



Knighton Golf Club

Autumn Course Update

Huge thanks to all the members who continually maintain our unique course the benefits are clear for all to see, notably the condition and shape of the fairways this season.

Disease issues with the continued high soil temperatures and humidity levels within the sward on the greens resulted in the need to apply broad spectrum fungicide last month to suppress the development of Fusarium and Anthracnose.



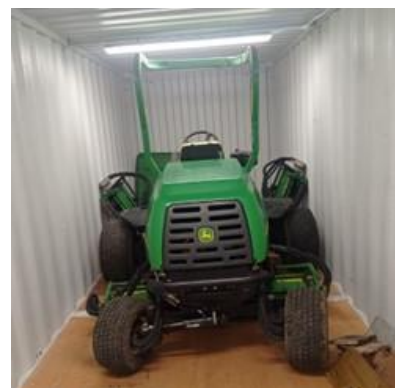
Hopefully these have been caught early enough to avoid causing further damage within the greens. Worm casts continue to be a significant problem and a worm suppressant has been sprayed onto the greens to minimise this issue, however the continued use of the greens/dew switches sited on each green for members use will still be needed.

As a consequence of the very successful fairway presentation this year, combined with the significant contribution from our very own Mr Sutton and the heavy roller, has meant the fairways have been maintained to a decent standard. Over the winter period could members make a concerted effort ensure they replace all divots to minimise course maintenance requirements over this period and in advance of next season. Similarly, could members also repair divots on the Tees with the sand/seed mix provided in the Tee boxes.

Unfortunately, management of the course and greens has presented some difficulties this year particularly in the early and later parts of the season. However, the greenkeeping team, under new direction, are now making excellent progress this autumn and no doubt this will continue throughout the winter months. Some of the activities planned over this period include: further slitting/aeration of the greens, top dressing, feed and fertiliser, sanding. Obviously this is subject to weather/frost conditions at our hilltop location, so your tolerance is appreciated.

The Club is continuing to update and upgrade essential course machinery. Many of you will have seen this year's "new" fairway mower addition to our course maintenance equipment, which has now been serviced and "put to bed" for safe keeping over the winter period.

Your committee is open to any suggestions for further improvements to the course, please have a chat or join one of the working parties.



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