

# PRESTWICH GOLF CLUB NEWS

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## COURSE RECONFIGURATION

Start of October and everyone thought the course reconstruction would be well under way

### WHAT'S GONE WRONG?

I'm afraid it's down to solicitors and the old chestnut "Health & Safety"

Mulbury are managing the contract with Greasley's and it is the Mulbury Legal & Health & Safety people who, quite understandably, are ensuring that every detail of the contract is signed off legally and that all of the H & S issues are settled before the contract is signed.

The delays have had an impact on the scheduling of the works, as will the weather. The latest plan is to split the contracts into two sections, the first will be the works on the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes and the construction of the new practice putting green.

It is hoped they will be completed and seeded before winter which will give them a chance to establish.

The second stage, extending onto the new land will not start until early next spring when the grasses etc. can start to grow again.

For our own part we have almost completed the tree felling in and around the new plot of land and you can begin to see the impact the introduction of this piece of land will make.

Very soon you will see Greasley's establish their compound on the top car park and the works commence.

### COURSE FEATURES

Each month we will go into to some of the detail of the course design, this month we will start with the footpaths.

We have always had the Myrtle Grove footpath passing through the course with several others running around the perimeters. The new plans involve some of the perimeter footpaths now crossing the course. The obvious solution would have simply been to close the footpaths but we knew this would not get through Planning.

The plan shows the footpaths in the vicinity of the course. It was our intention to establish a new footpath up the side of the new land to meet with the existing footpath that runs along the top (Kersal Moor) and joins the

existing path that runs down towards Heathlands and Hilton lane.



The Planning Committee wouldn't have any of it and although they have agreed to the new footpath running up the left hand side of the new plot, effectively creating a bypass around the course for walkers they would not allow us to close the existing footpath which will now cross the course.

The plan is to downgrade this section of the footpath and advise pedestrians that there is an alternative route which will avoid any potential hazards from golfers.

This section of footpath along with an element of the path from Kersal Moor will come into play on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Holes, and provision had to be made in the design of these holes to ensure golfers had a good view of the footpath and its users. This entailed the felling of one or two more trees than we may have considered essential.

The Planning Committee also insisted on a new signage scheme which involves new signage for all entrances to the footpaths, including the Myrtle Grove footpath and also new warning signs on the tee markers for the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> holes.

Another restriction imposed by the Planners is the pathway up the L.H.S of the new land cannot have fencing dividing it from the course as they thought this may create a "mugging" ally.

One bonus for the club is that out of the Section 106 Planning Charges (*Levies imposed by planners for things like Education & Transport etc.*) a substantial sum was earmarked for improving two of the footpaths around the course. LETS HOPE THEY DELIVER & PEDESTRIANS STICK TO THE FOOTPATHS AND KEEP OFF THE COURSE.

## THE GOLF CLUB CREST

Have you ever wondered where the Golf Club crest originated and what the symbols mean?



It is a direct lift from the centre of the Coat of Arms of the Council of the former Municipal Borough of Prestwich which was officially granted on November 10<sup>th</sup> 1939.



The white background of the field can be seen as representing the district of Whitefield, the two roses refer to Lancashire. The swan's heads are taken from

the arms of Baron Cawley of Prestwich. The Fleur-di-lis is often used as the symbol of St Mary and indicates the dedication of the Parish Church. The lozenges, which resemble spindles in shape represent the Cotton Industry.

It is thought the crest / badge was adopted by the Club after the Second World War



The re-configured course will have 5 new holes and a number of the existing holes will be remodelled and their existing names may not be relevant.

You have the opportunity to name the new holes and suggest changes to existing hole names.

Click on the link to the **"NAME THAT HOLE"** just below this Magazine link on the menu and print off the entry sheet and when completed hand it in to Mark.

The most popular names will be adopted.

**DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE CLUB COME UP WITH HOLE NAMES & THEN CRITICISE –BE PART OF THE NAMING PROCESS**

## TEE SPONSORSHIP

When the new course is re launched we will require a new set of Tee Signs which will cost in the region of £2.5k - £3.5k, the intention to fund these through sponsorship deals.



The package we are offering attracts benefits which exceed the cost of the sponsorship deal including free tee times, complimentary use of the Clubhouse for business meetings, priority bookings on our sponsors day in addition to the advertising on the tee signs, internal TV advertising and our own web site advertising with links to your own web site.

We are currently offering two years for the price of one.

As soon as the reconfiguration works are completed in 2019 your sign will be erected and you will benefit from the full sponsorship deal, which will continue throughout the 2020 season for no additional cost.

If you are interested in learning more about our tee sponsorship package either for your own business or a company you deal with who may be interested click on the Sponsorship section of our web site or contact Mark who will give full details.

**MARK COULD REALLY DO WITH SOME ASSISTANCE WITH THIS – 18 HOLES WILL TAKE A LOT OF SELLING, NOT MANY CLUBS ACHIEVE IT, LET'S BE ONE OF THE FIRST IN THE AREA.**