Golf Managers Report 6th May 2026

Directors Update
A meeting that was scheduled for late April with our Promotion Company (Blenheim Strategic Partnership) has now been put back to mid-June (date tbc) so nothing to update you on at the moment

Seating in the bar
Two sections of banquette fixed seating that had disapprovingly worn through (right hand side of bar) and required attention have now been repaired by the upholsterer who originally did the work at the time of the refurb. We are delighted to confirm that this work has now been completed satisfactorily and looks pristine once again.

New Trailer
With our previous trailer requiring a lot of attention to make sure it is road legal, we have decided to replace it and purchased a good quality replacement. Having a trailer provides us with the versatility to borrow and lend equipment with our local clubs.

Drinking Fountain
This is now back in use following winter isolation

New Greens roller.
In keeping with our ongoing commitment to maintaining the golf course, as agreed with the commitment with Adam (Head Greenkeeper) when he joined us last year, we are pleased to announce the purchase of a new Tru-turf greens iron and roller. This serious investment demonstrates our dedication to providing the best possible playing conditions for our members and guests.
While our land has been earmarked for potential future development, current indications suggest that this is unlikely to take place for several years.
Therefore, we are confident in continuing to invest in essential machinery, ensuring that the course remains in top condition for enjoyable play throughout the coming seasons.

This Tru-turf RB70, the largest model in its range, features wide triple head smoothing rollers for maximised efficiency. Notably, it is equipped with an integrated trailer system, allowing quick and easy transportation between greens, saving valuable time.
Using this roller will be especially beneficial in maintaining a true and consistent putting surface, particularly when conditions are not suitable for greens mowing.

Honours Boards
May we apologise for the delay in getting the boards updated and reprinted. I have spoken to the printer who has unfortunately been quite poorly, he assures me that they will be done in the next couple of weeks.

Staff update

Clubhouse
We are delighted to report that Dave Reece has been promoted to Senior Bar Manager, joining Michelle and Stacey to oversee the smooth running of the Bar, Restaurant and Conference facilities.
Dave currently looks after the bar cellar and cask ale range; he is also now taking charge of Clubhouse Health & Safety including Fire Marshal responsibilities.

Assistant Green Keeper
May we take this opportunity to welcome Oliver O'Ryan who joins the Green Keeping team on Tuesday 12th May 2026. Ryan has a wealth of experience following many years at Sandwell Golf Club and has proudly completed his Advanced Golf Greenkeeper Level 3. We wish him well for his future career at Bromsgrove golf centre.

Adam and his team are doing a fantastic job out on the Course considering he is two full time Greenkeepers down now due to illness and whilst we await the incumbent Oliver.

Reception
A couple of new faces will shortly be joining the Range reception

Work Experience Students
It is that time of year when we allow students from locals Schools to join our various teams within the business to carry out a work experience role. Over the years we have offered placements to many juniors, and these have often resulted in them earning a part time job with us, following excellent work ethic from the student during their placement.

Used Range Mats
Having amassed a quantity of "used" Range mats, we are going to offer these for sale at £30.00 each. Collection only, first come first served.

Maintenance Report

Who would have thought, that after the record amount of rainfall we experienced over the months of January and February that we are looking at the forecast in need of the wet stuff. With no significant rainfall since the first week of March and with overnight temperatures still dropping into low single figures or even below, growth across the course has been minimal which has also meant surfaces are yet to really get going.
To add to this, we have also been experiencing numerous issues with the irrigation system. Thankfully the major issues have all now been resolved, and the system is currently working but there are still numerous surfaces which have system faults which need addressing. This

is why we are also in the process of Auditing our system to make sure all the sprinkler heads are working to their full potential. This process involves checking the arcs, nozzles and making sure they are level. We are upgrading older heads to newer ones where necessary. All our irrigation water is drawn from the 16th lake and as you can imagine the quality of the water is not the best. That is why we have installed a water improvement product which is drip fed into the system whilst it is running. This product converts our lake water which is currently 'not fit for purpose' and makes it 'fit for purpose' and means we are getting the most out of any water we apply. The fountains in the lake also assist in improving water quality.
Unfortunately, we have also been short staffed with one member of staff being let go and another off with sickness. This has meant that we have been limited to what works we have been able to do on the course. Thankfully we have appointed a new assistant greenkeeper who is set to start with us in the coming weeks which will help us massively.

Since the last update

- Greens have been overseeded and followed up with a light sand dressing.
- we are now back on grass tee's where we also have brand new tee markers.
- Brand new hole cups, ThinPins and flags have been put out on the course.
- New cups and flags have been put on the putting and chipping green
- The fountains have been reinstalled back into the 16th lake.

Plans going forward

- Rearrange divot evening when conditions allow
- Selected areas will be treated for weeds but only when turf is healthy enough for recovery
- Some greens are to be extended back to where they originally would have been.
- Pathway works
- Monthly aeration works will continue. This work is vital especially now as we are getting over 200 rounds a golf a day and this number will only rise as we get further into the season.

- Continue to address irrigation issues

Could we also take this opportunity to remind golfers to help your greenkeeping team by adhering to basic golf course etiquette as we have seen a massive rise over the last month in unrepaired pitch marks, unreplaced divots, unraked bunkers and even divots taken out of the greens.

New Menu.

Our New Menu launched on 29th April – thoughtfully designed to offer something special for everyone.

Enjoy our classics, including our flavourful homemade chefs Curry of the Day, our legendary Lasagne and popular Roast of the Day. For lighter appetites, try our new Lite Bite options, and don't miss the Salmon Supreme, now available everyday thanks to its Sunday Lunch popularity.

We're thrilled to announce our new freshly sourced fish, making the Catch of the Day tastier than ever, and our chefs are putting the finishing touches on our luxurious, in-house posh shortcrust pies.

In addition to our mouth-watering mains, we're delighted to introduce a tempting selection of Burgers, Loaded Naans, and freshly baked Baguettes – each crafted with premium ingredients for a truly satisfying bite. Whether you're looking for a hearty meal or a quick pick-me-up, these new additions promise to please every palate.

Experience the vibrant flavours of our exciting Street Food and Small Plates menu, perfect for sharing or enjoying solo. These snack-style delights are now seamlessly available to order straight from our Trackman Range direct to your range bay through our user-friendly food ordering app, bringing convenience and taste together.

Our menu is further complimented by a delicious new range of Sandwiches, Wraps, and our ever-popular Salads and Rice Bowls – ideal for healthy, flavour-filled dining any time of day. Join us for a memorable meal packed with quality and choice available Monday to Saturday from noon. We are re-printing the menus shortly due to a few technical issues and will be including Lite Bite versions of our popular salads as requested.

Wine Quiz Night

Ot was decided to postpone the Wine Quiz night booked for Friday 24th April as it clashed with Ian's funeral. We will be looking for a suitable date later in the season to re-arrange.