

Grounds Report

Covid 2020/21 hasn't stopped the Grounds staff and regular course volunteers at BPGC who fortunately, have still been able to work right throughout the tough restriction times. It has actually been a very productive year for grounds and surrounds this year.

Starting with the septic system upgrade by 'David Harrison Plumbing', which now goes down to the bottom end of the practise fairway. A great team of men and the after-service and follow-up to the upgrade has been second to none.

We obtained quotes for the solar system, and 'National Heating and Cooling' won the contract and moved in very quickly, placed the system on the club house roof and had it up and running in no time. They then also followed up to obtain better rates for the Club.

It was deemed necessary to upgrade the electricity from No 1 Buggy Shed, (beside 18th Green) up to workshop and machine shed and onto No. 2 Buggy Shed. After ploughing through all quotes for the job, the successful tender was 'McClure Electrical'. They also split circuits in the buggy shed 2 to avoid the tripping of the power when there was a rush of connections at end of play on Competition days along with the need to handle the extra power required with more and more electric carts coming into the sheds.

'Barry Pitson Electrical', split power circuits in Buggy Shed No.1 and made extra circuits to avoid tripping of power in Shed No.1. They also tested and tagged all battery chargers in all buggy sheds.

All water storages are at full capacity going into summer, which is a great feeling for course staff who keep our increasingly picturesque course up to a high standard.

Concrete paths are still continuing around the course. with path on 9th, 5th tee through to 6th tee and 1st tee from Pro shop past tee to 1st Fairway just completed. Still a few paths to go. These paths are aiding in slowing soil erosion around the course and saving a lot of man hours after rain and patching up water damage due to the undulating lie of the land.

Watering system requires constant maintenance & time throughout the year - patching and extending to cover extra areas.

Top Dressing is ongoing around the course, covering some of the rough.

The third buggy shed is still under construction but with Covid and wet conditions, progress has been stalled, however all is ready to go when the building pad dries out.

Our late Life member, Bruce Pain now has a Memorial seat installed in his memory (donated by family) has been placed at the back of the blue 11th tee for a great viewing point.

Course machinery Report

- Fairway mower upgraded earlier in the year, not much work done with it yet.
- Boom Sprayer replaced with self-propelled Toro Sprayer, which is more convenient, easier and doesn't tie up tractor when spraying, and gets a lot of work.
- New Bunker Rake ordered - hoping for delivery in November.
- The Coring machine decided to retire with a major heart attack, never to go again. Committee is currently looking into options of machines.

- Replacement of different machines is an ongoing item for meeting agendas.

Our part time worker has of 1/8/21 now been appointed permanent part time as assistant to Fred. David has settled into the role well and definitely is a bonus to the club.

All volunteers do a wonderful job around the course and the club house to add beauty to the surrounds. And a big thank you for their time, effort and knowledge.

A special thanks to our Fred, what a wonderful job this man does for course maintenance and ability to work with others.

Hank Hancock
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