

# GOLF COURSE & GREENKEEPING

## **SCHEDULED WORK**

**8th September - 12th September:** Greens will be solid tined with a 12mm tine at 6 inches then we will overseed with brown top bent seed, followed by a light top dress and feed

This Autumn after a cold dry spring, then straight into a hot summer our fairways have really struggled, as a result we will be overseeding our fairways plus we will solid tine, scarify and overseed the tee boxes

## **Why we scarify? -**

Aerification of golf course putting greens is the most disruptive maintenance activity, but it is also one of the most important. Proper aerification creates a healthy growing environment for grass. That healthy growing environment is very important when we consider the stresses that a putting green is subjected to: traffic, low mowing heights, nematodes, diseases, low light conditions -- the list is extensive. But putting greens are also the most important area of any golf course. Everyone knows that coring is disruptive, but having bad greens is even more disruptive!





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## NEW QUAD DROP SYSTEM INSTALLED

*This system was installed on 9th July and we are already seeing vast improvements with the PH and Biocarbonate being brought down to a neutral level*

After analyzing soil samples from our greens, we found they were high in bicarbonate, which can slow water movement through the soil and cause runoff. We also discovered that our irrigation water contains high levels of sodium bicarbonate, which can build up in the soil, raising pH levels, causing poor drainage, compaction, and nutrient imbalance. To address these issues, we plan to install a Quad Drop system in our irrigation, which will enhance water quality, balance soil chemistry, and provide key nutrients to improve grass growth, color, stress resistance, and root health. Our long-term goal is to promote deeper rooting and firmer surfaces, supported by this system alongside our organic fertilization and scarification programs.



**Before & after showing improved rootzone porosity**



## NEW POND

We are currently digging out the new pond on the 1st Hole of the Valley Course, this will not only create a beautiful feature but will also be great at supporting biodiversity by providing habitats for aquatic plants, birds, and other wildlife, contributing to the overall ecological health of the course.



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## Golf Course Etiquette -

- Divots and pitch marks - please repair these. For further information on how to repair pitch marks effectively
- Trolleys and buggies - please keep these outside of the white lines that are clearly marked
- Bunkers - please rake once you have played your shot and place back on the stand
- Staff - take priority on the course
- Pace of play - please let groups behind through if you are playing slower than the pace ahead of you
- Bell on the 5th - please ensure that all players ring the bell to signal for the players waiting on the tee that it is safe to hit
- Driving range - please shout fore if your ball leaves the perimeter of the range and please do not hit your own balls or retrieve balls from the driving range

**Please respect fellow golfers on the course and report issues to the golf shop as soon as possible by phoning 01986 875567 extension 1.**

**Members are not required to marshall the golf course or enforce rules to other golfers.**



## **TREE PLANTING**

This Winter we will be planting a mixture of native English trees to the left side of the 1st Fairway on the Blyth Course, 1.5 acres in total.