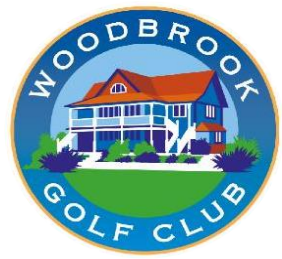


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Greens

- Cut **twice a week** at the **winter height of 4mm**
- Pin positions **changed** twice a week but on occasion of excessive wear are being changed for a third time.
- There will continue to be a predominance of **red flags** to minimise pitch mark damage.
- This time of year, the greens are susceptible to fungal diseases such as **Anthraxnose and Fusarium** which are like a blight.
- Currently we have an issue with Fusarium which if left untreated leads to scarring of the surfaces which may not recover until the spring.
- We **are spraying the greens** with a mixture of a preventative solution mixed with a fungicide which will kill off the disease.

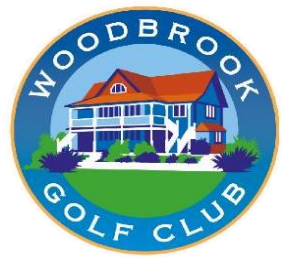
Fairways

- We began **lifting** off the fairways from 7th January
- This initiative was a great success last year, well supported by the members and we would hope for similar results this year.
- Fairways will be cut at a one (1") inch during February to maintain the strength and density of the blades.
- They will be cut at half (½") inch on the sides to give a clear demarcation of the rough.

Rough

- Being cut now at **3" for the winter** and will be lined and cleared by the Amazone mower during the winter months.
- The areas of rough around the greens will be kept at **2" for both playability and aesthetics**. Members are still requested to bring a sand bag with them and fill in any divots taken.
- We are looking to **install new sand bag stands** at other locations around the golf course

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Tees

- Men tees have been moved forward to the green tees with the ladies' tees moved forward.
- The primary tee boxes will be **top dressed**, treated with iron and fertiliser and hand mowed twice a week.
- The tee marker placings will be **alternated** as much as possible to reduce excessive wear and tear.

General

- Bare areas will be **seeded** this year as opposed to re-sodded
- This will include the area around the 13th tee and sheds
- This work will not commence until **March time** and will be weather dependant
- There are certain areas that **need additional protection** from traffic, the 1st tee being a prime example and from time to time the approaches to certain greens and tee boxes
- The **'hoops' and white lines** are put out to direct and/or redirect traffic

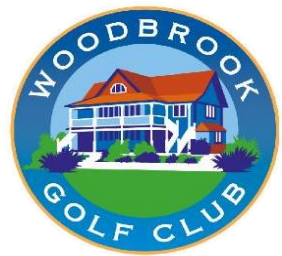
Bunkers

- Being raked every morning and left in a very playable condition.
- **30 tons of bunker sand** has been ordered and will be distributed based on priorities during March.

Machinery

- As you know our course machinery is an aged fleet and in need of investment
- We are currently looking at how best to address this issue in a cost effective and considered manner.

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Health & Safety on Course

- We have had a number of incidents recently where Members have stepped over hoops and unfortunately caught their trailing leg which resulted in falls.
- We would ask members to refrain from stepping over hoops and walk around them as opposed to stepping over them.
- Likewise, we would ask that Members use the hand rails when going through the tunnels particularly where damp or slippery conditions prevail

Date for Your Diary

- Our consultant agronomists, STRI have kindly agreed to attend an **Information Evening on Thursday 9th February 2017 at 7:30 pm.**
- This will be an opportunity for Members to hear about the initiatives we have taken and will continue to take to maintain and improve our most valuable asset - **our Course.**

Course Committee 2017

- The following members make up the Course Committee for 2017
- Sean Bresnan (Course Officer)
- Paul O' Farrell (Mens Club)
- John Tyrell (Mens Club)
- Lee Murphy O' Connor (Ladies Club)
- Catherine O' Connor (Ladies Club)

And Finally!!



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