

## **GREENKEEPER'S NEWSLETTER.**

**NOVEMBER 2018.**

### **PRACTICE FAIRWAY.**

Plans to sow grass seed on the Practice Ground in early September had to be held back owing to delays in contractors completing the groundwork. As a result I was concerned that a late sowing would adversely affect germination leading to problems with seedlings overwintering. Fortunately we had a spell of mild weather at just the right time to get the seed broadcast and brushed in nicely. Rain followed at just the right time to get the grass growing and apart from a few bare patches here and there, germination appears to have been quite good. The plan now is to leave well alone until early next spring when we can give a dressing of fertiliser to help with growth and establishment. Once everyone is satisfied the new grass can take the wear and tear of a Ball Collecting Machine without undue damage to turf we can reopen the range.

### **MAIN DRAINAGE DITCH.**

As you will probably know by now the main ditch through 9 to 16 has been excavated. Sleepers have been removed from the edges and the banks given a slight slope. Banks between the bridges at 16 have been turfed and this was pegged down to stop it slipping down. It has been roped off as much for your protection as for the turf. If your ball goes in the water please use the retriever provided rather than get too close so as to avoid sliding down the bank along with our turf. A paddle in that water is definitely not recommended as a part of any round of golf.

### **WINTER CONDITIONS.**

It is that time of year again when trolley restrictions are needed to reduce damage to the course. Some areas of the course, fairways in particular, still haven't fully recovered from drought. Please check before playing to find out whether trolley restrictions are in place on the day.