GOLF MANAGERS REPORT SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2026

Directors update.

Nothing further to report at this moment.

Christmas 2026.

Now that we are heading into Autumn, and the summer heatwaves become a distant memory, we are putting the finishing touches together for this year's seasonal offerings.

- Festive Christmas Menu –
  Available 7 days a week from 16th November – 23rd December 2026.
- Christmas Breakfast and Brunch Menu – Bookings taken from 8.30am – 11.30am daily.
- Festive Afternoon Tea – Available Monday to Saturday 3- 5pm (Dates as above).
- Golf range "Rocks" – DJ on the decks. Friday nights in December from 7.0pm. TBC ?????

- Christmas Craft Fair – Sat 21st – Sun 22nd November. Free entry.

Full details will be available shortly, within Celebrating Christmas 2026, brochure.

Presentation Evening.

Saturday 14th November 2026 – To assist Karen getting the invitations out early and preparing the table brochure, please could the Club supply the names of the Winners & runners up, of the main Competition Trophies as soon as possible. It would be good to get invites out earlier this year. The Menu has been discussed with Laura.

Srixon Range Balls.

We are delighted to have secured another 10,000 Srixon, White, Two-piece Range balls. Having been unavailable for several years now, we are expecting our new balls to arrive very soon. These will be introduced into the dispenser immediately and any poor balls removed. Thankfully the Range outfield has stated to recover and green up and looks great now the mowing robot is back in action and hopefully we will see plenty of growth before Winter sets in.

Course Maintenance

Thankfully we have now seen some much-needed rainfall and the golf course is already starting to show signs of recovery. Despite this August was once again a very challenging month for the greenkeeping team with yet another heatwave where temperatures exceeded 30 degrees and still no rainfall until the later part of the month. The irrigation system has continued to cause issues with several main line leaks across the golf course and with the system being heavily relied on we have been unable to shut the system down to carry out the repairs. With the forecast moving forward showing plenty of rainfall these repair jobs will be carried out over the next few weeks.

With the continued lack of growth across the course the team have continued with tree works.

The copse in-between the 15h and 17th tee boxes has been thinned out along with the copse behind the 11th green. Both areas have been done to improve the visuals for both golfers and greenkeeping staff.

11th Green

15th/17th Tees

September will see Autumn course maintenance carried out on all the closely mown playing surfaces (Greens, Tees, Approaches, Fairways). This work is essential, especially after the summer weather we have experienced to get them in the best condition possible going into the winter.

Starting with the greens which will see them scarified using a tractor mounted scarifier to remove the seasonally produced organic matter. Our annual reports state that hollow coring is not required this Autumn.

They will then be vertidrained down to a depth of around 10 inches and pro-cored with a solid tine down to around 4 inches. Both these practices are to aid improving drainage going into the winter along with improving airflow into the profile and relieving compaction. This will be followed up with a top dressing of sand and an overseed using a dimple seeder with a Bent grass seed mix.

We will then concentrate on the Tee's and approaches which will see a similar process, but instead we will be using a piece of kit called the UniRake which is a tractor mounted rake to remove seasonally produced material. We will then overseed using a Rye Grass Mix.

Finally, fairways which will be UniRaked followed by an overseed using a Rye Grass Mix.

Kitchen Deep Clean.

We are pleased to confirm that a deep clean has been scheduled for Thursday 17th September 2026 commencing at 21:00pm and will take approximately 6 to 8 hours to complete.

Annual Renewals.

Annual renewals for August and September have continued in the same positive vein as the previous five renewal months, with few cancellations and very few issues relating to Direct Debit payments. Any resignations have been met immediately with replacements from our pending member file.

Stourbridge Golf Club,

Following the devastating fire at Stourbridge Golf Club, BGC has been pleased to offer courtesy tee times and member hospitality to its members. Many clubs across the county have also extended support to Stourbridge members during this difficult time. The Ladies' and Juniors' sections are both also welcoming teams for matches.

Charlotte Tilbury

We are delighted to be hosting another make over masterclass with the Charlotte Tilbury team from Selfridges in Birmingham on September 1st. The Beauty masterclass comes with a superb grazing board buffet.

New Roles at BGC

We are currently recruiting for the following roles:

Assistant Greenkeeper
Kitchen Porter
Bar Staff

Further information is available on the notices displayed around the centre.