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Did you know that during the recent maintenance each green had approx 3 tons of sand deposited. Very necessary to give us the greens we have become used to. Well done to the greens staff, a huge effort all round. There are positive signs that the greens are recovering well.

Did you also know that the fairways have had 260 tons of top dressing spread to maintain their condition. Next year they will be getting another application of humus.

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Golf Course Newsletter

BOREHOLE UPDATE

Phase 1 is now complete whereby the pump has been installed 76m down the shaft and plumbed into the electrics. We can now draw off our daily entitlement of 20 cubic metres, which takes 7 to 8 hours to pump from the borehole into the storage facility. Our maximum daily requirement for irrigation is 60 cubic metres (tees, greens & aprons).

In Phase 2 we are researching various storage options to maximise efficiency. There is an option to increase our current storage facility from 54 cubic metres to 126 cubic metres, so we can then draw off supply daily even when we are not using the irrigation system.

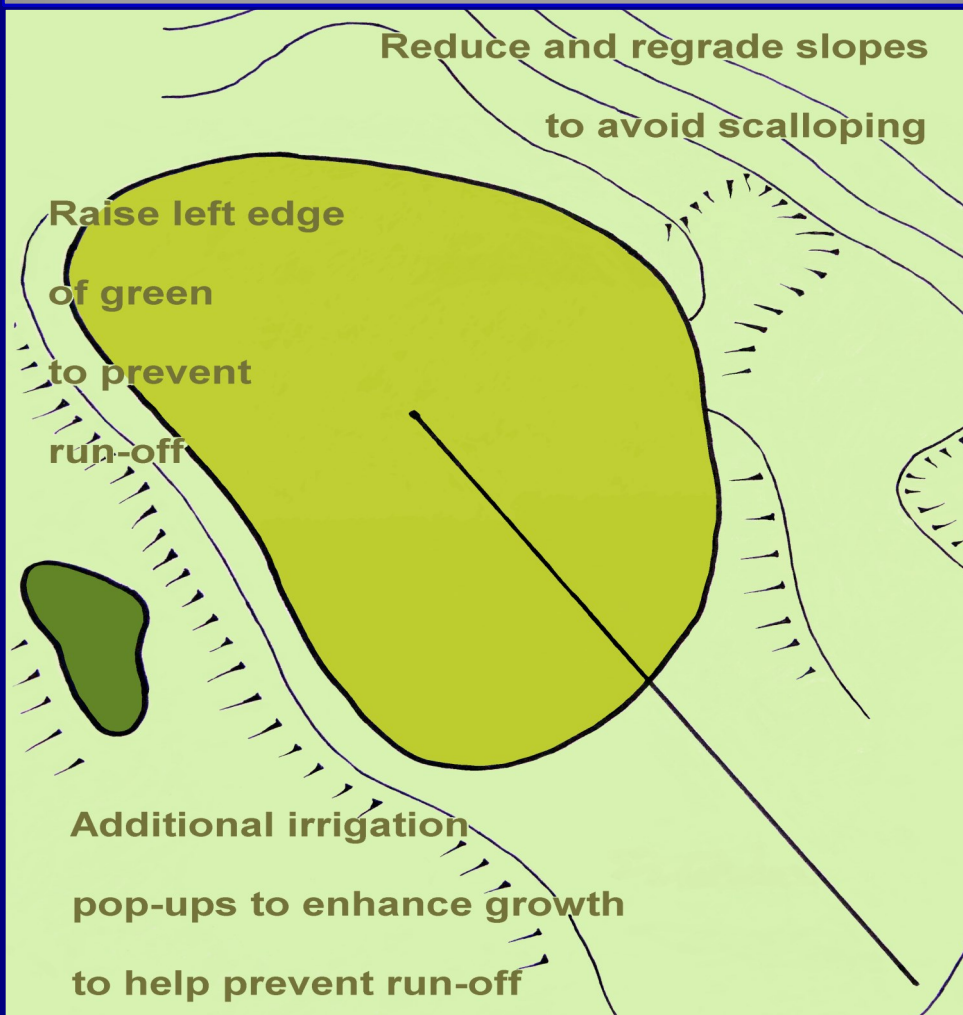


Please be reminded that rakes should be left **completely** in bunkers where they are least likely to affect play - that is to say as far out of the line of play as possible.

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Proposal for changes to 4th Green

We are still progressing with the Planning Application for the Acoustic Bund along the south side of our Practice Range. As usual with these matters progress is slow—the latest obstacle is the need to conduct a repeat of a reptile survey, having already done a habitat survey and assessment. Every effort is being made to finalise the project!



Tree thinning this winter, the areas that will be concentrated on will be; L/H side of 18th fairway, copse between 11th and 12th, L/H side of 8th hole, R/H side of 2nd hole and L/H side of 3rd green.

Winter Works Programme

- ♦ Changes to the 4th Green surrounds
 - ♦ Irrigation on the 8th Tee
- ♦ Reshaping and L/H Greenside Bunker on the 3rd
- ♦ Improving Greenside Bunker on the 9th
- ♦ Levelling some of the slopes on the 16th
 - ♦ Tree planting & thinning
- ♦ Continued work to improve the greens surrounds

Our rainfall for the past three months has been:

July	- 4.07 inches	(monthly average—1.88 ins)
August	- 4.88 inches	(2.04 ins)
September	- 0.53 inches	(2.78 ins)

“Driest September since 1959”

The greens staff will be carrying out a further tree planting programme and will be planting a mixture of maple, ash, beech, hawthorn, blackthorn and hazel (between 500-1000 trees). Duncan is pleased to report that there has been no sign of the dreaded disease that was killing so many ash trees earlier in the year.