

Gareth's Course Blog



The good old British weather has been as unpredictable as ever this last week although I have to say the course has been very grateful for a dosing of H₂O recently. It never fails to amaze me how resilient grass in dry hot conditions and its ability to recover within a short space of time.

Right what's been happening on the course this past week!!

We have been busy catching up on the work we were unable to do during lockdown. One of these main jobs has been verti-cutting the greens. We have now completed this 6 times in the past 3 weeks. This has helped remove lots of lateral growth and removed unwanted grass debris. This is what is commonly known as thatch. This promotes a cleaner cut enabling us to increase the speed of the greens.

Following verti-cutting the greens this week, we will be top dressing the greens on Monday (weather permitting).



The benefits and purpose of topdressing is to dilute the layer of thatch below the surface of the turf. This improves drainage and increases the quality of the soil, allowing for better grass growth and improved smoothness and trueness of the surface. There will be minimum disruption to golfers during this process.



I am also pleased to say that we have just taken delivery of 30 tonne of bunker sand. This process of topping up the bunkers will be ongoing throughout the season as and when required.



I would like to finish off this week by saying a really big THANK YOU to Kevin Belcher and his band of merry men. Dan & Luke Bearcroft, Jack Davidson, Michael Powell, Peter Malpas & Dafydd Rowberry (allegedly!!!!).

They have done a brilliant job this week taking all the tee signs out, sanding and rubbing them down, then varnishing

them. Well done lads.

Things like this remind us what a great club Llan-wern is and what a real community it is.

Stay safe and see you all on the course soon.

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