

## Greenkeepers Blog 12/4/19

Apologies for the long gap between blog posts, but as the start of the season approaches, we have been busy finishing jobs in preparation.

Over the last few weeks, some of the jobs we have been doing include:

Verti-draining the greens, then top-dressed with light dressings

Edging and topping up bunkers

All areas have been cut at least twice

Surrounds over-seeded with fine rye grass

Bald areas on tees, surrounds and bunker edges turfed

Post and chain fitted around the car park, and pathway to 3<sup>rd</sup> tee astro-turfed.

Greens, tees and newly seeded areas have been fertilised.

All reel mowers have had cutting blades sharpened.

The humps behind the 11<sup>th</sup> green have been reshaped so machinery can cut over them.

Thanks are due to the Rabbits section for the donation of the new distance markers on the tees which look great and the ladies for the wild flower turf on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> tee bankings.

Whilst the course is shaping up nicely, the weather is not helping us currently with temperatures below average and a strong easterly wind. This is hampering growth, especially on the greens and newly seeded areas. On the greens any pitch mark and disease scars are only growing in slowly.

Any water we add to replace what the easterly wind is taking away is further adding to the problem as this cools down the soil temperature reducing growth further.

Hopefully as we get further into April, the weather will return to normal spring like weather and set the growth off.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of April we are holding a divot part at 10am, if you can attend that would be fantastic, see the notice boards for further details.