovation consists of removal of existing sand, install soak aways where necessary, line the bunker floor with turf cut from the driving range, install new sand to a depth of 3 inches and compact. The bunker is then left to settle and to allow turf around the bunker to take root. We can generally have a

renovated bunker back in play within 3 weeks. We plan to renovate the following bunkers: 3rd greenside left and right, 10th greenside right, 7th greenside left and right, 16th greenside left and right.

The bunker on the left of the 2nd fairway we plan to remove and turn into a mound.

We have also had an idea of introducing two more 'new' bunkers. One would be on the 1st where there is currently a grass hollow on the left of the fairway and the second on the 10th, again the grass hollow on the left of the fairway. These two bunkers are still at discussion stage so any thoughts on this would be very welcome.

**Gorse and trees:** Following last years successful replanting of gorse on the left of the 5th, we plan to do some more! We will be extending the gorse plantations on both the 5th and the 3rd. We are also going to try and replant some of the smaller trees growing around the course, into some of the big open areas such as right of the 2nd fairway. These trees should not(!) come into play but will help to break up these big open areas.

We will also still need to carry out our usual maintenance practices. We are still mowing all areas as per the summer although as the temperatures start to drop then the height of cut will rise. We are currently mowing the greens at a height of 4.5mm as opposed to the summer height of 3mm.

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