

Greens Director report December 2021

Dear Member ,

2021 has been the most challenging of years, the club has worked throughout the Pandemic and maintained the course to a high standard despite financial and resource pressures on an unprecedented scale. Our staff have had many problems to overcome, not only reduced in numbers due to furlough at the beginning of the year, but also the added demands of a club needing changes and improvements to keep pace with other clubs in our region.

We think we are progressing, a new survey in 2022 will allow you to express your thoughts on this. Till then I want to thank all the greens team on your behalf, for providing us with a fantastic, challenging course, for being flexible to the clubs needs and most of all for their care and hard work in what they do, to make playing golf the pleasure and challenge we all know and expect at Normanton Golf Club.

Here's a summary of whats happened or about to happen on your course over the last month and into the new year.

Ongoing work and Progress so far:

- Greens that virtually every member and visitor praise for trueness and condition, particularly in the main part of the season.
- Work to improve the quality of the grasses on the course, especially on our tees.
- Drainage planning actioned, with key areas targeted to improve the play around known wet spots.

- over 10 bunkers changed or with improved drains, including 2 new bunkers about to be installed ready for the new season in 2022.
- Implementation of a professional agronomist report, 'STRI' gave us guidance which we intend to follow in full, where practical.
- New equipment acquired or ordered and future proofing of current machines written into the club business plan.
- Repair of the notorious 13th Pond, long overdue, soon to look its challenging best for 2022 again.
- More paths, improved tee mat areas, steps to the 9th and on course improvements, all ready for 2022.
- An attention to detail on the whole course, and the inclusion of some colour in previously neglected small garden areas.

Happy Christmas, and wishing you a challenging new year of golf for 2022.

Best Wishes.

Andy Hall, Greens Director
