Golf Managers Report Wednesday 7th October 2026.

Directors Update.

Since the planning application was submitted by Blenheim, we have had no further planning meetings with them and as such have nothing to report.
In the meantime, all comments received concerning the planning application can be viewed on Bromsgrove District Councils website

Gents WC issues.

Hopefully, the issues we were experiencing in the Men's toilets have all been resolved following a visit by a specialist drainage company.

Isolation valve to lake.

The water isolation valve to the lake which is located just in front of the ladies 16th tee is not shutting off fully and therefore needs to be replaced.
Engineers have been arranged for Monday 12 October where they will need to fully expose the valve before replacing it. To ensure their safety a temporary tee will be in place on the day
This work will also require that our mains water has to be isolated for a short period which will totally isolate the clubhouse (not the starters hut loo's which are on a separate feed) so we will be installing portable toilets outside the clubhouse on the day

Staffing.

Steven Gale – We welcome Steven, who joined the Green Keeping team at the end of September. Steven has over 20 years' experience of Grounds & Sports turf work, with many years spent at Worcester County Cricket Club.
Hopefully, we have now got a full team within the department (with the exception of sickness) which will certainly be needed to keep on top of the current flush of growth, following the long dry summer period.

We also take this opportunity to welcome **Ella Radford** to the clubhouse team, she joins us with previous hospitality experience and is fully Barista trained.

Autumn Opening hours.

As from Monday 5th October 2026, our slightly reduced opening hours take effect.
Golf range will now close on Fridays at 8.0pm.

Edwards Bar & Restaurant –	Monday – Friday	Opens 8.30am	Closes 9.0pm
	Saturday		Closes 9.0pm

Stourbridge Golf Club.

When Stourbridge Golf Club suffered the devastating fire that swept across its course, we were pleased to act promptly and be among the first clubs to offer our support.

We welcomed their members with complimentary tee times, alongside member rates for buggy hire, food and drink—a small gesture to help during an incredibly difficult time.

It's wonderful to hear news of their recovery, and we were humbled to receive this thoughtful letter from their Chairman, Simon Markey.

The Golf family is much more than just the game; it's about community and supporting one another when it matters most. We all experience it on many levels.

We wish everyone at Stourbridge Golf Club continued progress in their recovery.

Simon wrote,

I am writing on behalf of Stourbridge golf club to pass on our thanks for the kind and generous support that your club has offered our members.
We have been most fortunate to have received similar support from 45 clubs through the midlands and over the last five weeks this has enabled circa 550 four ball rounds for our members for which they are truly grateful.

I am pleased to report that Stourbridge Golf club is now on the way to recovery and we have recently been able to open a 9-hole course which has been rated by England golf and will allow us to play competition golf shortly. It is our hope that we will get back to a full 18 holes by late November/ early December, although we still need to overcome some challenges to achieve this.

We now need all our members to start to use our facilities fully so will withdraw the opportunity for golf elsewhere on the 1st of October. Could I ask that you make your professionals and administrative staff aware.

I cannot express how humbling it has been to receive such an amount of support from the golfing community, it goes without saying that we would be proud to reciprocate in similar circumstances. Can you please pass on our gratitude to all of your members, officers, Board members and staff for their support.
It's our intention to hold an event later in the year to celebrate our full reopening for which Bromsgrove Golf Club will receive an invitation, and I would be delighted to thank you personally then.

Events @BGC.

Saturday 31st October	Halloween Bingo	Spooky Bingo £10
Thursday 19th November	Festive Pottery Painting	Festive Pottery painting book online
Saturday 21st November	BGC Craft Fayre	Local Crafts take over BGC
Sunday 22nd November	BGC Craft Fayre	Local Crafts take over BGC
Friday 4th December	Xmas Bingo	Bingo with a Xmas twist £10
Friday 27th November	Friday Disco on the Range	Xmas Hits whilst you Hit
Friday 4th December	Friday Disco on the Range	Xmas Hits whilst you Hit
Friday 11th December	Friday Disco on the Range	Xmas Hits whilst you Hit

New Winter Menu.

Our new winter menu is launching soon at Edwards Bar & Restaurant, bringing back some firm favourites!

Enjoy our warming toasties, hearty jacket potatoes and the return of our popular **2 for £20 specials board**, featuring traditional classics that are perfect for autumn.

Great value Comfort food.

8 Month Lite Members.

At this time of year, we write to all members in our 8-Month Lite categories to confirm their transition from all-inclusive Gold or Silver membership to complimentary Bronze membership for the four winter months, from November to February.

Complimentary Bronze membership provides continued access to the course on a pay-as-you-go basis, with a green fee payable for each round including matches and competitions during the off season.

As part of this process, members are offered the opportunity to upgrade to an all-inclusive category without any administration fees.

We're delighted with the considerable interest in upgrading this year. The extended spell of good weather has certainly encouraged members to make the most of their golf, and we look forward to seeing plenty of you enjoying the improving course conditions throughout the coming months.

Level 2 Rules Seminar

We're delighted to be hosting a Level 2 Rules Seminar for the County and The R&A this November.

The two-day event will combine classroom sessions in our Premier Suite with practical learning on the course and on our practice facilities, bringing the Rules of Golf to life in real playing situations.

We look forward to welcoming all the attendees taking part at Bromsgrove Golf Centre.

Maintenance Report.

September has been a busy month for the greenkeeping team and has seen autumn renovations taking place across all the playing surfaces.
So far, the greens have been fully renovated and are recovering well.
The tees and approaches have been fully uni-raked and overseeded and are currently being top dressed with rootzone. They will then be fertilised to aid recovery.

Fairways have also been raked and are currently being overseeded. The worst areas will then be top dressed. They will then be fertilised also to aid recovery. In total we would have put out over 1200kg of seed across the golf course to get the surfaces in the best condition possible going forward.

Works have started this week on re-edging , strimming, fly mowing and weeding bunkers and this work will continue over the coming weeks until all are done.
Fresh sand will be put into any bunkers where it is needed. Unfortunately, one of the pot bunkers on the 3rd hole along with a greenside bunker on the 9th hole have become contaminated with stones from the base.
These bunkers will need to be dug out and have a new liner installed. They will both remain ground under repair for the time being.

We have recently purchased a new electric lopping saw on an extended pole that will help remove some of the higher over hanging branches.

The greenkeeping team has seen a new addition. I am delighted to welcome Steve to the team. He joins us with a wealth of experience in the sports turf industry and will be an asset to the team.

Going forward into October will see :-

- Autumn renovations completed
- Bunker works completed
- Irrigation Shut down which will allow for repair works to take place on several leaks across the golf course, scheduled for Monday October 12th.
- Winter Mats installed on the five remaining holes left without one (10,11,15,16,18)