

Gareth's Course Blog



Hello again from the fairways of Llanwern. I hope all the members, friends and families of our Llanwern Community are all safe and well.

Well the rumour mill is really starting to ramp up about when golf courses are going to reopen. We are doing all we can to get the course in the best possible shape that it can be so it is as good as you remember for when you all safely return. We are waiting to hear what Boris has to say on Sunday rather than listen to rumours.



Myself, Julian and Steve had a planning and strategy meeting on Monday which was very productive. It was also nice to have a bit of company, even if it was from a safe distance!!!

Ok, so what has been happening this week on the course.

Its been pretty much cutting, cutting followed by a bit more cutting. The weather has been beautiful with not much dew around in the mornings which is making for great cutting conditions



I have been able to cross cut the fairways this week allowing us to change the nap (not lieing the grass down). I have also attached brushes to our fairway mower to help stand the grass up before cutting it which hopefully thickens the grass sward.

This is good news for those of you that like the ball to sit up on the fairway!!

I have also been able to cross cut some of the tees as you can see from the image of the 1st tee here.



Notice the lack of divots with no golfers about, although I'm not sure how long that will last when the lockdown restrictions are eased!!

The greens have been cut at 5mm during the lockdown to ensure they have not been put under too much stress. This also helps to keep the plant as healthy as possible.

We will gradually be lowering the height to between 3.5mm - 4mm as we return to normal.



In other news the wildlife on the course is flourishing! I have so far spotted five chicks in the 7th pond although they are still very wary of me!! I also made friends with a cute little vole who I met on the 4th!!!



Picked him up, before I cut him up. 🤨



Quiz time

I know we have plenty of members who love their gardening but do any of you know what tree this flower is from?? Answer will be revealed next week.



Ok best get back to it! I hope you enjoyed this weeks blog. Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Stay Safe Everybody

Gareth x