

COURSE NEWS – SEPTEMBER 2010



Installing new borehole pump

Advanced warning!!

It is that time of year again when the cries of "just when the greens are looking nice, they go and dig them up and ruin them", for hollow coring and scarifying. Unfortunately, a disruptive but essential task, and believe me if it wasn't necessary we really wouldn't go through all that hard work just to upset any of the members.

This year we will be starting the process on Sunday 19th September and we hope to finish by Wednesday 22nd September, weather permitting.

The process starts by hollow coring using 5/8 tines to a depth of 100mm, then scarifying to a depth of 15mm. Then we overseed using bentgrass at a rate of 6gms/sqm. The final part of the process is to top dress at a rate of approx 1 tonne of USGA spec sand per green. The timing of this process varies from club to club. There are some Course Managers that carry out their remedial work in August because recovery can be quicker and there is generally reduced play on the course. However, at CHGC we believe that by carrying out these tasks at the start and end of the playing season, (April and September/October), it leaves the playing season with reduced disruption to the greens.

Since my last 'course news' MJ Abbotts have installed our new borehole pump and rising main. The installation consisted of removal of the old main and pump then the contractors 'dipped' the well to check the depth and it's water level within. They confirmed that the well is 130m deep with a water depth of 90m. We then installed the new pump, rising main, which is 90m of 3" galvanised steel, and cable (for the pump). Whilst inspecting the old main we found 2 holes just above the pump which would have been causing the drop in performance.

The new 8th tee opened on the 1st September and President, Sunil Shah, took the first shot (and divot!). It took slightly longer to open than originally expected and we don't anticipate closing it in the future. There is enough area to withstand a full year's golf and we would ask all members to 'do their bit' and use the sand/seed boxes to fill any divots.

Soon we will be putting together our winter works programme, to include any bunker renovations, gorse/tree planting, path work etc.. When it has been finalised and agreed I will post it into the next course news.

Happy golfing!

Jon Scoones.