

Greens Newsletter

MARCH 2016



It hasn't been the best winter for golf which is somewhat of an under statement. To give you an idea of how bad it has actually been take a look at the table below.

	2013.	2014.	2015.	2016.
NOV.	60.	58.	87	
DEC.	56.	55.	112	
JAN.	58.	56.	52.	136
FEB.	54.	60.	55.	89

Met Office data Stoke on Trent area rainfall in mm

We have had twice the amount of rainfall for 3 months compared to previous years; rain has been falling on already saturated ground.

Winter Work

The green keepers have been working on the greens and tees verti -draining, slitting and micro- tinning to improve drainage.

Priority work at present is the reconstruction of the 1st Tee, you need to see it for yourself it looks much better.

There is work to complete on the 10th the men's tee and left side ditch, the ditch in front of the 9th, new bridge on the 2nd.

The weather has hampered progress due to the inability to take machinery on very wet ground; hopefully improved weather conditions will assist in further work.

Course Review

We have undertaken a review of the course the committee are meeting this month to discuss the issues prioritise specific areas as part of a rolling programme of development. Watch out for further information in the coming months.

New Fairway Mower

The existing fairway mower is not fit for purpose; this has been discussed at board level and approved we are finalising payment options.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind and ask members to keep off roped areas also the Artisans roles have been advertised if you are interested please apply.

Chris Millard.
Greens Chair.

Adam Tudor
Head Green Keeper

PLEASE REPAIR ALL YOUR DIVOTS AND PITCH MARKS

Divots ruin the course and pitch marks encourage meadow grass which result in uneven grass