Golf Managers Report 3rd June 2026

Directors Update.

Nothing Further to Report

On Course Foundation.

We are delighted to report such positive feedback from this years visit of the On Course Foundation. As usual the guys received three days intensive coaching from David Llewellyn prior to the competitive match against BGC on the Tuesday. It was an honour to welcome David (Dai to his friends) who had recently been elected as Captain of the PGA a well-deserved massive accolade. It's also pleasing to confirm that we have fixed the dates in our diary for the visit in 2027 and the match on Tuesday 1st June. We also welcomed back one of the soldiers after the event who spent a day with us behind the scenes learning all things BGC as he's keen for a career in Golf Club Management following his discharge.

Ice Creams

We are delighted to have recently acquired a new ice cream freezer from Wall's and are now stocking 13 different ice creams and lollies in the reception area. With a wide variety of options available, there is something for everyone to enjoy, especially with the warm weather we have been experiencing recently.

Premier Suite Bar

We've mentioned before in these reports about our ongoing review of the Premier Suite bar as a hospitality facility, we continue to explore the opportunity and associated cost savings of converting the bar into a bottle bar rather than offering four draught beer lines. This costs an extortionate amount in waste and pipe cleaning in relation to turnover. As part and in preparation of this transition, we have recently installed an additional Guinness MicroDraught machine.

Guinness 0.0% has become increasingly popular, and this new addition allows us to offer this option at functions and events held within the Premier Suite.

Coffee Machine

Following an unfortunate incident involving our previous Barista coffee machine, which unexpectedly caught fire, fortunately this was during opening hours and , rapidly dealt with by team BGC. We have had little option but to invest in a new upgraded replacement that enables us to continue serving the high-quality coffee range that remains extremely popular with our members and guests.

Seniors Open & Ladies Am/Am

Delighted that we have now reconciled all the payments for both days and the accounts have been passed to Mat for verification and for our payment

House Wine Offer

We have introduced a new promotional offer on our House Wines. Available daily from 3:00pm members can enjoy a bottle of all our popular House Wines for just £14.00,

We hope this offer will encourage greater bottle wine sales and provide excellent value for our members and regulars using our beautiful gardens on these summer evenings.

Free Footgolf.

We've tried to offer some help to local families by offering Free Footgolf vouchers to families dining with children in Edwards

World Cup – England Games (It's Coming Home)

We are pleased to announce that Edwards Bar & Restaurant will remain open for England's first two World Cup fixtures on Wednesday 17th June and Tuesday 23rd June, both kicking off at 9:00pm.

To enhance the matchday experience, we will be introducing a range of food and drink offers throughout the evenings. We hope to welcome members, staff and their guests to enjoy the games together in a great atmosphere.

Tables will be available to pre-book, and we encourage early reservations to avoid disappointment.

Staff Update

We would like to congratulate Chloe on recently completing her degree in Bachelor of Science with honours Psychology. Balancing higher education alongside her responsibilities as Bar Manager has required tremendous dedication, commitment and hard work. We are incredibly proud of her achievement and wish her every success in the future.

We would also like to extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes to Grace Lacey, who will be marrying Martin on 6th June. We hope you both have a wonderful wedding day and wish you a lifetime of happiness together.

Welcome to Ella Bramston who joins the reception team, Ella is the daughter of Lynzi and joins us on her summer sabbatical from university.

Honours boards

I believe the boards and lettering are now on site here at BGC and will be rehung and attached this week.

Maintenance Report

The last month has once again been a challenging one for the greenkeeping team with extreme temperatures and minimal rainfall. As in my previous report we are still waiting for some significant rainfall with the last decent rain coming back in early March. Unfortunately, the stormy weather that followed the recent high temperatures, only deposited a couple of millimetres. Thankfully the forecast for the coming week is considerably cooler with some precipitation forecast.

With temperatures now consistently into double figures overnight this has seen the ground temperature rise and growth across the course drastically improve and surfaces starting to come to life. We are now able to do some surface refinement work in the way of verti-cutting. Verti-cutting cuts into the surface using thin, rapidly spinning blades and helps to thin the surface, remove dead organic matter and encourage vertical growth rather than lateral. This process will be carried out on a regular basis.

The improvement in growth has also allowed us to spray for weeds on all the tees, approaches and fairways and once some rainfall is guaranteed the fairways will be fertilised. Divot evening has been rescheduled for Monday 8th June and it would be great to see as many people there as possible as it is a great opportunity to meet your greenkeeping team.

The irrigation audit which I mentioned in my last report has identified all the issues which need to be addressed and we are in the process of working through these one by one. These issues vary from dodgy sprinkler heads to faulty wiring to blocked pipework.

Some positive news is that the greenkeeping team is now back up to its full complement with our newly appointed Assistant greenkeeper having started and the other back from illness. We're also grateful to the centre who as mentioned in the last report have purchased us a brand new TruTurf greens iron. This bit of kit rolls across the surface and will help to improve both green speed and surface trueness.

Now we are fully into the golf season our focus will be on maintaining the golf course and project work will take a back seat until later in the year. Works will continue to address issues with the irrigation system.

Preferred Lies

We are pleased to announce that recent fairway maintenance, increased course funding, the planned application of wetting agents and fairway fertiliser, and favourable weather conditions have all contributed to much-needed improvement in growth.
Accordingly, Preferred Lies will be withdrawn from 3 June until further notice.

Divot Evening

It looks like we will have approximately 25-30 members and staff attending divot night on Monday 8th June. Depending upon conditions we may just focus on tees and surrounds.